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List of abbreviations used

BISS	Baltic Institute of Social Sciences
CSB	Central Statistical Bureau
MoE	Ministry of Economics
ESF	European Social Fund
MoF	Ministry of Finance
AIPY	Agency for International Programmes for Youth
SEQS	State Education Quality Service
MoES	Ministry of Education and Science
MoC	Ministry of Culture
LCHR	Association “Latvian Centre for Human Rights”
MoW	Ministry of Welfare
SEA	State Employment Agency
NGOs	Non-governmental Organisations
VEI	Vocational Education Institutions
OCMA	Office of Citizenship and Migration Affairs
RCC	Association “Roma Culture Centre”
SIF	Society Integration Foundation
CDPC	Centre for Disease Prevention and Control
OO	Ombudsman’s Office
NCE	National Centre for Education
MoH	Ministry of Health

I. Summary of the Plan for Implementing Measures of the Roma Strategic Framework for 2022-2023

The Plan for Implementing Measures of the Roma Strategic Framework 2022-2023 (hereinafter – the Plan) has been prepared in order to ensure the implementation of Article 1 of the EU Council Recommendation on Roma equality, inclusion and participation (2021/C 93/01)¹ (hereinafter – Recommendation) adopted on 12 March 2021.

Article 1 of the Recommendation provides that Member States should adopt national Roma strategic frameworks within their broader social inclusion policies improving the situation of Roma, and communicate them to the European Commission, preferably by September 2021. In accordance with national and Union law, available resources and national circumstances, Member States should, as appropriate, consider the relevance of the measures set out in this Recommendation to the national context and implement them, in a proportionate and selective manner, in close cooperation with all relevant stakeholders. When assessing that relevance, Member States are encouraged to be guided by voluntary minimum commitments and, depending on the national context, by possible additional efforts, as provided for in the Communication.²

The measures of the Plan have been structured taking into account the recommendations in the Recommendation to the Member States. The Plan includes both measures where the Roma are the direct target group and measures where the Roma are one of the target groups.

The preparation of the Plan was ensured by the interinstitutional working party, which included representatives from the Ministry of Education and Science, the Ministry of Welfare, the Ministry of Health, the Ministry of Economics, the International Youth Programmes Agency, the State Employment Agency, the Centre for Education Initiatives association, the Latvian Centre for Human Rights association, the Roma Culture Centre association, the Social Integration association “Alternativas”, the International Romani Union, the Ventspils City Social Services as well as representatives from the Ombudsman’s Office, the Latvian Association of Local Governments and the Society Integration Foundation.

Public participation was ensured by means of the public consultation on the draft Plan and also by involving the Advisory Council for Implementation of the Roma Integration Policy.³ As a result of the consultation, proposals were

¹ Council Recommendation of 12 March 2021 on Roma equality, inclusion and participation.

Available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=CELEX%3A32021H0319%2801%29>

² Ibid. Article 1: [...] In accordance with national and Union law, available resources circumstances, Member States should, as appropriate, consider the relevance to the national context of the measures set out in this Recommendation and implement them, in a proportionate and selective manner, in close cooperation with all relevant stakeholders. [...]

³ Information on the Advisory Council for Implementation of the Roma Integration Policy is available on the website <https://www.km.gov.lv/en/advisory-council-0>

received from the Roma Culture Centre.⁴

The Plan provides for action at all levels of government: national, regional and local.

Implementation of the Plan's measures is closely linked to the fulfilment of goals and tasks set out in the National Development Plan for 2021-2027⁵ (hereinafter – NDP2027).⁶

The proposals from the Ministry of Culture for the Plan's measures have been harmonised with the Guidelines for the Development of a Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2027⁷ and the Plan for the Development of a Cohesive and Civically Active Society 2021-2023⁸ (hereinafter – PDCCAS), which provides for support for the preservation and development of the uniqueness of national minorities' cultures, support measures for the promotion of Roma participation as well as plans to raise public awareness of diversity, thus reducing prejudice and intolerance.

The proposals for the Plan's measures have been harmonised with the MoES Education Development Guidelines 2021-2027⁹ (hereinafter – EDG), the MoH draft Public Health Guidelines 2021-2027¹⁰ (hereinafter – PHG), the MoW Guidelines on Social Protection and Labour Market Policies 2021-2027¹¹ (hereinafter – GSPLMP), the MoE Guidelines on National Industry Policy 2021-

⁴ Information on the results of the public participation is available on the website of the MoC: <https://www.km.gov.lv/lv/media/19938/download>

⁵ Approved on July 2 2020 by decision of the Saeima. Available at:

https://pkc.gov.lv/sites/default/files/inline-files/NAP2027_apstiprin%20Saeim%2081ts%20Saeim%2081.pdf

⁶ Ibid. The fulfilment of Measure 408 "Raising public awareness of diversity as a resource by strengthening intergroup and intercultural communication skills and intensifying communication, diversity management, and reduction of discrimination" of the direction's "Cohesion of society" in NDP2027 goal "Communication and cooperation between different sections of the population has significantly increased, reducing the tension and unfounded prejudices. People take care of each other, are active in civil society and socially, and diversity is seen as a valuable resource, as well as the ability to communicate with and respect each other."

The fulfilment of Measure 179 "Prevention and interventions to reduce the risk of early school leaving and encourage social integration (cooperation between schools, support staff, parents and institutions; development of social life skills; involvement of support staff; individualised learning support; early diagnosis of educational needs; support for disadvantaged youth)" and Measure 182 "Involvement of children and young people at risk of social exclusion (socio-economic risks, special needs, young people in disadvantaged situations, school drop-out risks, etc.) in activities outside formal education (incl. hobby) activities (incl. in the school environment: both in general and vocational education)" of the direction's "Quality, accessible and inclusive education" goal "Inclusive education" in NDP2027.

⁷ Approved by Cabinet of Order No. 72 of 5 February 2021 (prot. No. 12, Article 24). Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/320841-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-pamatnostadnem-2021-2027-gadam>

⁸ Approved by Cabinet Order No. 32 of 18 January 2021 No. 32 (prot. No. 3, Article 31). Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁹ Approved by Cabinet Order No. 436 of 22 June 2021 (prot. No. 49, Article 46). Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/324332-par-izglitibas-attistibas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>

¹⁰ Draft guidelines "Public Health Guidelines 2021-2027" announced at the meeting of State Secretaries dated 25 February 2021 (prot. No. 8, Article 14, VSS-134). Available at: https://tapportal.mk.gov.lv/legal_acts/b8342cd9-318a-4f99-b147-0a144bcbf231

¹¹ Approved by Cabinet Order No. 616 of 1 September 2021 (prot. No. 58, Article 37). Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/325828-par-socialas-aizsardzibas-un-darba-tirgus-politikas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>

2027¹² (hereinafter – GNIP) in the field of housing.

The description of the current situation for the preparation of the Plan is based on studies at the national and international level on the situation of Roma, and also on the survey on citizens' attitudes towards different groups in society, including Roma.¹³

The Plan includes results and performance indicators established on the basis of the 2015 study “Roma in Latvia”, the 2019 Eurobarometer Survey on Discrimination in the European Union¹⁴ and the results of the 2021 study “Intercultural Stereotypes and Prejudices in Latvia”¹⁵, as well as data provided by co-responsible institutions. For evaluation of the progress made by the Roma strategic framework, the portfolio of indicators of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights has been taken into account when preparing performance indicators.¹⁶

The measures included in the Plan were also implemented in 2021 but are not reflected in the following chapters. Information on the financing used for the implementation of measures included in the Plan in 2021 is available in the Annex.

II. Objective of the Plan

The objective of the Plan is to promote the equality, inclusion and participation of Roma in Latvia by implementing measures set forth in the Plan in accordance with the recommendations included in the Communication and taking into account the resources available in the State, the size of the Roma population and their situation.¹⁷

The plan has been prepared in order to promote the participation of Roma

¹² Approved by Cabinet Order No. 93 of 16 February 2021 (prot. No. 15, Article 31). Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/321037-par-nacionalas-industrialas-politikas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>

¹³ SKDS (2019). Survey of the public opinion on ethnic relations in Latvia. Available at: <https://www.sif.gov.lv/lv/media/142/download>

M. Kaprāns, I. Mieriņa, A. Saulītis (2021). Intercultural Stereotypes and Prejudices in Latvia. Riga: University of Latvia Philosophy and Sociology Institute. Available at: http://fsi.lu.lv/userfiles/Ethnic%20stereotypes_SAPC.pdf

¹⁴ Eurobarometer Survey on Discrimination in the European Union of 2019. Available at: <https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/2251>

¹⁵ M. Kaprāns, I. Mieriņa, A. Saulītis (2021). Intercultural Stereotypes and Prejudices in Latvia. Riga: University of Latvia Philosophy and Sociology Institute; Available at: http://fsi.lu.lv/userfiles/Ethnic%20stereotypes_SAPC.pdf

¹⁶ In accordance with the Council Recommendation of 12 March 2021 on Roma equality, inclusion and participation, the implementation of the strategic frameworks will have to be monitored and evaluated using both data sources available at the national level and the portfolio of indicators prepared by the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights. The portfolio of indicators of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights for evaluating the progress has been included in Annex 2 to the Communication of 7 October 2020 (Available at: https://eur-lex.europa.eu/resource.html?uri=cellar:9a007e7e-08ad-11eb-a511-01aa75ed71a1.0001.02/DOC_3&format=PDF) and in the Monitoring framework for an EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality, Inclusion and Participation: Objectives and indicators (Available at: https://fra.europa.eu/sites/default/files/fra_uploads/2020-portfolio_of_indicators_working-paper_en.pdf).

¹⁷ Taking into account the official number of the Roma population according to the data from the CSB and the data from the Register of Natural Persons of the OCMA.

in various fields of public life: education, employment, health, housing, civil society, culture etc.

III. Characteristics of the situation

There were 6 842 Roma people registered in Latvia on 1 January 2021, 94.7% of them were Latvian citizens.¹⁸

The 2015 study “Roma in Latvia”¹⁹ and the report of 22 November 2016 of the Expert Group for Society Cohesion Policy established by the President of Latvia²⁰ concludes that the Roma are justifiably considered to be a population group at risk of poverty, who face discrimination in the labour market and whose employment opportunities are not equal to the non-Roma population, considering their level of education which is especially low. The lack of a formal education restricts the possibility for the Roma to learn and poor literacy skills also restrict their possibilities to participate in courses for acquiring skills.

