

PLEDGE

**We, the undersigned, want to create a European society
in which Roma can access and enjoy their rights set in our Treaties,
in which Roma can fulfil their true potential.**

**We want a European society, in which dehumanisation of Roma is stopped,
a healthy European society free from racism, such as anti-Gypsyism.
A Europe that we can be proud of.**

Therefore, we, the undersigned, affirm that we will continue to work to achieve that:

1. the European Commission puts forward a proposal for a post-2020 *Strategic EU Framework for National Roma Inclusion Strategies* (EU Framework) with a wide set of priority areas, clear targets, measurable goals, timelines and indicators for monitoring;
2. the European Council supports the proposal of the European Commission and safeguards the preparation and implementation of the EU Framework in the EU Member States;
3. the governments of the EU Member States prepare their renewed National Roma Inclusion Strategies with the meaningful and timely involvement of Roma and pro-Roma organisations;
4. the parties of the EU Member States actively reach out to Roma, and empower them to run as candidates for the EU Parliamentary elections;
5. the parties of the EU Member States refrain from using anti-Roma hate speech during their campaigns and condemn hate speech and scapegoating;
6. the parties of the EU Member States stop the shameful tradition of buying votes;
7. the governments of the EU Member States guarantee that Roma can fully enjoy their political rights;
8. the newly elected Members of the European Parliament keep the fight against anti-Gypsyism and all kinds of racism on the agenda, safeguard the continuation of the Antiracism and Diversity Intergroup and consider the creation of an Anti-Gypsyism Intergroup;
9. the newly elected Members of the European Parliament guarantee the continuation of the annual Roma week in the European Parliament;
10. the governments, the parties and the duty-bearers of the EU Member States safeguard that Roma can be equal citizens with equal rights, and that they can fulfil their true potential as EU citizens.

**We, the undersigned, want the EU to remain true to its democratic values,
respect for human rights, non-discrimination and the rule of law.**

***‘There is only one RACE - the human race.
There is only one RELIGION - love,
There is only one WORLD - or none at all.’***

