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Implementation and monitoring of NRSF – role of NEBs and experience of SNCHR

Equinet Workshop: Equality Bodies contributing to National
Roma Strategic Frameworks

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Overview of NRSF in Slovakia

- Strategy of Equality, Inclusion and Participation of Roma until 2030 adopted by the Slovak Government in 2021
- implemented through thematic action plans for 5 areas: education, employment, housing, health, combating anti-Roma racism and supporting participation (1st cycle of APs for 2022 – 2024)
- coordination, monitoring and evaluation vested upon the Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities
- preceded by Strategy for Roma Integration by 2020 (problems with evaluation, measuring and monitoring)



Work of SNCHR on NRSF

1. Participatory process of adoption of thematic action plans

- involved in drafting of APs under NRSF and designing tasks and indicators
 - membership in working groups
 - commenting on draft APs
 - bilateral exchanges with coordinating entity

2. Leadership of particular measures/actions under APs

- several actions/measures are directly vested upon NEB alone or in cooperation with other public bodies or entities
- mainly in terms of awareness raising but also research, policy and analytical tasks



Work of SNCHR on NRSF

3. Reporting on progress and challenges

- not the official reporting to EC but through other relevant channels
 - rule of law reporting to EC
 - alternative reports to UN – such as UN CERD; UPR mechanism

4. Other activities

- cooperation with CSOs and experts involved in external monitoring
- providing information on progress in implementation of tasks
- monitoring legislative and policy measures and participating at commentary process when relevant



Opportunities for NEBs

- ❑ advocate for broad participation at preparation of NRSF to ensure representation of respective CSOs and different groups that can face intersectional or multiple discrimination (such as Roma women, Roma that belong also to other national minority etc.)
- ❑ participate at monitoring and evaluation (external expert evaluation, own monitoring of specific aspects)
- ❑ promote engagement of CSOs in implementation and monitoring
- ❑ explore the role in monitoring horizontal conditionalities such as compliance with EU Charter if tasks under NRSF are linked to EU funding



Challenges for SNCHR and NEBs in general

- ❑ establishing effective cooperation with the entity mandated to evaluate and monitor NRSF and NEB (if not identical)
- ❑ understanding synergies between NRSF and other policy frameworks in the area of equality and human rights (duplicated/co-dependent measures and/or funding allocated)
- ❑ Financial and technical capacities to implement tasks vested upon NEB under NRSF





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