

Policy option 7 – combination of options 3, 5 and 6

Issue a new *Council Recommendations* on Roma Inclusion and Combating Antigypsyism, which would include the following essential elements:

- Adopting a working definition of antigypsyism by the European Commission and recognizing antigypsyism as a specific form of racism, including all its dimensions and manifestations.
- Exploring the feasibility of a ‘combating antigypsyism directive’ and of including manifestations of antigypsyism in the new anti-discrimination directive, as well as putting it at the heart of the future EU Roma Strategic Framework.
- Ensuring rights-based approach and implementation of the Rule of Law (infringement proceedings – Italy housing) that will strengthen the understanding of Roma as communities deprived of their rights rather than vulnerable.
- Including ambitious targets and concrete objectives, with measurable EU and national indicators for all policy areas included in the Roma Strategies, to be monitored on an annual basis.
- Adding currently unaddressed or under-addressed areas, such as cross-cutting poverty, material deprivation, evictions, discrimination, child protection, gender, diversity within Roma groups etc, as well as arts and culture and protecting Roma cultural heritage.
- Overcoming the operational weaknesses of the current EU Roma Framework, by strengthening monitoring of its implementation and increasing policy learning via cross country cooperation.
- Ensuring concrete implementation synergies between the new Roma Strategic Framework and other key economic and social processes, such as the successor of Europe 2020, the European Semester, the European Pillar of Social Rights and the Sustainable Development Goals.
- Ensuring earmarked financial support for the implementation of the new Roma Strategic Framework by ringfencing specific amounts in the post 2020 Multi Annual Financial Framework.
- Involving Roma and pro-Roma CSOs through meaningful consultation processes and engagement in the post 2020 Roma Strategic Framework and any post NRIS at all stages of the processes – needs assessment, design, implementation, data collection, monitoring and follow-up.
- Building on the enlargement experience and on the successes of neighbouring countries, while acknowledging its specificities.
- Acknowledging the need for Truth and Reconciliation Commissions, as well as Commissions on Combating Antigypsyism to be created.
- Ensuring institutional accountability (e.g. by ensuring access of Roma to reports from NRCs), as well as increased participation of Roma themselves in public institutions.