

The results of the most recent elections have shown that voter turnout among Roma is lower than that of the majority population and participation of Roma in politics and governance is minimal in comparison to their estimated proportion of the population.

This is depicting, what kind of commitments have the Roma population in Czech Republic and how the interest of Roma is lost in public issues. Due to the fact that the Czech Government doesn't invest into the community development and building of capacities, than we cannot expect that the Roma will be once part of the governance at all.

Recommendation for the OSCE : To extend the observation missions on local elections in all member states of OSCE, as the Local elections are most violated by bribes activities of political parties and different lobbying groups.

Recommendation for participating states: The political parties should formulate their positions on addressing the area of Roma inclusion and provide opportunities to involve Roma men and women in party life. A positive vision, one of development, as opposed to the current discourse of restrictions, would support voter participation by Roma men and women.