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Health and Housing in the EU Roma Framework



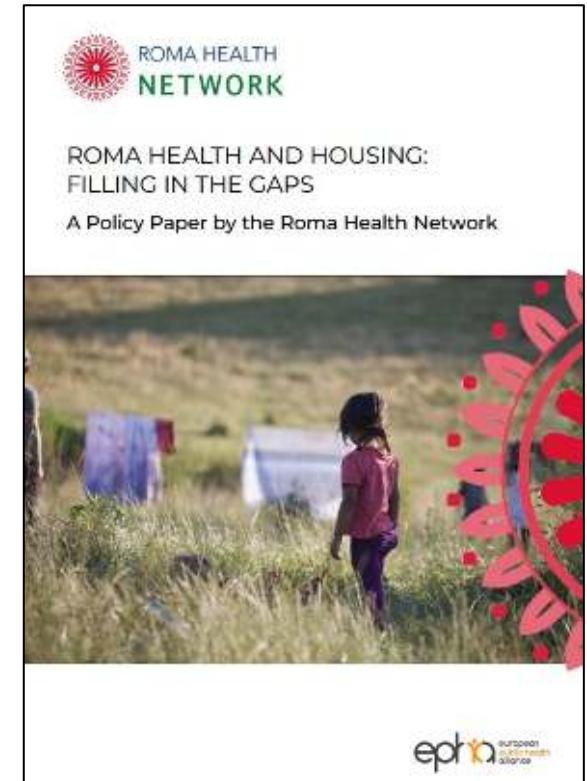
Roma Health Network



- Established by EPHA in 2018
- Roma and pro-Roma **Civil Society and Researchers**
 - 20 organisations
 - 10 countries in Europe
- Roma Health **Capacity Building and Policy Advocacy**

Roma Health and Housing: Filling in the Gaps

- Addressing **blind spots** in health and housing
- Six **recommendations** → **Call to action**
 1. **Indicators** for health and housing
 2. **Health advocacy scheme**
 3. **Psychosocial approach to mental health**
 4. **Health impact of Housing Inequalities**
 5. **Environmental justice**
 6. **Lessons** taken from **COVID-19**



1. Use of Indicators

- Lack of **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**
- 2021 Council Recommendation [**2021/C 93/01**](#)
- Lack of **disaggregated data**
- Build strategy **around KPIs**
 - *2021 Council Recommendation*
 - *FRA portfolio of indicators*
 - *Eurostat Sustainable Development Goals*
 - *Disaggregated data collection*

Country	Difference in years	
	Women	Men
BE	13.6	14.2
FR	10.9	7.9
IE	8.2	8.4
NL (Travellers and Sinti)	8.3	12.5
SE	10.1	11.6
UK	7.1	10.3

Life Expectancy Gap
[FRA, Roma and Travellers in six countries, 2020](#)

Lack of data is not an excuse not to act, data should **complement**,
not qualify

2. Health Advocacy Scheme

- **Capacity Building**
- **Community-based approach**
- Roma **advocate** and **participate**
- Structurally supported **health mediation**
- **Intercultural training**
- **Non-paternalistic**



Take away **barriers to healthcare** in a **non-paternalistic way** and give Roma a **voice** through **advocacy** and **participation**

3. Psychosocial approach to Mental Health



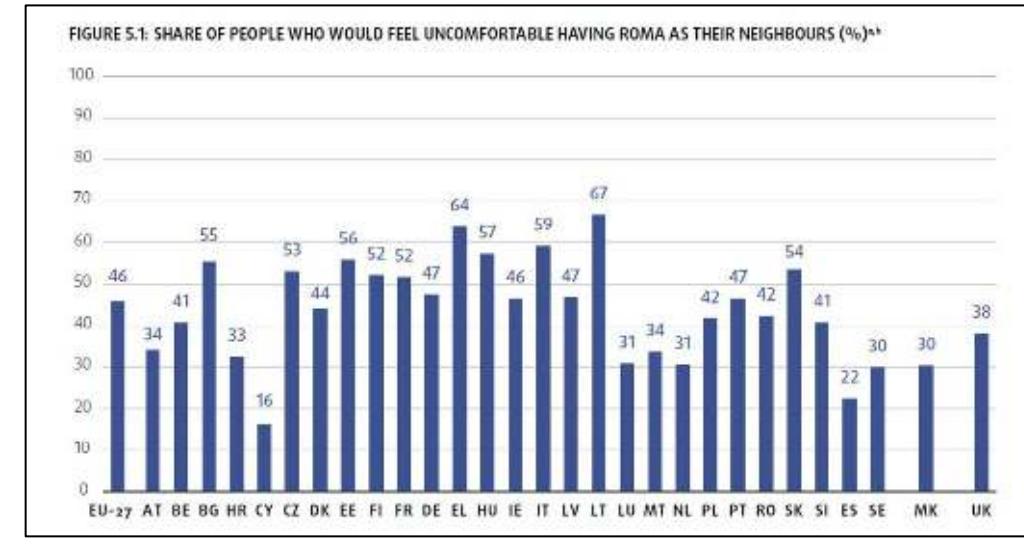
- Lack of mention in national strategies
- Mental Health as a crucial part of Roma Health
- Social Determinants → **Psychosocial Approach**
 - **human-rights based** approach
 - Mental health **promotion**



