ROMA INCLUSION

A FOCUS ON GOOD PRACTICES IN EDUCATION

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Abstract:

Roma inclusion is one of the main challenges our European societies face today. Roma discrimination, prejudice, poverty and social exclusion should be combatted effectively to end the vicious circle. A key response to such problematic issue certainly is education.

This thesis is aimed at exploring what the innovative practices in education are. The objective is to bring up questions about the existence of a best education policy. Before examining the good practices selected, it is necessary to better understand the issue at stake. The educational situation of Roma in Europe has to be analysed and confronted with the education requirements. The study of good practices provides some answers to the question and illustrates the complexity and the sensitiveness of the issue.

Education shall be directed to the full development of and the strengthening of respect for Roma minority. European Union and national states should make education a core component and call today on Member States to turn their policies on Roma education into concrete action. Measures supporting equality and quality education are needed to tackle the problem at its roots.
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Table of Acronyms

ASM: Antennes Scolaires Mobiles  
CDE: Convention against Discrimination in Education  
CRC: Convention on the Rights of the Child  
ECHR: European Convention on Human Rights  
ECRI: European Commission against Racism and Intolerance  
EFA: Education for All  
ERRC: European Roma Rights Centre  
EU: European Union  
EU-MIDIS: European Union Minorities and Discrimination Survey  
FRA: Fundamental Rights Agency  
ICERD: International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination  
ISSA: International Step By Step Association  
NGO: Non-Governmental Organization  
OSCE: Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe  
OSI: Open Society Institute  
REF: Roma Education Fund  
UDHR: Universal Declaration of Human Rights  
UN: United Nations  
UNDP: United Nations Development Programme  
UNESCO: United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization  
UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund
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