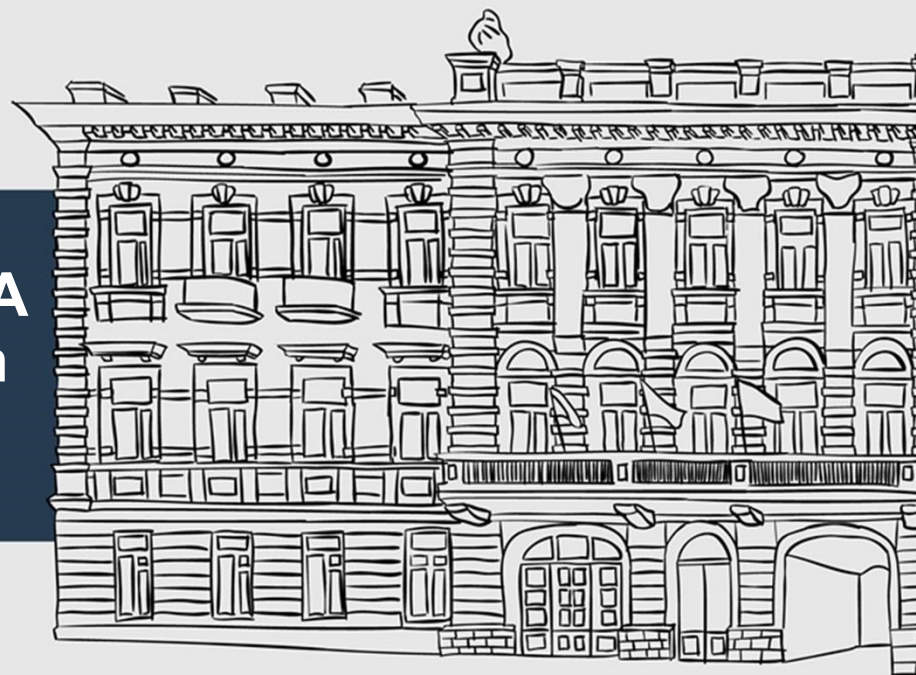




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Implementation of 4th Policy Objective „A More Social Europe“ Enabling Condition „National Roma Integration Strategy“

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According to the population census, in 2011 were 2115 Roma people in the country. According to Roma non-governmental organizations, this number is currently falling due to emigration and is below 2000.

Regional population:

- **Vilnius county (38 % / 814 persons),**
- **Kaunas county (23 % / 482 persons),**
- **Šiauliai county (11 % / 224 persons),**
- **Marijampolė county (10 % / 214 persons),**
- **Panevėžys county (7 % / 145 persons).**





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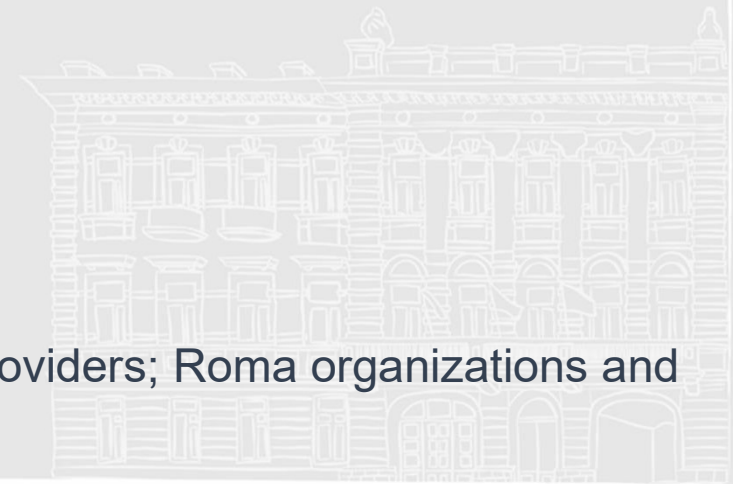
The Action Plan for the Integration of Roma into Lithuanian Society 2015-2020, approved by the Minister of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania is currently being implemented.

Main goals:

1. Promote the integration of Roma people into the education system;
2. To increase access to health services for Roma people;
3. Promote the employment of Roma people;
4. To seek the empowerment of Roma women;
5. Improve housing conditions for Roma people;
6. Promote intercultural dialogue.