The Roma are mentioned as being one of the groups facing poverty and social exclusion in the report “The Annual Evaluation of the Policy for Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion” prepared in 2019 within the framework of the ESF project “Studies and Monitoring of Labour Market Inclusion and Poverty”.²¹ Experts point out that inequalities in terms of healthcare are attributable to cultural differences, issues related to the status of the needy or low-income person, and to restricted literacy skills. The evaluation of the housing provision has identified a range of issues: housing availability is problematic for the Roma that are needy (experts estimate some 75 to 80% of Roma), the low level of facilities in the housing occupied by Roma (42.1% of the housing have no indoor flushing toilet, 26% of the housing has no running water) and the great majority of Roma housing is over-crowded.²²

¹⁸ Including 6 568 registered as gypsies and 274 as gypsies (Roma). A breakdown of the population by nationality and country of citizenship in Latvia. OCMA, 2021. (Accessed on 31.03.2020).

Available at: <https://www.pmlp.gov.lv/lv/media/2885/download>

Website of the OCMA. Section “Statistics”. Available at: <https://www.pmlp.gov.lv/lv/fizisko-personu-registrs-0>

It is important to note that a segment of the Roma population does not indicate its nationality in the passport and, as a result, the real number of the Roma population is more significant.

¹⁹ Market and public opinion research centre Latvijas Fakti (2015). Study “Roma in Latvia”. Riga, p. 3.

Available at:

https://www.km.gov.lv/uploads/ckeditor/files/Sabiedribas_integracija/Romi/Papildu/romi_latvija_petijums_LV.pdf

²⁰ Report of the Expert Group for Society Cohesion Policy established by the President of Latvia. (2016).

Available at: <https://www.president.lv/lv/media/5066/download>

²¹ BISS (2019). Report “The Annual Evaluation of the Policy for Reducing Poverty and Social Exclusion (including Evaluation of Inequalities in the Field of Healthcare and Inequalities in the Access to Housing)”. Riga, 2019, p. 337.

Available at:

http://petijumi.mk.gov.lv/sites/default/files/title_file/Nabadz_soc_atstumt_mazin_ricibpol_izvertejums_Zinojum_s.pdf

²² Ibid, p. 348.

The unequal Roma situation is demonstrated by the following tendencies:

1) The level of education among the Roma remains low.

According to the study “Roma in Latvia”²³ 8.9% of Roma respondents have not attended school, 34% of Roma have obtained lower secondary education, whereas only 17.2% of the Roma population have obtained education that is higher than lower secondary education.²⁴

MoES monitoring data on Roma education show that in 2017, 34.2 % of Roma children underwent special lower secondary educational programmes in educational institutions,²⁵ whereas, 7.5 % of Roma pupils did not obtain the compulsory lower secondary education. Meanwhile, there were 856 Roma pupils (0.4% of the total number of pupils) in general educational institutions for the school year 2019/2020.

2) The low level of education is one of the main barriers to Roma employment.

According to the study “Roma in Latvia”, the number of people employed among the Roma is three times less than the average in Latvian society as a whole.²⁶ Study results suggest that the unregistered unemployment figures among the Roma population exceed the official unemployment indicators several times over.²⁷

The data supplied by the SEA show that the group of unemployed Roma in the Latvian labour market is heavily dominated by the long-term unemployed: 36% of all registered unemployed Roma were long-term unemployed at the end of 2019, however in 2020 it was 39.1%.²⁸

91% of unemployed persons among the Roma population registered with SEA had lower secondary education or a lower educational level.

The low level of education among the Roma restricts their access to support measures in the field of employment, considering the fact that only the unemployed with a level of education above seven completed years qualify for professional development and skills acquisition courses offered by the SEA .²⁹

²³ Market and public opinion research centre Latvijas Fakti (2015). Study “Roma in Latvia”. Riga Available at: https://www.km.gov.lv/sites/km/files/romi_latvija_petijums_lv1.pdf

²⁴ Ibid. p. 6.

²⁵ From information supplied by the MoES, it appears that the data on Roma children who have undergone special lower secondary educational programmes in the school year 2020/2021 will be available in the second half of 2021. Available at: Website of the MoES <https://www.izm.gov.lv/lv/izglitiba>.

²⁶ Market and public opinion research centre “Latvijas Fakti” (2015). Study “Roma in Latvia”. Riga, p.4. Available at: https://www.km.gov.lv/sites/km/files/romi_latvija_petijums_lv1.pdf

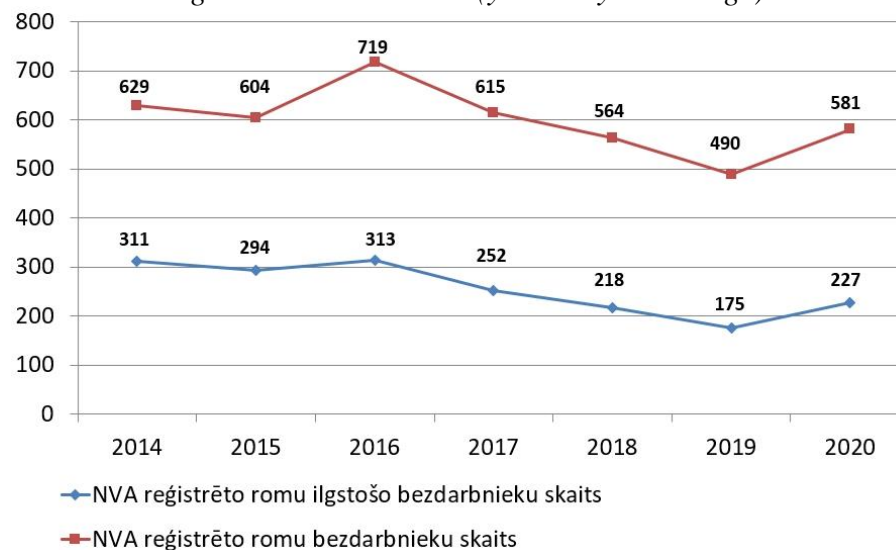
²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ SEA data show that the overall proportion of the long-term unemployed among all the registered unemployed was 24.8% by the end of 2020. Available at: Website of the SEA <https://www.nva.gov.lv/>.

²⁹ Employed Roma and Roma pupils may participate in SEA measures (SEA has no special support measures for the Roma). More information on the website of the SEA: <https://www.nva.gov.lv/en?cid=433&mid=610>, <https://www.nva.gov.lv/en?cid=433&mid=435&txt=3100&from=0>.

Young people who do not work, study and are not registered with the SEA as unemployed have the opportunity to receive different types of training and qualification acquisition programmes of the SEA within the framework of the project “Proti un dari” (within the framework of the ESF support programme).

Figure 1. The number of unemployed and long-term unemployed Roma registered with the SEA (year-on-year change)



Source: SEA, 2021.

3) Society as a whole is prejudiced against the Roma, including stereotypes that employers have against the Roma as potential employees.

The study “Profiling and Exploring the Needs of the Potential Target Group for Services of Boosting Motivation and Support”³⁰ conducted in 2017 shows that discrimination against the Roma in employment relationships is linked to very strong stereotypes associated with the Roma that exist in Latvian society, which means that the Roma are perceived by employers as unreliable employees.

The 2019 Eurobarometer Survey on Discrimination in the European Union suggests that 35% of the Latvian population believe that discrimination against the Roma population is widespread, whereas 38% of the Latvian population would not be comfortable with a representative from the Roma population elected to a top political position. Meanwhile, 38% would not be comfortable with their children having romantic relationships with the Roma.³¹

The results of the 2021 study “Intercultural Stereotypes and Prejudices in Latvia” suggest that the Roma are associated with various negative stereotypes; for instance 42% of respondents find that the Roma cannot be trusted, while 38% believe that they place a burden on the social security system and increase the crime rate.³² The research finds that Latvian society has the most hostile attitude towards Muslims and the Roma who are associated with a socially deviant

³⁰ BISS (2017). Report “Profiling and Exploring the Needs of the Potential Target Group for Services of Boosting Motivation and Support”.

Available at:

http://petijumi.mk.gov.lv/sites/default/files/title_file/petij_sif_motivac_paaugst_un_atbalst_pakalpoj_potencial%2Bmerka%2Bgrup_profiles_un_vaj_izpete.pdf

³¹ Eurobarometer Survey on Discrimination in the European Union of 2019.

Available at: <https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/2251>

³² M. Kaprāns, I. Mieriņa, A. Saulītis (2021). Intercultural Stereotypes and Prejudices in Latvia. Riga: University of Latvia Philosophy and Sociology Institute.

Available at: http://fsi.lu.lv/userfiles/Ethnic%20stereotypes_SAPC.pdf

lifestyle.³³

According to the survey, 27.2% of the Latvian population would not like to work together with Roma in one team, 29% of the population would object to having Roma as their neighbours, while 49.4% would not want to have a Roma as the spouse of their children.³⁴ Only 6% of respondents state that they have Roma in their circle of close friends, family members, colleagues or acquaintances.³⁵

Support measures within the framework of the policies implemented for the Roma

Since 2012, Latvia has been implementing a set of national Roma integration policy measures that were included in the MoC Guidelines on National Identity, Civil Society and Integration Policy 2012-2018³⁶ and the Plan of Implementation.³⁷ The national Roma integration policy measures were implemented in accordance with the European Commission's framework on national Roma integration strategies.³⁸

In 2012, the MoC established the Advisory Council for Implementation of the Roma Integration Policy.³⁹ The aim of the council is promote Roma integration in Latvia and evaluate its implementation, strengthen cooperation between the Roma community and the public bodies as well as facilitating the civic participation of the Roma community.

In order to facilitate the regular exchange of information and experience between experts from local government on matters of Roma integration and to develop cooperation between the responsible authorities and the Roma communities for more effective integration of the Roma policy, in 2014 the Ministry of Culture created the Network of Regional Experts on Roma Integration Issues. In 2020, 18 local government representatives had become involved in this

³³ M. Kaprāns, I. Mieraņa, A. Saulītis (2021). Intercultural Stereotypes and Prejudices in Latvia. Riga: University of Latvia Philosophy and Sociology Institute. p. 53.

