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Racism against the Roma and Sinti in the political
discourse

In recent years in Italy, in public speeches of some politicians, has increased the attack racist, xenophobic addressed in particular the Roma and Sinti. This type of discourse is a powerful tool for racism against the Roma and Sinti in Italian society and, consequently, tries to prevent the benefits of the undergoing work of social inclusion for Roma and Sinti from across the country. It considered to act urgently to address this phenomenon .and take action by mean of clear legislative acts.

The apolids issue
Many Roma arrived in Italy from former Yugoslavia firstly between the 1960's and the 1970's and then during the war in 1990. Nowadays they still live in Italy without being recognized as Italian citizens or as citizens of any other state. Their descendants, whose number is about 15 000, are de facto stateless/ apolids/ persons in Italy in spite of the fact that they were born in Italy and lived there for their whole lifetime.

The situation of stateless persons, or better said "People juridically invisible"
Roma in Italy is even more insecure today, due to the combined effect of two measures:

The "security package" that criminalizes illegal entry to Italy which obstructs the residence permit, and "Emergency nomads" which allowed to conduct censuses of population and of the Roma settlements. In practice, this has led many Roma to a situation seen legally indefinable "legally invisible people" who cannot be expelled and will not be able to obtain a residence permit as required by the current Italian law: the "Bossi – Fini". As the legal status of de facto stateless person, are deprived of basic human rights, without any proof of identity and hindered to do any work to provide for themselves and their family a dignified life. The evictions In recent years all over Italy have been recorded many evictions without notice and without an adequate response to housing. Only in the city of Milan in the last 3 years were carried out about 500 evictions of Roma and Sinti camping sites. Many reports states that the evictions were carried out with brutality and abuses by the forces of order. Global strategies for the inclusion of Roma and Sinti people in society In Italy there are about 150.000 Roma and Sinti, there is a continuing need for a national strategy for their social inclusion, which would provide consistency and there is the need to support the efforts at regional and local level in this field.

I know there is task force at national level, which support and service a network of regional and local actors who are active in promoting non-discrimination policy, Anti-Gypsyism and the social inclusion of Roma and Sinti, but my opinion is that the Task Force should be composed of experts in matter of Roma and Sinti, and with direct involvement of Roma and Sinti professionally

qualified, with good experience in the field. The task force is a service of a national network of actors: regional, provincial and municipal authorities to promote, manage, oversee the funding and above all, they are more controlled and that the Rom and Sinti themselves are empowered and involved in the planning and project management aimed at social inclusion of Roma and Sinti people.

The biggest problem in Italy with Roma organizations, is that they do not have the opportunity to apply for projects at European and at national level, because the conditions set out in the projects are so demanding that we Roma Organization can not fulfil, and we are automatically out of each project and therefore there is no possibility to work, to apply our ideas and to help our people for easier integration and improving their lives. Always the same organization are in the game, and we Roma and Sinti out of play, and as long as the conditions are the same for projects, I see no possibility implementation of courses that we attended . because it is not only important to study it is important to be able to apply that knowledge. As an example the last course which was held in Rome for the European Roma mediators where we who have attended the course still don't work anything.