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The EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality, Inclusion and Participation 2020–2030 guides Member States to improve Roma lives by supporting inclusion via EU funds and national programmes.

The European Social Fund Plus (ESF+) promotes equal opportunities, employment, social protection, and inclusion. To tackle the complex challenges Roma face, it funds integrated actions in education, healthcare, jobs, and housing, while strengthening local and civil society capacity for lasting impact.

Roma can be supported under all ESF+ specific objectives, and especially under ‘Promoting the socio-economic integration of marginalised communities including Roma people’, requiring a National Roma Inclusion Strategic Policy Framework in place. Roma targeted spending includes a total of EUR 1.8 billion to improve access to education, employment, inclusion¹ and to support civil society working with marginalised communities².

Moreover, under the European Regional Development Fund, EUR 22 billion have been allocated in 2021-2027, to improve access to inclusive, quality services and reduce socioeconomic and territorial disparities for marginalised communities, including Roma.

The 2022 Horizon Europe Work Programme³ funded relevant projects like EQUALSTRENGTH⁴, RAISE⁵, and UNDETERRED⁶.

The Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values programme also promotes Roma equality and inclusion through calls on equality, Holocaust remembrance and framework partnerships⁷.

¹ ESF+ Intervention field 154.

² ESF+ Intervention field 155.

³ https://research-and-innovation.ec.europa.eu/funding/funding-opportunities/funding-programmes-and-open-calls/horizon-europe/horizon-europe-work-programmes_en.

⁴ <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101094527>.

⁵ <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101094684>.

⁶ <https://cordis.europa.eu/project/id/101095020>.

⁷ <https://ec.europa.eu/info/funding-tenders/opportunities/portal/screen/programmes/cerv>.