

EU Funds for Roma Health Integration in Spain

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1. Relevant experiences promoting Roma health integration in Spain between 2007-2013



Policies, governance, instruments

➔ Strategies:

- National Strategy on Health Equity
- Strategy for Promoting Health and Prevention in the National Health System

➔ Working Group with the Regions on Roma Health

➔ Roma health survey

➔ Methodological guide to integrate equity into health strategies, programmes and activities

Actions and programmes

- ➔ Training process to integrate a focus on social determinants of health and equity into health strategies, programmes and activities
- ➔ Network Equi Sastipén
- ➔ Programme Health promotion of ethnic minorities in Navarra
- ➔ Project ARTEMISA
- ➔ Promotion measures (subsidies)

Roma health integration in the new programming period 2014-2020

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Partnership Agreement

- ➡ **Thematic Objective 9** “Promoting social inclusion, combating poverty and any discrimination”
- ➡ Investment Priority 9.2.
- ➡ Investment Priority 9.4.
- ➡ Investment Priority 9.7.

Investment Priority 9.2.

- ➔ Title “Socio-economic integration of **marginalised communities such as the Roma**”
- ➔ Specific Objective 9.2.1. “**Improve access to healthcare services** and social services as well as to services offering training, orientation and advice, with the aim of eliminating segregation and stereotypes.”
- ➔ Several **eligible actions**

Investment Priority 9.4.

- ➔ Title “**Access** to affordable, sustainable and high-quality **services, including health care** and social services of general interest”
- ➔ Specific Objective 9.4.1. “Enhancing **access** to affordable, sustainable and **high-quality services, including health care** and social services of general interest.”
- ➔ Several **eligible actions**

Investment Priority 9.7.

- ➡ Title “Investment in social and health infrastructures that contribute to the national, regional and local development, **reduce health inequalities** and promote social inclusion through an improved access to social, cultural and recreational services and the transition from institutional services to local services.”
- ➡ Eligible **actions**

ESF Operational Programmes

➡ Regional OPs

- ➡ National ESF Operational Programme (OP)
“Social Inclusion and Social Economy”
- Investment Priority 9.2.: actions
 - Investment Priority 9.4.: actions

Practical Recommendations



Concluding observations

- ➔ ESIF provide **huge potential for investing** in Roma health integration
- ➔ Previous experiences **could now be funded** under ESIF
- ➔ **Adequate policy and financial setting** in Spain
- ➔ **Key challenge:** Operational Programmes

Recommendations

- ➡ **National Roma Contact Points** should engage more actively with **key actors** that are promoting or have the potential to **promote Roma health integration**
- ➡ Programme documents of **Regional OPs** should include activities related to Roma health integration
- ➡ Operational Programmes should use **outcome and process indicators to demonstrate investments** in Roma health integration
- ➡ The **European Commission** should **monitor** the implementation of activities related to Roma health integration funded by ESIF



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