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To improve political participation of Roma the participating states should very seriously commit to prosecution of hate speech. Open hate speech by politicians and high representatives of the governments like the

Statements from Salvini where he expresses regret that he can't expel Italian Roma from Italy as well because they are citizens. And those in Bulgaria where Deputy Prime Minister Donev and his wife blame Roma for the failure of the integration by saying "For Gypsies, the carrots are almost over. It is time for the stick," create an atmosphere where one of the most vulnerable and unrepresented minority group can't achieve equal and full participation especially if it has such strong enemy voices against itself which are not punished.

If there are people who are above the law and not punished for their hate speech in minds of racists this is understood as an open call for action to commit hate crimes such as mob violence, murder and pogroms against Roma as those we have seen in Ukraine this summer.