Available at: http://fsi.lu.lv/userfiles/Ethnic%20stereotypes_SAPC.pdf

³⁴ Ibid, p. 22.

Compared to the results of the survey of 2019 conducted by the SKDS on the public opinion on ethnic relations in Latvia, social attitudes towards the Roma are slightly improving: 33% of the Latvian population did not want to work together with the Roma in one team, while 36% of the population had objections to having the Roma as their neighbours. Survey available at: <https://www.sif.gov.lv/lv/media/142/download>

³⁵ Ibid, p. 19.

³⁶ Approved by Cabinet Order No. 542 of 20 October 2011 (prot. No. 58, Article 21). Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/238195-par-nacionalas-identitates-pilsoniskas-sabiedribas-un-integracijas-politikas-pamatnostadnem-2012-2018-gadam>

³⁷ Approved by Cabinet Order No. 345 of 18 July 2018 No. 345 (prot. No. 33, Article 49). Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/300483-par-nacionalas-identitates-pilsoniskas-sabiedribas-un-integracijas-politikas-istenosanas-planu-2019-2020-gadam>

³⁸ An EU framework for national Roma integration strategies up to 2020. Available at: <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:52011DC0173&from=EN>

³⁹ Information on the Advisory Council for Implementation of the Roma Integration Policy is available on the website of the Ministry of Culture: <https://www.km.gov.lv/en/advisory-council>

network.

Since 2016, within the framework of the “Rights, Equality and Citizenship” programme of the European Union, the MoC has been implementing the Latvian Roma Platform project which aims at promoting dialogue between the Roma community and civil society organisations as well as developing effective coordination of the Roma integration policy.⁴⁰

The Latvian Roma Platform project ensures the implementation of measures both at local and regional level, for example support for Roma NGOs, exchange of experience activities and information seminars for experts from local government and Roma representatives. Educational activities on Roma culture and history with a focus on the Roma genocide during World War II, constitute an important direction of the project.

In order to raise awareness among the wider public about culture, history and social issues of the Latvian Roma as well as about the negative impact of prejudices and stereotypes on the situation of Roma, the MoC organised activities within the framework of the Council of Europe Dosta! campaign on a regular basis in the period from 2015 to 2020.⁴¹

Since 2015, the MoC has been providing financial support to Roma NGOs on a regular basis in order to implement Roma integration, culture and advocacy and initiatives, focusing on reducing negative stereotypes and prejudices, strengthening the operational capacity and fostering the social inclusion of Roma.

⁴⁰ Information on measures implemented within the project “Latvian Roma Platform” is available on the website of the Ministry of Culture: <https://www.km.gov.lv/en/latvian-roma-platform>

The information report “On implementing the project “Latvian Roma Platform I: Dialogue, Cooperation and Involvement” within the framework of the European Union’s “Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020” Programme within the framework of the section “Grant aid for Supporting the Creation of the National Roma Platforms” approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of 14 June 2016 (prot. No. 29, Article 46). Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/mk/tap/?pid=40386790>

The information report “On implementing the project “Latvian Roma Platform II: Dialogue, Cooperation and Mutual Learning” within the framework of the European Union’s “Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020” Programme within the framework of the section “Grant aid for Supporting the National Roma Platforms” approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of 13 June 2017 (prot. No. 30, Article 53). Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/mk/tap/?pid=40424353>

The information report “On implementing the project “Latvian Roma Platform II: Cooperation and the Promotion of Participation” within the framework of the European Union’s “Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020” Programme within the framework of the section “Grant aid for Supporting the National Roma Platforms” approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of 5 June 2018 (prot. No. 27, Article 32). Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/mk/tap/?pid=40453343>

The information report “On implementing the project “Latvian Roma Platform IV” within the framework of the European Union’s “Rights, Equality and Citizenship 2014-2020” Programme approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of 30 May 2019 (prot. No. 21, Article 14). Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/mk/tap/?pid=40473576>

The information report “On implementing the project “Latvian Roma Platform V” within the framework of the European Union’s “Rights, Equality and Citizenship” Programme approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of 14 April 2020 (prot. No. 24, Article 45). Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/mk/tap/?pid=40483493>

⁴¹ Activities within the framework of the Council of Europe Campaign “Dosta!” were organised in the period from 2015 to 2020. Information on the activities organised within the campaign is available on the website: <https://www.km.gov.lv/lv/eiropas-padomes-kampana-dosta-latvija-2015-2020>. Starting from 2021, the MoC implements information and education measures to inform the public about the diversity of Roma cultural heritage.

Roma NGOs regularly organise Roma dancing and music festivals at the national and local level, for instance the International Romani Culture Festival “Roma World” in Riga and the festival “Urdenoro” in Sabile, awareness-raising activities and commemorative activities of the Roma genocide as well as creative workshops for Roma youth; they have also created informative materials on Roma cultural heritage and history. In the period from 2014 to 2019, the Roma NGOs implemented at least 33 projects.

Since 2015, the Roma Culture Centre has been organising exhibitions on the Roma genocide and cultural events as well as providing individual consultations to the Roma population. Since 2017, the Centre has been implementing individual public-service missions for raising awareness among the public on Roma culture, art and history, including the Roma genocide, within which the operation of the museum on Roma history and art is ensured.

Since 2009, the MoES has ensured monitoring of educational attainments of the Roma,⁴² gathering information on the educational programmes, additional training activities for Roma pupils, reasons for early school-leaving and truancy etc.

⁴² Monitoring of educational attainments of Roma pupils was carried out in school year 2009/2010, in the school year 2012/2013 and in school year 2016/2017. Current monitoring is planned in school year 2021/2022.

IV. Measures to attain the objective of the Plan

Objective of the Plan		The objective of the Plan is to promote equality, inclusion and participation of Roma in Latvia by implementing measures set forth in the Plan in accordance with the recommendations included in the Communication and taking into account the resources available in the State, the number of the Roma population and their situation. ⁴³						
Performance indicators		<p>The proportion of population that would not want to work together with Roma in one team, survey (in 2021 27.2%⁴⁴ ⇒ in 2024 20%),</p> <p>The proportion of population that would object to having Roma as neighbours, survey (in 2021 29%⁴⁵ ⇒ in 2024 22%),</p> <p>The proportion of population that believes that Roma cannot be trusted, survey (in 2021 42%⁴⁶ ⇒ in 2024 35%),</p> <p>The proportion of population that believes that discrimination against the Roma is widespread, survey (in 2021 35%⁴⁷ ⇒ in 2024 30%),</p> <p>The proportion of the long-term unemployed Roma, SEA (in 2021 39.1%⁴⁸ ⇒ in 2024 35%),</p> <p>The number of Roma that consider themselves to be economically active, survey (in 2015 32.4%⁴⁹ ⇒ in 2024 45%),</p> <p>The number of Roma pupils that did not obtain the compulsory lower secondary education, MoES (in 2017 7.5%⁵⁰ ⇒ in 2024 6%),</p> <p>The number of Roma children that have undergone special lower secondary educational programmes in educational institutions, MoES (in 2017 34.2%⁵¹ ⇒ in 2024 20%),</p> <p>The number of Roma mediators and teaching assistants who work in Latvian local governments (in 2021 8 people⁵² ⇒ in 2024 12 people),</p> <p>The number of Roma children who received support within the ESF project “Support for the Reduction of Early School Leaving” (PuMPuRS), State Education Quality Service (in 2020 12 Roma pupils⁵³ ⇒ in 2024 30 Roma pupils).</p>						
No.	Measure	Result of action	Performance indicator	Links with articles of the Recommendation	Reference to the policy document or regulatory enactment	Responsible institution	Co-responsible institutions	Implementation deadline (up to half a year)
4.1.	Facilitating Roma participation and preservation of the	Roma inclusion enhanced and the capacity to participate strengthened.	An informative measure for the public is ensured every year within the framework of the International Roma Day.	2 e), 2 h), 3 b), 3 d), 4 a), 4 c), 4	PDCCAS, Measure	MoC	MoES	2 nd half of 2023

⁴³ Taking into account the official number of the Roma population according to the data from the CSB and the data from the Register of Natural Persons of the OCMA.

⁴⁴ M. Kaprāns, I. Mieriņa, A. Saulītis (2021). Intercultural Stereotypes and Prejudices in Latvia. Riga: University of Latvia Philosophy and Sociology Institute.

Available at: http://fsi.lu.lv/userfiles/Ethnic%20stereotypes_SAPC.pdf

⁴⁵ Ibid.

⁴⁶ Ibid.

⁴⁷ Eurobarometer Survey on Discrimination in the European Union of 2019. Available at: <https://europa.eu/eurobarometer/surveys/detail/2251>

⁴⁸ Data from the SEA.

⁴⁹ Market and public opinion research centre “Latvijas Fakti” (2015). Study “Roma in Latvia”. Riga, p. 4. Available at:

https://www.km.gov.lv/sites/km/files/romi_latvija_petijums_lv1.pdf

⁵⁰ Data from the MoES.

⁵¹ Data from the MoES.

⁵² Data from the MoC.

