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to the Commission
Rule 138
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Subject: EU framework for national Roma integration strategies post-2020

The EU framework for national Roma integration strategies (NRIS) calls on the EU Member States to:

ensure that all Roma children complete primary school;

close the gaps between the Roma and non-Roma in respect to employment;

close the gaps between the Roma and non-Roma in respect to health status;

close the gaps between Roma and non-Roma in respect to housing and public utilities (water, electricity).

In Bulgaria, funding of close to BGN 700 million has been granted for integration of the Roma from 2005 to date. Around 97% of that amount has come from the EU, Norway Grants and Switzerland.

Since a new EU framework for national Roma integration strategies will be needed from the end of 2020, and the indications are that the Commission will ask the Member States to earmark more funding to achieve the objectives established in the preceding framework, can the Commission state:

1. Whether it feels that an increase in funding will yield different results than those achieved to date?

2. Whether it plans to introduce stricter mechanisms for monitoring the funding granted by the EU?