Taking a **psychosocial** or **human rights-based approach** to **mental health** through addressing determinants that may cause **mental ill-health**

4. Housing Strategies and Health Impact

- National Housing Strategies Targeting Roma
 - Lacking on **homelessness** and **halting sites**
 - Further expansion necessary
- **Discrimination in housing**
- **Health impact assessment**
 - Access to utilities, dampness, cramped conditions
 - Impact on health outcomes



Share of People who would feel uncomfortable having Roma as their neighbours

[FRA, Fundamental Rights Report 2021](#)

As part of a **holistic approach**, expansion of **housing strategies**, paired with a **health impact assessment** is necessary

5. Environmental Justice

- Environmental Inequalities in form of:
 - **Segregation, pollution, energy poverty and work environment**
- Communities pushed to the edge:
 - Industrial estates or landfills
- Health effects of Environmental Inequalities
 - **Environmental Justice** is crucial for **health equity**



Integrating **environmental justice** in health and housing strategies is crucial to **combat health inequalities**

6. Effects of COVID-19

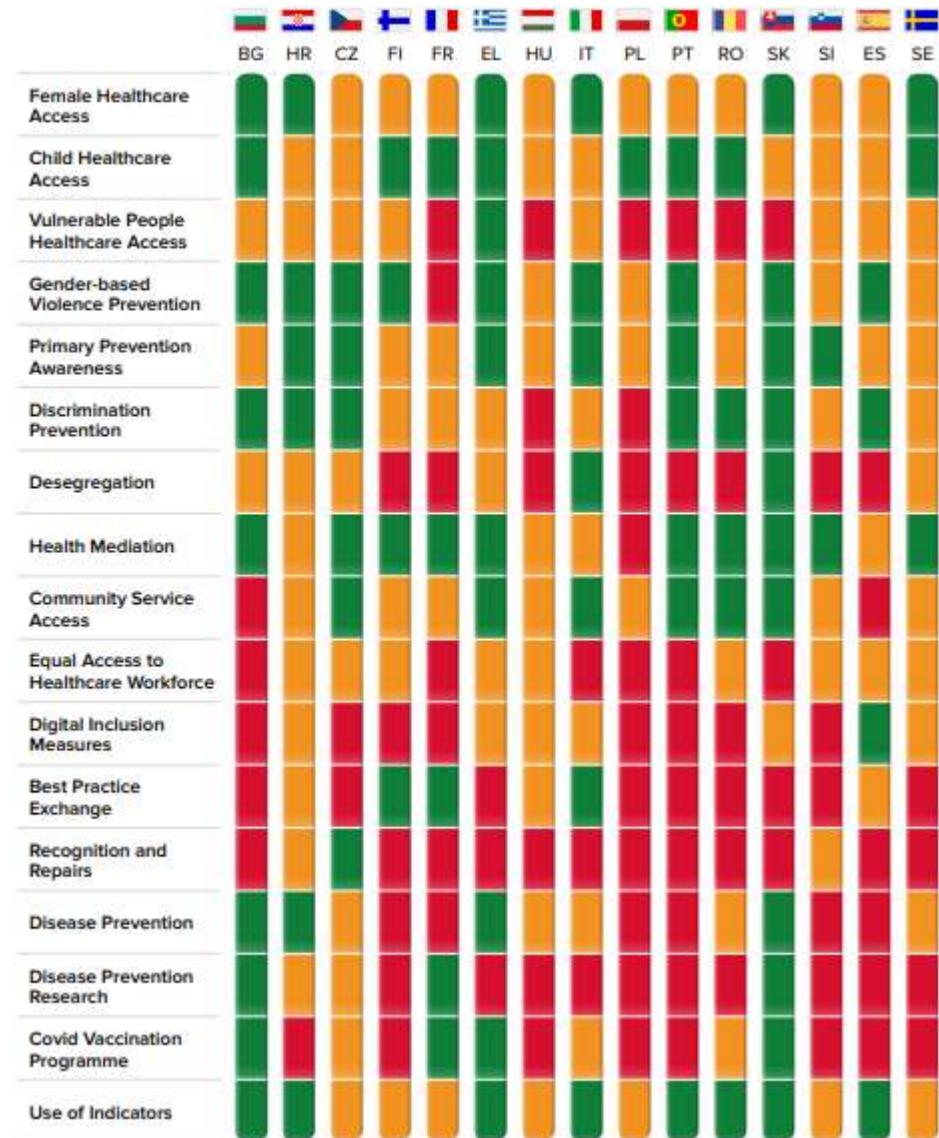
- National strategies pay little attention to **effects of COVID-19**
- Pandemic laid bare (**health**) **inequalities** faced by **Roma**
 - Adhering to lockdown measures
 - Access to employment
 - Scapegoating
- Ensure a **fair recovery** and future **resilience**



