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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