⁵³ Data from the State Education Quality Service.

	uniqueness of Roma culture.	<p>Roma understanding of legal and interest protection issues promoted. Cooperation and dialogue promoted between the Roma, local authorities, sectoral ministries, educational institutions, educators and other stakeholders.</p> <p>Support provided for activities of Roma mediators in Latvian towns and municipalities.</p> <p>Operation of a regional expert network developed on Roma integration issues.</p> <p>Capacity of the Roma NGOs and civil society representatives and their participation in various spheres of life, including in the field of education, employment and culture, and for the development of civil society provided.</p> <p>Roma target group is involved in social support programmes and activities, in particular in the ESF support measures.</p>	<p>Capacity building and promotion of participation measures of at least 10 Roma NGOs and civil society representatives carried out. The annual activity of the Latvian Roma Platform is ensured which supports:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - At least 2 informative, educational and good practice promotion measures provided regarding the Roma situation in Latvia, - At least 1 event regarding the issues of protection of rights and interests of the Roma implemented, - 5-6 Roma mediators attracted every year, - Support measures provided for the work of Roma mediators in at least 6 Latvian towns and municipalities, - Operation of a regional expert network on Roma integration issues provided on a regular basis, - At least 4 awareness and motivation raising measures carried out to involve the Roma target group in social support programmes. 	d), 4 e), 16, 17, 20, 22, 24, 26, 29, 38, 39.	3.2.5. ⁵⁴			
4.2.	Initiatives for developing a unifying commemoration culture.	Public awareness about the controversial issues in Latvian history improved, including regarding repressions committed by the communist regime and the Nazi regime against the Latvian population during World War II.	At least 2 remembrance measures implemented for commemorating the Roma victims of the Holocaust during World War II.	2 g), 24.	PDCCAS, Measure 1.3.1. ⁵⁵	MoC		2 nd half of 2023
4.3.	Research-based development policy for cohesive society.	Anti-discrimination and tolerance factors in Latvia researched.	Public opinion survey carried out regarding the knowledge, skills and attitudes of Latvians in the field of tolerance and non-discrimination.	2 e)	PDCCAS, Measure 2.3.1. ⁵⁶	MoC, MoES		2 nd half of 2023

⁵⁴PDCCAS Plan. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁵⁵PDCCAS Plan. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁵⁶ Ibid.

			Assessment of anti-discriminatory situation with recommendations for improvement of the anti-discrimination monitoring system carried out.					
4.4.	Programme “NGO Fund”.	Cooperation, solidarity and mutual trust between people enhanced. Support for activities ensured that include incentive measures for civil and political participation, civic education and public awareness of democratic processes in State, voluntary work, philanthropy and other significant democratic and social communities. Civil society development and sustainability facilitated.	Within the framework of the NGO fund, support provided every year (support that is available for various target groups and organisations of different profile) for at least 75 non-governmental organisations. ⁵⁷ Targeted development policy for civil society implemented for strengthening civil society.	24.	PDCCAS, Measure 2.2.1. ⁵⁸	MoC, SIF		2 nd half of 2023
4.5.	NGO programme for promoting the participation of minorities.	Civil society development and sustainability facilitated; Capacity of civil society organisations strengthened, this way promoting their work efficiency.	Support provided for at least 16 non-governmental organisations of minorities every year.	24.	PDCCAS Measure 2.2.5. ⁵⁹	MoC		2 nd half of 2023
4.6.	Minority and Latvian youth co-operation programme.	The feeling of belonging to the Latvian State strengthened for minority children and youth living in Latvia. Awareness of ethnic uniqueness of minorities in Latvia facilitated.	At least 5 projects implemented per annum. At least 400 children/youth involved in the activities.	4 a), 4 e)	PDCCAS Measure 1.1.4. ⁶⁰	SIF		2 nd half of 2023
4.7.	Advisory councils for minorities and the Roma.	Participation of minorities, including Roma in the development and implementation of public policies.	At least 3 meetings of the Roma Advisory Council organised every year.	21, 22, 26.	PDCCAS, Measure 3.2.4. ⁶¹	MoC		2 nd half of 2023

⁵⁷ Support for non-governmental organisations will be ensured according to the NGO directions included in the conceptual report “On Establishing a Fund of Non-governmental Organisations Financed by the State”. The conceptual report “On Establishing a Fund of Non-governmental Organisations Financed by the State” approved by Cabinet Order No. 792 “On the Conceptual Report “On Establishing a Fund of Non-governmental Organisations Financed by the State”” of 16 December 2015. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/278602-par-konceptualo-zinojumu-par-valsts-finanseta-nevalstisko-organizaciju-fonda-izveidi>

⁵⁸ PDCCAS Plan. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁵⁹ Ibid.

⁶⁰ Ibid.

⁶¹ Ibid.

4.8.	Ensuring services for boosting motivation and support for groups at risk of social exclusion and discrimination, including the Roma. ⁶²	Services for boosting motivation and support for people in target groups ensured by promoting their integration in society, inclusion in social life, by raising awareness of their self-advocacy, by helping to participate in education/training, acquiring qualifications or employment, including self-employed activity.	The number of Roma who have received a motivation programme and taken part in education, employment or have started job-seeking activities.	2 d)		MoW	SIF	2 nd half of 2022
4.9.	Launching and developing the service of family assistants in local government.	The involvement of the Roma community in ensuring the services of family assistants in local government promoted.	Ensuring the service of family assistants in local government including for the development of social skills of Roma families, including by looking into the possibility of training representatives from the Roma community as family assistants in order to improve trust between Roma families that would want to use such a service and social service, and also to promote education and mentoring of Roma parents.	3 b), 19.	GSPLMP Task 2.6.3. ⁶³	MoW	local governments	The 4 th quarter of 2023
4.10.	Inclusion of Roma pupils with special needs in general educational programmes.	Awareness of the representatives from pedagogical medical commissions from local governments about the matters of Roma social inclusion has been raised.	It is ensured that a special educational programme in a special educational institution has been recommended by applying appropriate testing methods that have been introduced with the aim to ensure objectivity and non-discrimination.	6 b)		MoES		2 nd half of 2023
4.11.	Promoting Roma participation in the field of education.	Participation of Roma pupils in obtaining vocational education has been promoted.	Ensuring the work for teaching assistants – Roma in educational institutions with Roma children by ensuring personalised cooperation with parents of Roma children.	6 e)		Local governments ⁶⁴		2 nd half of 2023
			Involvement of Roma pupils in obtaining vocational education and evaluating vocational education options for Roma pupils in co-operation with VEI.	6 i)		MoES	VEI	

⁶² The activity is implemented within the framework of the measure 9.1.4.4. “Promotion of Diversity (Non-discrimination)” of the specific objective 9.1.4. “To increase the integration of people at risk of discrimination in society and labour market” of ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. Individual measure activities are also included into the Guidelines on Social Protection and Labour Market Policies 2021-2027 (approved at the Cabinet of Ministers on 1 September 2021), the Plan on Promoting Equal Rights and Opportunities for Women and Men 2021-2023 (approved at the Cabinet of Ministers on 17 August 2021) as well as in the Plan for Promoting Equal Opportunities for People with Disabilities 2021-2023 (approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on 17 August 2021).

⁶³ GSPLMP. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/325828-par-socialas-aizsardzibas-un-darba-tirgus-politikas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>

⁶⁴ Local governments ensure that there are teaching assistants in educational institutions with Roma children taking into account the existing needs and available financing within the framework of the earmarked grant awarded for them.

4.12.	Measures that prevent early school leaving and school leaving at all levels of education and promote a return to education and the labour market.	<p>The number of Roma pupils who have not obtained general lower secondary education is reduced, not exceeding 7.5% of the average number of Roma pupils.</p> <p>The number of Roma pupils who leave school and do not obtain compulsory education is reduced.</p>	<p>Educating parents of pupils in order to reduce early school leaving of Roma pupils within the framework of the project “Support for the Reduction of Early School Leaving” (PuMPuRS). Support for educators is ensured within the framework of the project “PuMPuRS” in relation to burn-out due to the high workload and issues arising from developing co-operation with pupils and their parents.⁶⁵</p> <p>Within the framework of the project “Support for the Development of Individual Competences of Educatees”, the support for the development of individual competences of educatees for general educational institutions is increased, including providing for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - establishing a support system for the development of individual competences of educatees for general educational institutions; - support for those groups of school pupils that under the Covid-19 circumstances need to compensate the learning of a certain schooling content both within distance learning and due to the reduction in volume of schooling content. <p>Applying additional learning measures to pupils with poor learning outcomes in all subjects.⁶⁶</p> <p>Within the framework of the project “PROTI UN DARI!”, based on the individual needs of each young person, a set of measures has been implemented increasing the motivation and interest of young people to return to education or the labour market.⁶⁷ Young NEET Roma have opportunities to receive support within the project. Roma mediators are encouraging</p>	4 a), 4 e), 7 c), 7 d)		MoES	SEQS, NCE, AIPY	2 nd half of 2023
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⁶⁵ The measure is implemented within the framework of the specific objective 8.3.4. “To reduce early school leaving by implementing preventative and intervention measures” (project No. 8.3.4.0/16/I/001) of ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”.

⁶⁶ The measure is implemented within the framework of the measure 8.3.2.2. “Support to develop students’ individual competences” (project No. 8.3.2.2./16/I/001) of the specific objective 8.3.2. “To increase support for general education institutions to develop students’ individual competences” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”.

⁶⁷ NEET refers to young people who are not in education, employment or training.

			young NEET Roma to take advantage of support opportunities within the project. ⁶⁸					
4.13.	Measures for Roma pupils to have better access to education at the level of local governments.	Better access of Roma pupils to education is facilitated (for early childhood education and primary education).	Roma mediators and teaching assistants ensure regular meetings between Roma mediators and teaching assistants, representatives from education administration institutions and parents of Roma children in order to promote better access of Roma pupils to education, especially to early childhood education and primary education.	7 b), 7 c)	EDG, task 3.1.2. ⁶⁹	MoES	MoC	2 nd half of 2023
4.14.	Education monitoring of Roma pupils.	Education monitoring process of Roma pupils ensured and further developed in general educational programmes, including in early childhood educational programme.	A recording mechanism of Roma children of the pre-school age is in place with the aim of identifying children not in early childhood education.	5.	EDG, task 3.1.2. ⁷⁰	MoES		2 nd half of 2023
4.15.	Scholarship programmes for higher educational studies.	Boosting motivation for Roma youth to pursue higher education.	Within the scholarship programme “Studēt gods”, scholarships have been awarded to students from large families who are successful in their studies at higher education institutions. It is intended to award such scholarship under the Law on State Social Allowances.	7 e)	Law on State Social Allowances, amendments to the Law on Higher Education Institutions	MoES		2 nd half of 2023
4.16.	Promotion of Roma employment.	Employment of the registered unemployed Roma and Roma job-seekers has been promoted by participation in SEA’s support measures.	The opportunity is provided every year for unemployed people, including the Roma to receive personalised career support and free careers counselling: assistance in choosing education and occupation, vocational re-training, selecting appropriate vacancies, job-search, temporary employment measures. Proposals are made to develop literacy skills of the unemployed registered with the SEA, including the Roma, and a pilot project is implemented with the aim of involving the target group.	8 c) 8 h)	Support for Unemployed Persons and Persons Seeking Employment Law.	SEA MoW	 SEA	2 nd half of 2023 2 nd half of 2023

⁶⁸ The measure is implemented within the framework of the measure 14.1.1.2. “Support for NEETs” (project No. 8.3.3.0/15/I/001) of the specific objective 8.3.3. “To increase the inclusion of SEA non-registered NEETs and foster their inclusion in education, supported measures within the framework of Youth Guarantee, and NGOs or youth centres” and the specific objective 14.1.1. “Recovery measures in education” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment” .

