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## Active Inclusion of Roma

# Arguments for Active Inclusion

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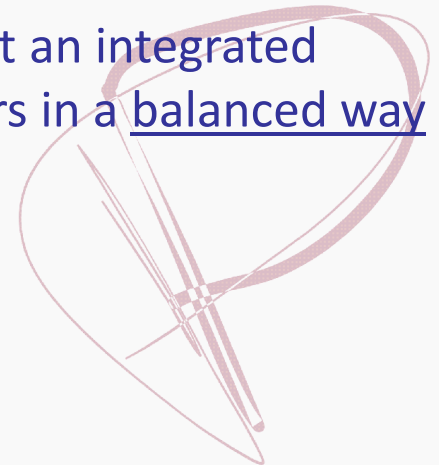


## What Active Inclusion is

- **2008: European Commission ‘Recommendation on the Active inclusion of people excluded from the labour market’**

*“Active inclusion policies should facilitate the integration into sustainable, quality employment of those who can work and provide resources which are sufficient to live in dignity, together with support for social participation, for those who cannot”*

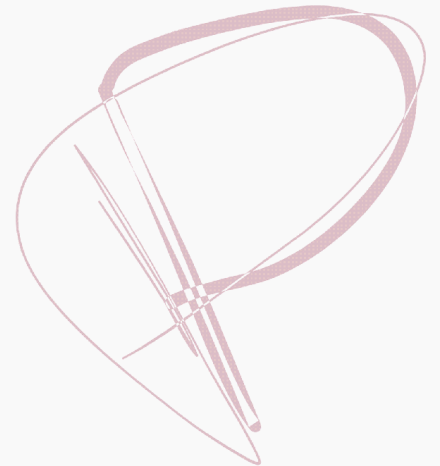
- It recommends Member States implement an integrated comprehensive strategy addressing 3 pillars in a balanced way
  - Adequate income support;
  - inclusive labour markets;
  - access to quality services





## What it is not

- not just about employment
- not the same as activation
- not the same as a comprehensive overarching strategy to combat poverty and social exclusion, but a key element in implementing one.





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## 3 Pillars

### Adequate Income

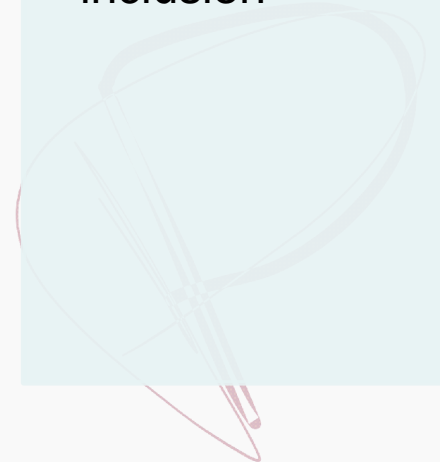
- A fundamental right
- essential to help people back into work
- acts as a social floor for the economy
- prevents or alleviates poverty and reduces the long-term social and economic costs

### Inclusive Labour Market

- facilitates reintegration into society
- access to employment is an opportunity open for all
- promote quality jobs, including pay and benefits and preventing in work poverty

### Services

- Provide the broad range of services which are essential to supporting active social and economic inclusion





## Other arguments for Active Inclusion

- ✓ An essential instrument to reduce poverty and help meet poverty reduction targets of Europe 2020
- ✓ A key part of a Social Investment approach, investing in people so that they can participate both socially and economically
- ✓ Help address the social impact of the crisis
- ✓ Provides for an integrated approach to addressing youth unemployment
- ✓ promotes empowerment, the right to participation and helps people have a say as well as the right to information and appeal decisions.





## Support across EU Institutions

- Endorsed Member States (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs Council in 2008)
- European Parliament passed a resolution supporting Active inclusion in 2009

**but.....**

2013 Commission Communication in the Social Investment Package highlights little progress in implementing the strategy and urges Member States to fully implement the Commission Recommendation on Active Inclusion without further delay.



## Why is it important for Roma inclusion?

- Active Inclusion must promote equal opportunities for all and take consideration of multiple disadvantage and the needs of vulnerable groups.
- Integrated approach
  - Inclusive labour markets should address discrimination and support for the social economy
  - Access to services including housing support and social housing, education and training, health services.





**Thank you for your attention**

10 Arguments for Active Inclusion  
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A photograph of a young boy with dark hair, wearing a blue jacket. His mouth is covered with silver duct tape. He is holding a yellow and white megaphone to his mouth, as if he is about to speak but is silenced. The background is a plain, light color.

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