Implementing authorities:

Municipalities; Education, health, social, employment service providers; Roma organizations and communities; Department of National Minorities; Ministries.





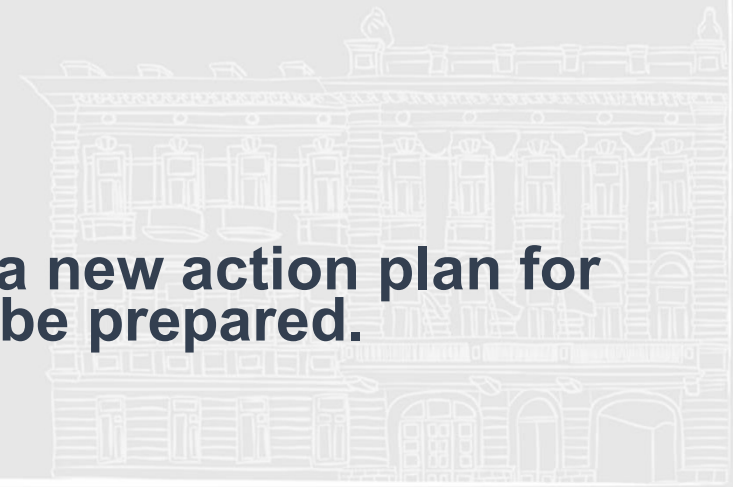
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At the end of this year, an evaluation study on The Action Plan for the Integration of Roma into Lithuanian Society 2015-2020 is planned to be launched.

Evaluation study will include:

- 1. Situation analysis;**
- 2. Achievements and good practises;**
- 3. Existing and new challenges;**
- 4. Objectives and Goals;**
- 5. Priority areas and Indicators.**

Based on the results of the evaluation study, a new action plan for Roma integration into Lithuanian society will be prepared.





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Preparation of The New National Roma Integration Action Plan (1)

1. Measures to accelerate Roma integration, prevent and eliminate segregation, taking into account the gender dimension and situation of young Roma, and sets baseline and measurable milestones and targets

Detailed measures will be planned according to the results of the evaluation study, situation analysis and based on regional and local contexts. During preparation of new action plan, consultations and discussions will be organized with stakeholders and Roma organizations and Roma representatives.

2. Arrangements for monitoring, evaluation and review of the Roma integration measures

The measures in the Action Plan are monitored by the Interinstitutional Working Group. The inter-institutional working group is composed of representatives of state and municipal authorities implementing the measures of the action plan, representatives of the academic community, Roma and Roma organizations.

The interinstitutional working group shall meet at least twice a year to review progress in implementing the measures of the action plan, progress towards the evaluation criteria and, where appropriate, to submit proposals for revision of the action plan. Measures in the Action Plan may be adjusted according to the recommendations of the Interinstitutional Working Group.

By 20 February each year, a report on the implementation of the action plan measures shall be drawn up for the previous year, which shall be the subject of an interinstitutional working group.



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Preparation of The New National Roma Integration Action Plan (2)

3. Arrangements for the mainstreaming of Roma inclusion at regional and local level

The main focus is to ensure strong partnership and cooperation between state and municipal authorities, shared responsibility and sustainability. Municipal representatives are involved in planning, implementation and monitoring. Active Roma integration measures are implemented in Roma populated areas. These measures are implemented by the municipalities that are best aware of local contexts and needs. Special projects are also being implemented to promote cooperation between Roma communities and local authorities and to ensure mutual dialogue on issues of social inclusion, education, health and culture for the Roma minority.

4. Arrangements for ensuring that its design, implementation, monitoring and review is conducted in a close cooperation with the Roma civil society and all other relevant stakeholders, including at the regional and local levels.

Representatives from Roma organizations and communities are included in all parts of the process: planning, implementing, monitoring and dissemination. Regular meetings are held with Roma NGOs, representatives of Roma communities and other interested parties. Some of the measures included in the Action Plan are implemented by Roma organizations or are partnered.



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THE MAIN PROBLEMS AND FOCUS OF MEASURES

Improving children's education and inclusion in formal and non-formal education;

Adult education and integration into the labor market;

Access to health services;

Empowerment for Women;

Housing;

Increasing the openness and tolerance of Roma culture and fighting discrimination.





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