⁶⁹EDG. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/324332-par-izglitibas-attistibas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>

⁷⁰EDG. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/324332-par-izglitibas-attistibas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>

4.17.	Participation of Roma in health promotion training.	The opportunity has been ensured for Roma mediators to participate in health promotion training for the purpose of ensuring the dissemination of information to improve health literacy among the Roma community.	Roma mediators have been informed about the opportunity to take part in training on the following: 1) sexual and reproductive health; 2) the prevention of use of dependency-forming substances and the addictive process practice.	9., 9 a) i) 9., 9 b)	PHG, 1.4.2. ⁷¹ PHG, 1.3.6. ⁷²	MoH	MoC, CDPC, local governments, NGO	2 nd half of 2023 ⁷³
4.18.	Renovation of social housing and increasing its number.	Attracting private investment by increasing the building of State-subsidised housing of a reasonable price in order to create a variety of offer for housing in territories with emerging economies. Housing policy is also shaped taking into account the housing needs of different age groups and social groups by ensuring sufficient State aid regarding access to housing for special groups and developing social housing.	Availability of social housing for particularly disadvantaged persons, including orphans and children left without parental care after reaching the legal age by promoting equal opportunities to participate in the labour market and by improving occupational mobility. Local governments receive a grant. It is intended to provide support to local governments for the renovation and building of local government residential houses, ensuring the availability of a total of 1800 social and quality local government residential houses with the focus on renovation (1200 houses).	3 a), 3 d), 3 e), 9 i), 9 j), 10 c), 10 d), 10 f), 10 g)	GNIP, 4.1.4.1., NDP2027 349 ⁷⁴	MoE		2 nd half of 2023 ⁷⁵
4.19.	Providing support for sustainable housing with low operating and building costs primarily in territories with a potential source of new jobs.	Availability of residential houses for insufficient income households is fostered.	It is intended to develop a support programme for building affordable residential houses. Quality fixed-rent residential houses would be constructed within the framework of the programme. An income threshold would be set for tenants of the building (the household) in order to ensure that the State aid requirements are met. Certain groups of the population, for instance large families, teachers, police officers, medical staff would be prioritised according to their income threshold.	3 a), 10 b)	GNIP, 4.1.4.2., NDP2027 350 ⁷⁶	MoE		2 nd half of 2023 ⁷⁷

⁷¹ PHG project, p. 29. Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/lv/mk/tap/?pid=40498718>

⁷² PHG project, p. 26. Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/lv/mk/tap/?pid=40498718>

⁷³ Introducing measures within the framework of the ESF funding is to be started according to the available funding and under the ESF Fund Operational Programme and the Cabinet Regulation concerning the relevant specific objective.

⁷⁴ GNIP. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/321037-par-nacionalas-industrialas-politikas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>. See Paragraph 4.1.4.1 in [Annex 3 “Tasks of Lines of Action, Their Implementation Deadline and Responsible/Co-responsible Institution”](#) to GNIP. Available at: <https://www.em.gov.lv/en/industrial-policy-1>

⁷⁵ It is intended to implement the measure by 2029.

⁷⁶ GNIP. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/321037-par-nacionalas-industrialas-politikas-pamatnostadnem-20212027-gadam>. See Paragraph 4.1.4.2 in [Annex 3 “Tasks of Lines of Action, Their Implementation Deadline and Responsible/Co-responsible Institution”](#) to GNIP. Available at: <https://www.em.gov.lv/en/industrial-policy-1>

⁷⁷ It is intended to implement the measure by 2026.

			It is intended to build ~700 affordable residential houses within the framework of the programme.					
4.20.	Improving the availability of housing for people in difficulty and disadvantageous situations.	Improving the availability of housing for people in difficulty and disadvantaged people fostered.	A mechanism is in place for providing financial support by eliminating factors that delay making use of the offer of residential houses (NDP 351). It is intended to review groups of persons included in the Law on Assistance in Solving Apartment Matters that are eligible for assistance.	3 a), 9 j), 10 f), 10 g)	GNIP, NDP2027 351	MoE		2 nd half of 2023 ⁷⁸
4.21.	Support for individuals to receive grant for house purchases or construction.	The possibility for individuals to receive a grant for house purchases or construction is facilitated.	There is a mechanism in place providing for individuals to receive a grant for house purchases or construction where the amount of the grant awarded is determined by the number of children in the family: the support programme “Balsts” is already in place https://www.altum.lv/lv/pakalpojumi/iedzivotajiem/balsts-subsidija/balsts-subsidija .	3 a), 9 j), 10 h)	GNIP, 4.1.4.3., NDP2027 352 ⁷⁹	MoE		2 nd half of 2023 ⁸⁰
4.22.	Assistance to individuals for house purchases or construction.	Opportunities for house purchases are enhanced for families with children.	Assistance for individuals (families with children) for house purchases or construction within the framework of the Programme of Housing Guarantees. ⁸¹ In 2020, amendments were introduced to the Programme of Housing Guarantees ⁸² , increasing the amount of guarantees for families with four and more children covering up to 30% of the loan, and it also foresees possibility to re-apply for assistance for house purchases provided that the number of dependent children has increased or there is a pregnancy and all the previous guarantee obligations have expired. Similarly, now not only families with children are eligible for assistance but also families where there is a pregnancy and a baby is expected.	3 a), 9 j), 10 h)	GNIP, 4.1.4.3.	MoE		2 nd half of 2023 ⁸³

⁷⁸ There is no specified total implementation deadline for the measure.

⁷⁹ See Paragraph 4.1.4.3 in Annex 3 “Tasks of Lines of Action, Their Implementation Deadline and Responsible/Co-responsible Institution” to GNIP. Available at: <https://www.em.gov.lv/en/industrial-policy-1>

⁸⁰ There is no deadline for the implementation of the measure.

⁸¹ Information is available at: <https://www.altum.lv/lv/pakalpojumi/iedzivotajiem/majoklu-atbalsta-programma/par-programmu/>.

⁸² Cabinet Regulation No. 95 of 20 February 2018 “Regulations Regarding State Assistance in the Purchase or Construction of Residential Space”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/en/en/id/297289>

⁸³ There is no deadline for the implementation of the measure.

4.23.	Increasing energy efficiency in residential buildings and resource efficiency.	Increasing energy efficiency in residential buildings and resource efficiency is fostered.	Increasing energy efficiency in residential buildings and resource efficiency (complexes of buildings that are multi-apartment, private or with a small number of apartments), including by providing assistance within the framework of the programme “Renovation of Multi-apartment Housing” ⁸⁴ and “Energy Efficiency of Private Housing” ⁸⁵ .	10 h)	GNIP, 4.1.4.4., NDP2027 353 ⁸⁶	MoE		2 nd half of 2023 ⁸⁷
4.24.	Encouraging participation of the Roma in the defence of their rights and interests.	The implementation of the function set forth in Section 11(5) of Ombudsman Law (public awareness and understanding) is ensured. The capability of the Roma for inclusion and participation in societal processes has been improved. Understanding of the Roma of legal and interest protection issues promoted.	A course on rights literacy for representatives from the Roma community, Roma mediators and Roma teaching assistants is created.	14 b), 14 d)	Section 11(5) of Ombudsman Law	OO	MoC	
			Roma consultant has been attracted, legal counselling ensured for the Roma: - analysis on a case by case basis, - case management.	14 e)	Section 11(1)(2)(5) of Ombudsman Law			1 st half of 2022
4.25.	Combatting stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination.	Public understanding enhanced.	At least 6 video series on the participation, education, employment of the Roma have been created thereby developing a campaign on educating the public and raising its awareness.	14 e)	Section 11(5) of Ombudsman Law	OO		1 st half of 2022
4.26.	Research of the Roma situation in the human rights field.	There has been research conducted and situation analysed in the human rights field, and also opinions provided regarding the topical human rights issues in accordance with Section 12(10) of the Ombudsman Law.	In co-operation with local governments, Roma consultants and NGOs, research has been conducted and a report and recommendations developed for the Saeima, the government and local governments regarding the Roma situation in the field of human rights in Latvia.	14 c)	Section 12(10) of Ombudsman Law	OO		1 st half of 2022
4.27.	Project “Towards a More Tolerant Society: Informing, Educating, Support and Co-operation”.	Awareness of the public and different vulnerable groups on the consequences of intolerance and defence of their rights have been raised, possibilities of victims of discrimination and hate	Seminar “Discrimination, Hate Speech, Hate Crimes, What Can I Do?” specifically targeted at the Roma.	2 a), 2 d)		LCHR		2 nd half of 2022

⁸⁴ Information is available at: <https://www.altum.lv/lv/pakalpojumi/maju-energoefektivitate-1/daudzdzivoklu-maju-energoefektivitate-pamatinformacija/dzivoklu-maju-renovacija/>

⁸⁵ Information is available at: https://www.altum.lv/lv/pakalpojumi/iedzivotajiem/privatmaju-energoefektivitate/privatmaju-energoefektivitate/?allow_cookies=1

⁸⁶ See Paragraph 4.1.4.4 in Annex 3 “Tasks of Lines of Action, Their Implementation Deadline and Responsible/Co-responsible Institution” to GNIP. Available at: <https://www.em.gov.lv/en/industrial-policy-1>

⁸⁷ There is no deadline for the implementation of the measure. The measure is taking place within the framework of the measure 2.1.1.1 “Increasing Energy Efficiency in Residential Buildings, incl. by Developing the ESCO Market (Complexes of Buildings that are Multi-apartment, Private or with a Small Number of Apartments)” of measure 353 in NDP2027 (European Union Cohesion Policy Programme 2021-2027). The selection of projects is scheduled for the end of 2022.

