



Common priorities of the Roma civil society in the field of education and desegregation

DARE NET- Desegregation and Action for Roma in Education Network

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COMMON PRIORITIES OF THE ROMA CIVIL SOCIETY IN THE FIELD OF EDUCATION AND DESEGREGATION

- ✘ Two key debates of Roma civil society representatives on this subject:

Conference organized by CRISS and Amare Rromentza in 10-11 June 2010: *“Qualitative education for Roma: Analysis and common perspectives”*

- Common priorities signed by the participants (representatives of the Roma civil society)

Debate organized by CRISS in August 10 2011, on the Government proposal for the National Strategy for the Roma Integration

- Proposal for the revision of the Government’s project on National Strategy for the Roma Integration

“QUALITATIVE EDUCATION FOR ROMA: ANALYSIS AND COMMON PERSPECTIVES” - PRIORITIES

- ✘ Promoting intercultural education
- ✘ Improving school attendance
- ✘ Early childhood education for Roma children
- ✘ Desegregation
- ✘ Promoting educational human resources for Roma

PROMOTING INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION

- ✘ Including interculturality in the initial and continuous training for teachers
- ✘ Including Roma history, ethnography and folklore in the pre-university and university curriculum
- ✘ Including diversity in the Education Law

IMPROVING SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

- ✘ Founding a Ministerial Commission for Roma, within the Ministry of Education, which should:
 - + Evaluate the legislation on equal opportunities in education
 - + Analyze the educational policies
 - + Elaborate, jointly with the Roma civil society, concrete measures to improve Roma children's access to qualitative education
- ✘ Involving parents in the school activity of their children:
 - + Organizing courses for illiterate parents
 - + Organizing home visits of teachers and school mediators
 - + Active participation of Roma parents in the decision-making process within the school

EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION FOR ROMA CHILDREN

- ✘ Increasing the access of Roma children to early childhood education
- ✘ Promoting interculturality in early education

DESEGREGATION

- ✘ Introducing desegregation in the Education Law
- ✘ Reducing the number of the special classes, which for formed without justification
 - + Reevaluation of the criteria used for placing children in special classes/schools, by applying specific test, specific on cultural differences
 - + Eliminating the special Roma classes created on the pretext the Roma children are enrolled to study Romani
- ✘ Monitoring the desegregation process

PROPOSALS OF NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS FOR THE NATIONAL STRATEGY FOR ROMA

✘ Objectives:

- + Ethno-educational inclusion of Roma through intercultural education at all levels (pre-school, primary, secondary, high school, vocational, post high school, university, post-university)
- + Ensuring the access of Roma children to services of early childhood education and the access of parents to parental education services and programmes
- + Promoting the Roma human resources in the educational system