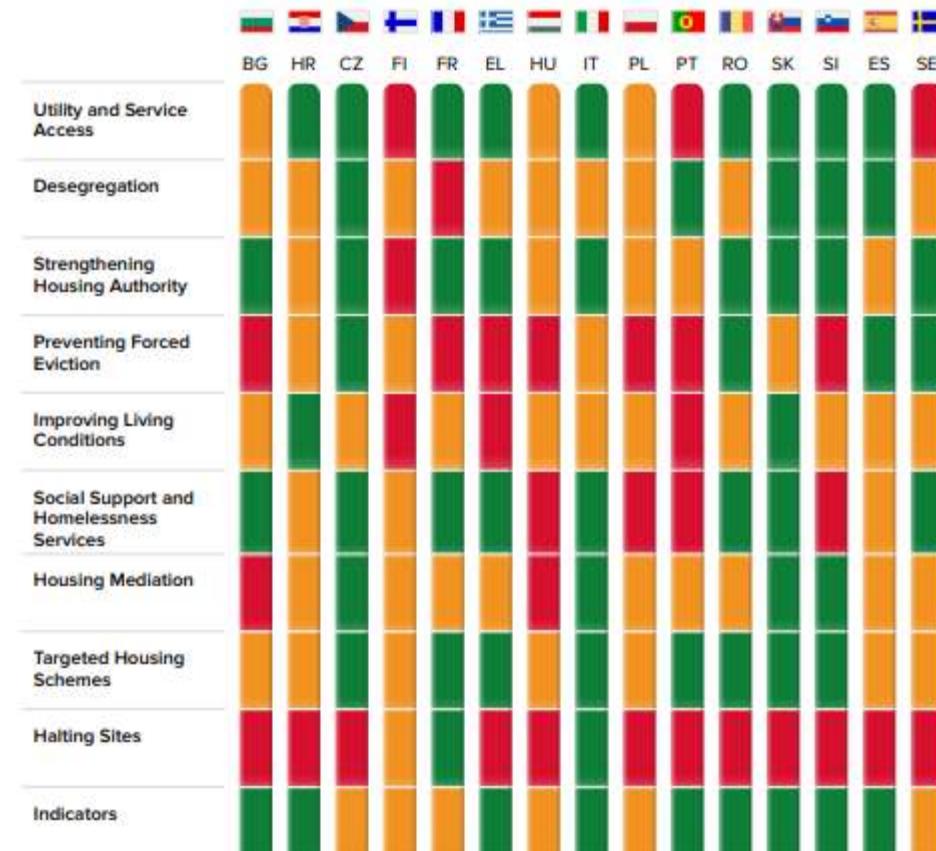
COVID-19 Information Meeting
NGO Kham Delčevo, North Macedonia

Take lessons from **COVID-19**, let it inform strategies and ensure **fair recovery** and **resilience** so **Roma are not left behind**

Health Strategies



Housing Strategies





Thank you
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