		crimes to receive support have been enlarged, and also the capacity of NGOs to act in the fight against intolerance is strengthened.						
4.28.	Co-operation with educators.	Awareness raising efforts and campaigns in schools regarding the cultural diversity in Latvia have been promoted and supported. Training on Roma history and culture is ensured for teachers and other school staff.	Implementation of educational events at the museum of history and art of the Roma, designed to familiarise pupils, educators with Roma history and culture by developing co-operation with the association “Roma Culture Centre”, including within the framework of the programme “Latvian School Bag”.	6 h)		RCC	MoES, MoC	2 nd half of 2023
4.29.	Extending exhibition at the museum of history and art of the Roma, including providing for technological solutions.	Awareness of culture, art, language and history is raised, including remembrance of the Roma genocide.	Digitalisation of the exhibition materials at the museum (11 000 exhibits at the museum); A virtual site of the museum is created. Audio recordings of educational lectures at the museum of history and art of the Roma are created and availability of the material is ensured in different languages. The exhibition at the museum has been complemented by new subjects.	2 g), 2 h)		RCC		2 nd half of 2023
4.30.	Public awareness events, including the activity of Roma radio.	Tolerance towards the Roma is promoted by raising the public awareness of history, culture and identity of the Roma, combatting negative stereotypes, antigypsyism and racism. Public participation is enhanced; Prejudices that exist in the society against the Roma have been reduced and the Roma community has been informed of the most important events in various fields.	At least two Roma radio broadcasts are ensured a month; Information has been made available for different groups of the Roma in all major social networks (Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, TikTok, Pinterest, Telegram); News has been made available for the Roma community; Meetings held between the Roma community and eminent persons; Examples of good practice have been promoted; Antigypsyism campaigns have been conducted.	2 e), 2 g), 2 h)		RCC		2 nd half of 2023
4.31.	International Romani Culture Festival.	Public understanding of Roma cultural heritage enhanced. Negative attitudes towards the Roma based on negative stereotypes are reduced.	The International Romani Culture Festival is organised every year.	2 e), 2 g), 2 h)		RCC	MoC	2 nd half of 2023

V. Assessment of Impact on the State and Local Government Budgets

The ministries and other responsible institutions ensure the implementation provided for in the Plan in 2022 within the framework of the budget funds allocated by the State.⁸⁸ The issue regarding allocating additional State budget funds in 2023 to provide for the measures included in the Plan shall be further discussed by the Cabinet within the annual process of drafting and discussing the draft law On the State Budget and the draft law On the Medium-Term Budgetary Framework together with all proposals for priority measures submitted by all ministries and central State institutions, in line with the financial possibilities of the State budget.

Measures included in the Plan are also implemented within the State budgetary framework for 2021. Information on the financing used for the implementation of measures included in the Plan in 2021 is available in the Annex to the Plan.

1. Summary of the State and local government budget financing required for implementing the tasks included in the Plan

No.	Task/Measure	Budget unit	Code and name of the budget programme (sub-programme)	Financing planned in the Medium-Term Budgetary Framework Law			Required additional financing					Year of implementation of the measure (if implementation of the measure has a deadline)
				2022	2023	2024	2022	2023	2024	for a further period until the completion of the measure (if implementation of the measure has a deadline)	every year in future (if implementation of the measure has no deadline)	
		Financing for the implementation of the Plan, total		4 344 513	8 334 728			5 548 200	370 000		370 000	

⁸⁸ Not applicable to European Union structural funds and other European Union programmes

		including:										
		08. Society Integration Foundation		735 303	231 303							
			including:									
			01.00.00 "Society Integration Foundation Management"	31 303	31 303							
			02.00.00 Latvian NGO fund and Latvian language training programmes	200 000	200 000							
			63.07.00 "Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)"	504 000								
		18. Ministry of Welfare		391 778				778 200				
			including:									
			04.02.00 "Special Budget for Employment"					18 000				
			05.01.00 "State Programmes of Social Rehabilitation"					760 200				
			63.07.00 "Projects of the European Social Fund (ESF) Implemented in the Field of Welfare (2014-	391 778								

			2020)”									
		22. Ministry of Culture		2 117 432	2 103 425			370 000	370 000		370 000	
			including:									
			26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	2 088 425	2 088 425			370 000	370 000		370 000	
			67.06.00 “Implementation of European Community Initiative Projects and Measures”	29 007	15 000							
		12. Ministry of Economics		1 100 000	6 000 000			4 400 000				
			including:									
			35.00.00 “State Support Programmes”	1 100 000	6 000 000			4 400 000				
		15. Ministry of Education and Science										
			including:									
			63.08.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ⁸⁹									

⁸⁹ Measures are implemented: 1) Within the framework of the specific objective 8.3.4 „To reduce early school leaving by implementing preventative and intervention measures”(project No. 8.3.4.0/16/I/001) of ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 „Growth and Employment”; 2) Within the framework of the specific objective 8.3.2. „To increase support for general education institutions’ individual competences” of the measure 8.3.2.2. „Support for the development of student’s individual competences” (project No. 8.3.2.2./16/I/001) of ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 „Growth and Employment”; 3) The measure is implemented within the framework of the measure 14.1.1.2. „Support for NEETs” (project No. 8.3.3.0/15/I/001) of the specific objective 8.3.3. „To increase inclusion of SEA non-registered NEETs and foster their inclusion in education,

4.1.	Facilitating Roma participation and the preservation of uniqueness of the Roma culture ⁹⁰	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	2 000	2 000							
		22. Ministry of Culture	67.06.00 “Implementation of European Community Initiative Projects and Measures”	29 007 ⁹¹	15 000 ⁹¹							
4.2.	Initiatives for developing a unifying commemoration culture ⁹²	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	160 000	160 000							
4.3.	Research-based development policy for a cohesive society ⁹³	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	26 425	26 425			30 000 ⁹⁴	30 000 ⁹⁴		30 000 ⁹⁴	

supported measures within the framework of Youth Guarantee, and NGOs or youth centres” and the specific objective 14.1.1., „Recovery measures in education” of ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 „Growth and Employment”.

⁹⁰ “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁹¹ A pre-financing payment of 80% of the total co-financing contribution of the European Commission is foreseen according to the project contract. Detailed calculations are illustrated in the section “Project Financing” of the information report “On Implementing the Project “Latvian Roma Platform V” within the framework of the European Union’s “Rights, Equality and Citizenship” Programme (approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of 17 December 2020, prot., No. 84, Article 106). Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/mk/tap/?pid=40494205>

⁹² “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁹³ Ibid.

⁹⁴ The indicated financing is not included in the indicative set of investment projects of NDP2027 and Law On Mid-term Budgetary Framework for 2022, 2023 and 2024. The measure may be implemented if the application for priority measures submitted by the MoC will be supported in the process of preparing the State budget.

4.4.	Programme “NGO Fund” ⁹⁵	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	1 800 000	1 800 000			300 000 ⁹⁶	300 000 ⁹⁶		300 000 ⁹⁶	
		08. Society Integration Foundation	02.00.00 “Latvian NGO Fund and Latvian Language Training Programmes”	200 000	200 000							
4.5.	NGO programme for promoting the participation of minorities ⁹⁷	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	100 000	100 000							
4.6.	Minority and Latvian youth co- operation programme ⁹⁸	08. Society Integration Foundation	01.00.00 “Society Integration Foundation Management”	31 303	31 303							
4.7.	Advisory councils for minorities and the Roma ⁹⁹	22. Ministry of Culture	Within the budget framework									

⁹⁵ “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁹⁶ The indicated financing is not included in the indicative set of investment projects of NDP2027 and Law On Mid-term Budgetary Framework for 2022, 2023 and 2024. The measure may be implemented if the application for priority measures submitted by the MoC will be supported in the process of preparing the State budget.

⁹⁷ “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

⁹⁸ Ibid.

⁹⁹ Ibid.

4.8.	Ensuring services for boosting motivation and support for groups at risk of social exclusion and discrimination, including the Roma	08. Society Integration Foundation	63.07.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)”	504 000 ¹⁰⁰								
4.9.	Launching and developing the service of the family assistant in local governments	18. Ministry of Welfare	63.07.00 “Projects of the European Social Fund (ESF) Implemented in the Field of Welfare (2014-2020)”	391 778 ¹⁰¹								
			05.01.00 “State Programmes of Social Rehabilitation”					760 200 ¹⁰²				
4.10.	Inclusion of Roma pupils with special needs in general educational	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework									

¹⁰⁰ The activity is implemented within the framework of the measure 9.1.4.4. “Promotion of Diversity (Non-discrimination)” of the specific objective 9.1.4. “To facilitate the integration of people at risk of discrimination into society and the labour market” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. The total financing for the motivation programme (for four target groups, including the Roma) within the framework of the allocated State budget financing. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹⁰¹ The measure is implemented within the framework of the specific objective 9.2.1. “To increase the efficiency of social services, and the professional skills of employees and inter-institutional co-operation for work with persons in a risk situation” in the measure 9.2.1.1. “Development of professional social work in local governments (project No. 9.2.1.1/15/I/001) of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. The project ensures approval of the service of family assistants in local governments, including training of family assistants. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely considering the fact that the measure is aimed at developing the service of the family assistant in general. Individual measure activities are also included into the Guidelines on Social Protection and Labour Market Policy 2021-2027 (approved by the Cabinet of Ministers on 1 September 2021).

