INTERPRETING AND COMMUNICATING FINDINGS

HUMAN RIGHTS ADVOCACY INTRODUCTION

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What
Or
Why
Two negative trends can be identified in relations between Roma and Sinti in Italy and the majority population in recent years: (1) prejudice against Roma and Sinti has increased, and the public image of Roma and Sinti has deteriorated; and (2) in public discourse, a link is increasingly being made between Roma and Sinti migrants, criminality, and threats to public security.

The Roma currently living in Italy are not a homogeneous group. They stay for different periods of time. Their legal status varies from person to person. They face a variety of economic circumstances. And they have been integrated into the local community to varying degrees. These differences are often lost in the public’s perception of these groups.

Prejudice against and stereotyping of so-called gypsies, anti-Roma hate speech, and an increase in xenophobic attitudes against Roma and Sinti have all been visible. This resurgence of anti-Roma feeling seems to stem largely from the visible poverty of Roma and Sinti, which is exemplified by street begging, as well as from the numerous crimes allegedly committed by Roma and Sinti.

The delegation is concerned that the measures taken, by in effect targeting one particular community, namely the Roma or Sinti (or “gypsies”), along with often alarmist and inflammatory reporting in the media and statements by well-known and influential political figures, fuelled anti-Roma bias in society at large and contributed to the stigmatization of the Roma and Sinti community in Italy.

In the view of the delegation, the de facto residential segregation of Roma and Sinti in camps and settlements is not conducive to their integration into society, and contributes to their further marginalization. Access to public services for persons living in the illegal camps or settlements is restricted. Furthermore, there is a general feeling of insecurity among Roma and Sinti living in such camps, as they fear both forced eviction by the authorities and hostile acts at the hands of the surrounding majority population.

From DATA to INFORMATION
DRAWING CONCLUSIONS
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• Link commitments and conduct of the State to outcomes for everyday enjoyment of human rights for people
  • Poor conduct and absence of outcomes make for strong recommendations

• Use different sorts of data
  • Quantitative data shows a bigger picture (charts!), but is also very impersonal and does not activate
  • Qualitative data supports narratives (human stories) and creates empathy
  • Both help in telling WHY something happened = storytelling:

  A and B happened and because of that, C happened

Remember: conclusions = judgement!
Enforce Italy’s comprehensive anti-discrimination law in order to ensure equal treatment of Roma and Sinti in all areas outlined by the law and that effective judicial and non-judicial remedies against discrimination be provided.

Commitment = ↔
Effort = ↓
Outcome = ↓

Adhere to national and international standards regarding expulsion, and to ensure that expulsion orders are based on a thorough and objective examination of the situation of the individuals concerned and are subject to effective judicial review.

Commitment = ↓
Effort = ↓
Outcome = ↓

The delegation acknowledges the need for data collection and for monitoring the situation regarding Roma and Sinti in the mentioned regions and municipalities as it develops, but emphasizes that the collection and use of personal data must be in line with relevant European and other international standards. It considers as a positive step the issuing of the Ministry of Interior’s guidelines of 17 July 2008.

Commitment = ↑
Effort = ↔
Outcome = ↔

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HUMAN DIMENSION IMPLEMENTATION MEETING
GOAL(s)
What do you want to achieve with your communications?

TARGET AUDIENCE
Who do you want to reach and to take action?

CHANNEL(s)
What channels/instruments will you use to promote your issue and reach your target audience?
GOAL(s)

TARGET AUDIENCE

CHANNEL(s)

MESSAGE