

## Spanish Presidency of the European Union

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### **EU statement on the introduction of the publication 'Police and Roma and Sinti: Good Practices in Building Trust and Understanding'**

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The European Union would like to thank the Secretary General for introducing the book "Police and Roma and Sinti: Good Practices in Building Trust and Understanding" as well as the Strategic Police Matters Unit for its hard work and ODIHR for its support.

The EU welcomes this useful initiative to assist participating States in implementing their commitments under the 2003 OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti within the OSCE Area and other relevant commitments. The EU will pay proper attention to the book and study it carefully.

The EU attaches great significance to building good relations between police and Roma and Sinti, to efficient law-enforcement activities to combat discrimination against Roma and Sinti and to improving trust and confidence in the police among Roma and Sinti.

The EU considers that, in order to have maximum impact, policing policies should not be addressed in isolation, but rather as a vital element of policies to ensure Roma and Sinti integration.

Los países candidatos TURQUÍA, CROACIA\* y la ANTIGUA REPÚBLICA YUGOSLAVA DE MACEDONIA\*, los países del Proceso de Estabilización y Asociación y los países candidatos potenciales, ALBANIA, BOSNIA Y HERZEGOVINA, MONTENEGRO y SERBIA, los países de la Asociación Europea de Libre Comercio y los miembros del Espacio Económico Europeo, ISLANDIA, LIECHTENSTEIN y NORUEGA, al igual que la REPÚBLICA DE MOLDAVIA, ARMENIA y GEORGIA se suman a esta declaración.

\*Croacia y la Antigua República Yugoslava de Macedonia siguen perteneciendo al proceso de Estabilización y Asociación.