¹⁰² The indicated financing is not included in the indicative set of investment projects of NDP2027 and Law On Mid-term Budgetary Framework for 2022, 2023 and 2024. The measure may be implemented if the application for priority measures submitted by the MoW will be supported in the process of preparing the State budget.

	programmes											
4.11.	Promoting Roma participation in the field of education	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework									
4.12.	Measures that prevent early school leaving and school leaving at all levels of education and promote a return to education and the labour market	15. Ministry of Education and Science	63.08.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ¹⁰³									
			63.08.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ¹⁰⁴									
			63.08.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ¹⁰⁵									

¹⁰³ The measure is implemented within the framework of the specific objective 8.3.4. “To reduce early school leaving by implementing preventive and intervention measures” (project No. 8.3.4.0/16/I/001) of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. It is intended to have 530 supervisions within the framework of the project in 2022-2023. The costs of one supervision: EUR 150. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹⁰⁴ The measure is implemented within the framework of the measure 8.3.2.2. “Support to Develop Students’ Individual Competences” (project No. 8.3.2.2./16/I/001) of the specific objective 8.3.2. “To increase support for general education institutions to develop students’ individual competences” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹⁰⁵ The measure is implemented within the framework of the measure 14.1.1.2. “Support for NEETs” (project No. 8.3.3.0/15/I/001) of the specific objective 8.3.3. “To increase the inclusion of SEA non-registered NEETs and foster their inclusion in education, supported measures within the framework of Youth Guarantee, and NGOs or youth centres” and the specific objective 14.1.1. “Recovery measures in education” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

4.13.	Measures for Roma pupils to have better access to education at the level of local governments	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework									
4.14.	Education monitoring of Roma pupils	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework									
4.15.	Scholarship programmes for higher education studies	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework ¹⁰⁶									
4.16.	Promotion of Roma employment ¹⁰⁷	18. Ministry of Welfare	63.07.00 “Projects of the European Social Fund (ESF) Implemented in the Field of Welfare (2014-2020)” ¹⁰⁸									
			04.02.00 “Special Budget for Employment” ¹⁰⁹					18 000 ¹⁰⁹				
4.17.	Participation of the Roma in health promotion	29. Ministry of Health ¹¹⁰										

¹⁰⁶ The social scholarship “Studēt gods” amounts to EUR 160 a month. The social scholarship “Studēt gods” is paid by the higher education institution on the basis of the application of the student. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹⁰⁷ Pilot project for developing literacy skills of the unemployed registered with the SEA, including the Roma.

¹⁰⁸ The measure is implemented: 1) Within the framework of the specific objective 7.1.1. “To raise the qualification of the unemployed and improve their skills according to the demands of the labour market” (Project No. 7.1.1.0/15/I/001) of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”; 2) Within the framework of the measure 9.1.1.1. “Subsidised jobs for the unemployed in disadvantageous situations” (Project No. 9.1.1.1./15/I/001) of the specific objective 9.1.1. “To increase labour market integration for the unemployed in disadvantageous situations” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹⁰⁹ The indicated financing is not included in the indicative set of investment projects of NDP2027 and Law On Mid-term Budgetary Framework for 2022, 2023 and 2024. The measure may be implemented if the application for priority measures submitted by the MoW are supported in the process of preparing the State budget.

¹¹⁰ The measure is implemented within the investment framework of the specific objective 4.1.2. “To promote adaption to change of employees, employers and undertakings and active and healthy ageing, and also to promote a healthy and well-adapted working environment for health risk prevention” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2021-2027 “Growth and Employment”. The additional necessary ESF funding is included in the draft Guidelines on Public Health 2021-2027 in tasks 1.4.2 and 1.3.6. Considering the fact that it is intended to train not only Roma mediators but also other specialists, it is not possible to only identify the financing for the training of Roma mediators separately.

	training											
4.18.	The renovation of social housing and increasing its number ¹¹¹	12. Ministry of Economics ¹¹²										2029
4.19.	Support for sustainable housing with low operating and building costs primarily in territories with a potential source of new jobs	12. Ministry of Economics	Within the financing of the recovery and resilience facility ¹¹³									2026 ¹¹⁴
4.20.	Improving the availability of housing for people in difficulty and disadvantageous situations	12. Ministry of Economics	Within the budget framework ¹¹⁵									

¹¹¹ Measure 92 of NDP2027 together with its planned financing is included into task 2.9 of the Guidelines on Social Protection and Labour Market Policies 2021-2027 “To develop proposals for the provision of housing available in terms of quality and price for population groups at risk of poverty and social exclusion, people in crisis situations, for facilitating regional mobility”.

¹¹² There is no code and name of the budget programme (sub-programme) determined for the implementation of the measure since Latvian Operational Programme (where the particular measure is included) has not yet been approved by the European Commission. The indicative total amount of the programme is 60.9 million EUR providing for the local government to award a grant of 85% for eligible costs for the renovation and building of such housing (including for a full re-construction of an existing building) Financing source of the programme is the EU multi-annual budgetary means.

¹¹³ The financing for the measure of the Ministry of Economics will be ensured within the framework of 3.1.1.4.i. the recovery and resilience facility “Establishing a financing fund for the construction of low-rent dwellings”.

¹¹⁴ Investments of the recovery and resilience facility 3.1.1.4.i. The objective planned within the framework of “Establishing a financing fund for the construction of low-rent dwellings” in relation to the assistance for building ~700 apartments is to be achieved by 2026. It is impossible to predict if concrete support for the target group will be available during the implementation of the Plan for Implementing Measures of Roma Strategic Framework 2022-2023. The selection of projects is scheduled for the 1st quarter of 2022.

¹¹⁵ In 2022-2023, it is foreseen to: 1) Develop a mechanism for providing financial support by eliminating factors that delay making use of the offer of residential houses (NDP 351); 2) Review groups of persons included in the Law on Assistance in Solving Apartment Matters that are eligible for assistance. Therefore, the implementation of the measure in 2022-2023 is ensured within the existing budget framework of the MoE.

4.21.	Assistance for individuals to receive a grant for house purchases or construction	12. Ministry of Economics	35.00.00 “State Support Programmes”					4 400 000 ¹¹⁶				
4.22.	Assistance for individuals for house purchases or construction	12. Ministry of Economics	35.00.00 “State Support Programmes”	1 100 000	6 000 000							
4.23.	Increasing energy efficiency in residential buildings and resource efficiency	12. Ministry of Economics	Within the framework of the European Union Structural Funds ¹¹⁷									
4.24.	Encouraging the participation of Roma in the defence of their rights and interests	05. Ombudsman’s Office	Within the budget framework									
4.25.	Combating stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination	05. Ombudsman’s Office	Within the budget framework									
4.26.	Research of the Roma situation in the human rights field	05. Ombudsman’s Office	Within the budget framework									

¹¹⁶ The indicated financing is not included in the indicative set of investment projects of NDP2027 and Law On Mid-term Budgetary Framework for 2022, 2023 and 2024. The measure may be implemented if the application for priority measures submitted by the MoW is supported in the process of preparing the State budget.

¹¹⁷ The measure is taking place within the framework of the measure 2.1.1.1. “Increasing Energy Efficiency in Residential Buildings, incl. by Developing the ESCO Market (Complexes of Buildings that are Multi-apartment, Private or with a Small Number of Apartments”) of measure 353 in NDP2027 (European Union Cohesion Policy Programme 2021-2027). The selection of projects is scheduled for the end of 2022.

4.27.	Project "Towards a More Tolerant Society: Informing, Educating, Support and Co-operation" ¹¹⁸											
4.28.	Co-operation with educators ¹¹⁹											
4.29.	Extending the exhibition at the museum of history and art of the Roma, including providing for technological solutions ¹²⁰											
4.30.	Public awareness events, including the activity of Roma radio ¹²¹											
4.31.	International Romani Culture Festival	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 "Implementation of Society's Integration Measures"					40 000 ¹²²	40 000 ¹²²		40 000 ¹²²	

¹¹⁸ The measure is implemented within the framework of the project „Towards a More Tolerant Society: Informing, Educating, Support and Co-operation” supported by the grant programme of the European Economic Area and Norway „Active Citizens Fund”. The financing for the implementation of the programme „Active Citizens Fund” is administered by the NGO Consortium (associations Civic Alliance-Latvia, Latvian Rural Forum, Dienvidlatgale NGO Support Centre, Kurzeme NGO Centre, Valmiera Region Community Foundation and Zemgale NGO Centre). More information: <https://www.activecitizensfund.lv/en/>

¹¹⁹ The measure is implemented within the framework of the financing available for the association “Roma Culture Centre”.

¹²⁰ RCC will organise the measure within the framework of the financing for projects supported by the European Union Programme „Creative Europe”, the programme „Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values”, the targeted programme „Development Programme of the Field of Museums” of the State Culture Capital Foundation, „Active Citizens Fund” or other programmes.

¹²¹ RCC will organise the measure within the framework of the financing for projects supported by the European Union Programme „Creative Europe”, the programme „Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values”, the targeted programme „Development Programme of the Field of Museums” of the State Culture Capital Foundation, „Active Citizens Fund” or other programmes.

¹²² The indicated financing is not included in the indicative set of investment projects of NDP2027 and Law On Mid-term Budgetary Framework for 2022, 2023 and 2024. The measure may be implemented if the application for priority measures submitted by the MoC will be supported in the process of preparing the State budget.

2. Detailed Calculations for the Additional Financing Required for the Implementation of the Tasks Included in the Plan

No.	Task/Measure	Budget unit	Code and name of the budget programme (sub-programme)	Required additional funding, EUR			Calculation
				2022	2023	2024	
4.3.	Research-based development policy for cohesive society	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures” ¹²³		30 000	30 000	In 2023 and every year onwards: 30 000 EUR/per annum. Expenditure for the development of 1 study or public opinion survey based on the quality research methods (for instance, focus group discussions, in-depth interviews etc.) according to performance indicators set in the study “The Proposals for the Model of Result and Impact Indicators of the Guidelines for the Development of a Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2027” of December 2020.
4.4.	Programme “NGO Fund”	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures” ¹²⁴		300 000	300 000	At least 75 projects have been supported through a competitive tender. The indicative size of the project accounts for between EUR 2 000 and 40 000.
4.9.	Launching and developing the service of the family assistant in local governments	18. Ministry of Welfare	05.01.00 “State Programme of Social Rehabilitation”		760 200		To develop the service of the family assistant into one form of standard support and to provide support to local governments for the continuation and extension of ensuring this service, an earmarked grant is planned for local governments to ensure the service of family assistants. The amount of the earmarked grant planned for local governments accounts for 80% of the average service costs (EUR 9 per hour). The amount of the earmarked grant in 2023 necessary for 50 family assistants amounts to EUR 760 200 (for 12 months). 50 family assistants x 12 months x 1583.75 EUR/per month (average costs for the full rate if the average rate per hour is EUR 9) x 80% = EUR 760 200. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely considering the fact that the measure is aimed at developing the service of the family assistant in general.

¹²³ The additional required financing will be requested within the framework of the plan “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”.

¹²⁴ The additional required financing will be requested within the framework of the plan “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”.

