

Statement addressed to the Slovak government

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- Tendency of Roma people with a gained education is to apply mainly in fields of social work and healthcare. Although occupying such jobs important for development of Roma communities by Roma is as much important as the fact that a number of Roma qualified people successfully applied in the labour market, Roma should be mainstreamed and get involved in different fields as well.
- National Roma Integration Strategy is a comprehensive document that does not focus on Roma Youth, though. Roma youth is a vulnerable group within the Roma communities and it should be reinforced.
- Police brutality towards Roma population, mainly in the places with a high concentration of Roma and discriminatory approach of police towards them persists. In such cases, human rights of Roma people are violated.

Recommendations:

- Create an environment that would allow for qualified people of Roma origin to apply in various areas in the labour market
- Encourage Roma youth and Roma as such to engage in the political field
- Take into consideration existing documents focusing on youth and incorporate them to the National Roma Integration Strategy in order to reinforce integration of Roma youth
- Establish mechanism that would secure proper and independent investigation of police crime and punishment