

Health inequalities – a constant obstacle for Roma inclusion

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1. Social and economic factors responsible for poor health

“Being healthy (or not) is not an individual choice, but primarily a result of the living, working and social environment in which people are born, grow and live.”

Healthcare and prevention
Employment Housing
Education Nutrition,
Environment
Income



Substandard housing and its impact on individuals' and communities' health

Child growth

Women's health

Persons with disabilities

Chronic and non-communicable disease

Old persons

Communicable disease and epidemics

Greater child mortality rates

Premature death



Commitment to improving health

Equality and non-discrimination

Race Equality Directive

Art.35 of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the EU

National legislative frameworks

EU and national mechanisms for fighting against discrimination

EU Pillar of Social Rights

Principle 16 and principle 3

Post-2020 European Framework for Roma Equality and Inclusion

Human rights protection





Vision

Achieving social justice for Roma through a holistic approach towards Roma health including equal treatment in strategic areas such as healthcare and prevention, education, gender equality, income.....

Mission

Closing the gap in health between Roma and non-Roma by tackling the uneven distribution of environmental and social determinants responsible for physical and mental health and well-being.



Commitment

Create space for policy dialogue and civil society cross-sectorial cooperation

Encourage cooperation beyond the healthcare sector to close the health gap between Roma and non-Roma through advocacy, policy development, joint initiatives, capacity building and political and social empowerment

Address social and environmental determinants of health responsible for health inequalities

Promote sustainable and holistic initiatives at European and national level for reducing health inequalities



Thank you for your attention!

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