4.16.	Promotion of Roma employment ¹²⁵	18. Ministry of Welfare	04.02.00 “Special Budget for Employment”		18 000		Indicatively, the financing necessary for the implementation of the pilot project accounts for EUR 18 000 (30 persons x EUR 400 average training costs + EUR 200 scholarship).
4.21.	Assistance for individuals to receive a grant for house purchases or construction	12. Ministry of Economics	35.00.00 “State Support Programmes”		4 400 000		Large families (at least 3 children or 2 children and a new pregnancy) have the State subvention “Balsts” available in the amount that does not exceed 50% of the transaction’s amount and according to the number of children in the family: Family with 3 children (or 2 children and a new pregnancy): EUR 8 000; if the housing is a nearly zero-energy building: EUR 10 000; family with 4 children (or 3 children and a new pregnancy): EUR 10 000; if the housing is a nearly zero-energy building: EUR 12 000. For 2023, it is intended that, according to the forecast of Altum regarding demand for the subvention „Balsts” that is expected in following years and to financing required for its provision, 500 subventions may be paid, therefore financing required for 2023 accounts for 4 400 000 EUR. An equivalent financing amount is also necessary for 2024.
4.31.	International Romani Culture Festival	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”		40 000	40 000	In 2023 and every year onwards: 40 000 EUR/per annum. The costs to cover the expenditure directly associated with the conduct of the festival (including renting the premises, lights and other material facilities, visual presentation of the event, remuneration for the event manager).

¹²⁵ Pilot project for developing literacy skills of the unemployed registered with the SEA, including Roma.

Measures implemented in 2021

No.	Task/Measure	Budget unit	Code and name of the budget programme (sub-programme)	Financing in 2021
		Total financing for the measures included in the Plan in 2021		1 738 753
		including:		
		08. Society Integration Foundation		
			including:	
			01.00.00 "Society Integration Foundation Management"	31 303
		22. Ministry of Culture		
			including:	
			02.00.00 "Funds for Unforeseen Events"	30 000
			26.01.00 "Implementation of Society's Integration Measures"	1 632 000
			67.06.00 "Implementation of European Community Initiative Projects and Measures"	45 450

4.1.	Facilitating Roma participation and the preservation of the uniqueness of Roma culture ¹²⁶	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	2 000
		22. Ministry of Culture	67.06.00 “Implementation of European Community Initiative Projects and Measures”	45 450 ¹²⁷
4.2.	Initiatives for developing a unifying commemoration culture ¹²⁸	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	130 000
4.4.	Programme “NGO Fund” ¹²⁹	22. Ministry of Culture	26.01.00 “Implementation of Society’s Integration Measures”	1 500 000
4.6.	Minority and Latvian youth co-operation programme ¹³⁰	08. Society Integration Foundation	01.00.00 “Society Integration Foundation Management”	31 303
4.7.	Advisory councils for minorities and the Roma ¹³¹	22. Ministry of Culture	Within the budget framework	
4.8.	Ensuring services for boosting motivation and support for groups at risk of social exclusion and discrimination, including the	08. Society Integration Foundation	63.07.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ¹³²	

¹²⁶ “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

¹²⁷ A pre-financing payment of 80% of the total co-financing contribution of the European Commission is foreseen according to the project contract. Detailed calculations are illustrated in the section „Project Financing” of the information report „On Implementing the Project „Latvian Roma Platform V” within the framework of the European Union’s „Rights, Equality and Citizenship” Programme” (approved at the meeting of the Cabinet of Ministers of 17 December 2020, prot., No. 84, Article 106). Available at: <http://tap.mk.gov.lv/mk/tap/?pid=40494205>

¹²⁸ “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

¹²⁹ “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

¹³⁰ Ibid.

¹³¹ “The Plan for Developing a More Cohesive and Civically Active Society for 2021-2023”. Available at: <https://likumi.lv/ta/id/329302-par-saliedetas-un-pilsoniski-aktivas-sabiedribas-attistibas-planu-2022-2023-gadam>

¹³² The activity was implemented within the framework of the measure 9.1.4.4. “Promotion of Diversity (Non-discrimination)” of the specific objective 9.1.4. “To increase the integration of people at risk of discrimination in society and the labour market” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. The total financing for

	Roma			
4.9.	Launching and developing the service of family assistant in local government	18. Ministry of Welfare	63.07.00 “Projects of the European Social Fund (ESF) Implemented in the Field of Welfare (2014-2020)” ¹³³	
			05.01.00 “State Programmes of Social Rehabilitation”	
4.10.	Inclusion of Roma pupils with special needs in general educational programmes	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework	
4.11.	Promoting Roma participation in the field of education	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework	
4.12.	Measures that prevent early school leaving and school leaving at all levels of education and promote a return to education and the labour market	15. Ministry of Education and Science	63.08.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ¹³⁴	
			63.08.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ¹³⁵	

the motivation programme (for four target groups, including the Roma) within the framework of the allocated State budget financing. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹³³ The measure was implemented within the framework of the specific objective 9.2.1 “To increase the efficiency of social services, and the professional skills of employees and inter-institutional co-operation for work with persons in a risk situation” in the measure 9.2.1.1. “Development of professional social work in local governments (project No. 9.2.1.1/15/I/001) of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. The project ensured approval of the service of family assistants in local governments, including training of the family assistants. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely considering the fact that the measure is aimed at developing the service of the family assistant in general. Individual measure activities are also included into the Guidelines on Social Protection and Labour Market Policy 2021-2027 (approved by the Minister of Cabinets on 1 September 2021).

¹³⁴ The measure was implemented within the framework of the specific objective 8.3.4. “To reduce early school leaving by implementing preventative and intervention measures” (project No. 8.3.4.0/16/I/001) of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. It is intended to have 530 supervisions within the framework of the project in 2022-2023. The costs of one supervision: 150 EUR. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹³⁵ The measure was implemented within the framework of the measure 8.3.2.2., “Support to develop students’ individual competences” (project No. 8.3.2.2./16/I/001) of the specific objective 8.3.2. „To increase support for general education institutions to develop students’ individual competences” of **ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020** „Growth and Employment”. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

			63.08.00 “Implementation of the Projects and Measures of the European Social Fund (ESF)” ¹³⁶	
4.13.	Measures for Roma pupils to have better access to education at local government level	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework	
4.14.	Education monitoring of Roma pupils	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework	
4.15.	Scholarship programmes for higher education studies	15. Ministry of Education and Science	Within the budget framework ¹³⁷	
4.16.	Promotion of Roma employment ¹³⁸	18. Ministry of Welfare	63.07.00 “Projects of the European Social Fund (ESF) Implemented in the Field of Welfare (2014-2020)” ¹³⁹	
4.21.	Assistance for individuals to receive a grant for house purchases or construction	12. Ministry of Economics	35.00.00 “State Support Programmes”	
4.22.	Assistance for individuals for house purchases or construction	12. Ministry of Economics	35.00.00 “State Support Programmes”	
4.23.	Increasing energy efficiency in residential buildings and resource efficiency	12. Ministry of Economics	Within the framework of the European Union Structural	

¹³⁶ The measure is implemented within the framework of the measure 14.1.1.2., „Support for NEETs” (project No. 8.3.3.0/15/I/001) of the specific objective 8.3.3. „To increase inclusion of SEA non-registered NEETs and foster their inclusion in education, supported measures within the framework of Youth Guarantee, and NGOs or youth centres” and the specific objective 14.1.1. „Recovery measures in education” of ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 „Growth and Employment”. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹³⁷ The social scholarship „Studēt gods” amounts to 160 EUR a month. The social scholarship “Studēt gods” is paid by the higher education institution based on the application of the student. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

¹³⁸ Pilot project for developing literacy skills of unemployed persons registered with the SEA, including the Roma.

¹³⁹ The measure was implemented: 1) Within the framework of the specific objective 7.1.1. “To raise the qualification of the unemployed and improve their skills according to the demand of the labour market” (Project No. 7.1.1.0/15/I/001) of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”; 2) Within the framework of the measure 9.1.1.1. “Subsidised jobs for the unemployed in disadvantageous situations” (Project No. 9.1.1.1./15/I/001) of the specific objective 9.1.1. “To increase labour market integration for the unemployed in disadvantageous situations” of the ESF Operational Programme for 2014-2020 “Growth and Employment”. It is not possible to indicate the financing for the target group of the Roma concretely.

			Funds ¹⁴⁰	
4.24.	Encouraging the participation of Roma in the defence of their rights and interests	05. Ombudsman's Office	Within the budget framework	
4.25.	Combatting stereotypes, prejudices, discrimination	05. Ombudsman's Office	Within the budget framework	
4.26.	Research of the Roma situation in the human rights field	05. Ombudsman's Office	Within the budget framework	
4.27.	Project "Towards a More Tolerant Society: Informing, Educating, Support and Co-operation" ¹⁴¹			
4.28.	Co-operation with educators ¹⁴²			
4.31.	International Romani Culture Festival	22. Ministry of Culture	02.00.00 "Funds for Unforeseen Events"	30 000

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¹⁴⁰ Financing for implementation was ensured within the framework of the Altum programme "Renovation of multi-apartment building" and "Energy efficiency of private houses". There have been 989 projects (houses) submitted to the Altum programme „Renovation of multi-apartment building" and the available support accounts for 201 462 726 EUR, projects will be implemented by the end of 2023. Financing sources of the programme: European Union Structural Funds. The programme „Energy efficiency of private houses" was launched on 27 May 2021, the available support accounts for 1 460 000 EUR. Since the programme has been opened, 392 applications from the owners of private houses have been received. For granting the aid, part of the public financing for the re-payment of the closed Latvian and Swiss Micro-Lending Programme is used.

¹⁴¹ The measure was implemented within the framework of the project „Towards a More Tolerant Society: Informing, Educating, Support and Co-operation" supported by the grant programme of the European Economic Area and Norway "Active Citizens Fund". The financing for the implementation of the programme „Active Citizens Fund" is administered by the NGO Consortium (associations Civic Alliance-Latvia, Latvian Rural Forum, Dienvidlatgale NGO Support Centre, Kurzeme NGO Centre, Valmiera Region Community Foundation and Zemgale NGO Centre). More information: <https://www.activecitizensfund.lv/en/>

¹⁴² The measure was implemented within the framework of the financing available for the association "Roma Culture Centre".