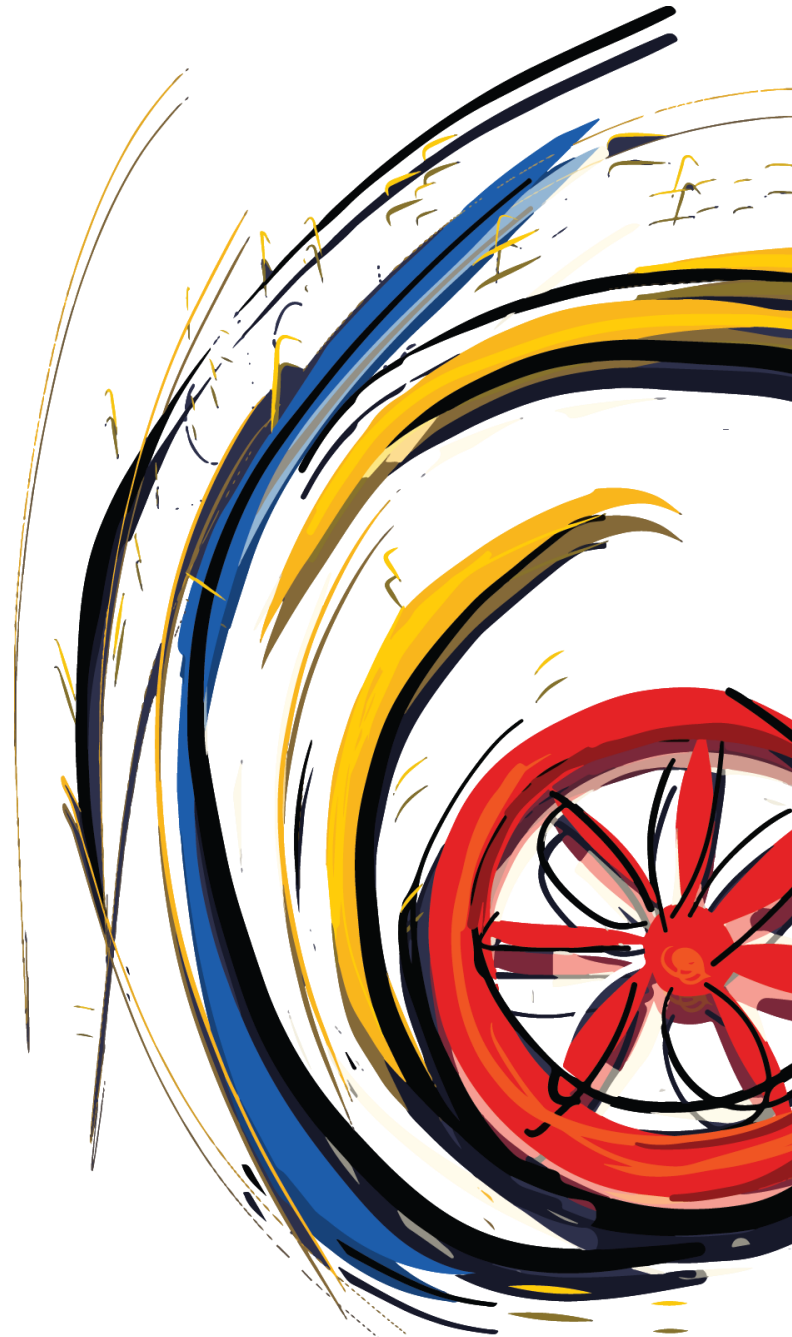


# ROMA INTEGRATION 2020

## “Hard to Employ”

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# Roma Integration 2020 action

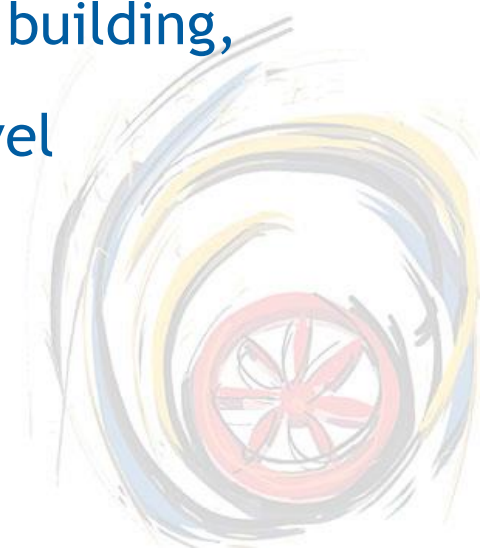
- Phase I: 2016-2018      Phase II: 2019-2021
- Funded by the European Union and the Open Society Foundation
- Coverage: Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Serbia and Turkey
- Partnership with the governments
- Topics: housing and employment; horizontal: budgeting and monitoring

\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.



# Objective and activities

- **Main objective:** reducing the **socio-economic gap** between the Roma and non-Roma population in the Western Balkans and Turkey and to **strengthen the institutional obligations** of governments to incorporate and deliver specific Roma integration goals in mainstream policy developments
- **Key activities**
  - Institutional: technical assistance/capacity building, national platforms
  - Regional: conferences, task force / high level meetings, analysis, media dissemination, mainstreaming
  - EU level: participation, contribution



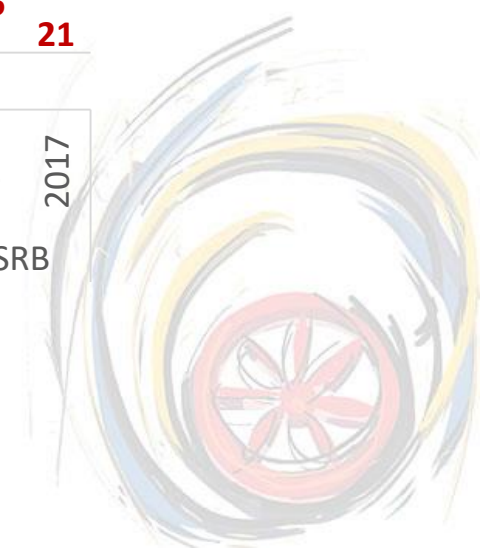
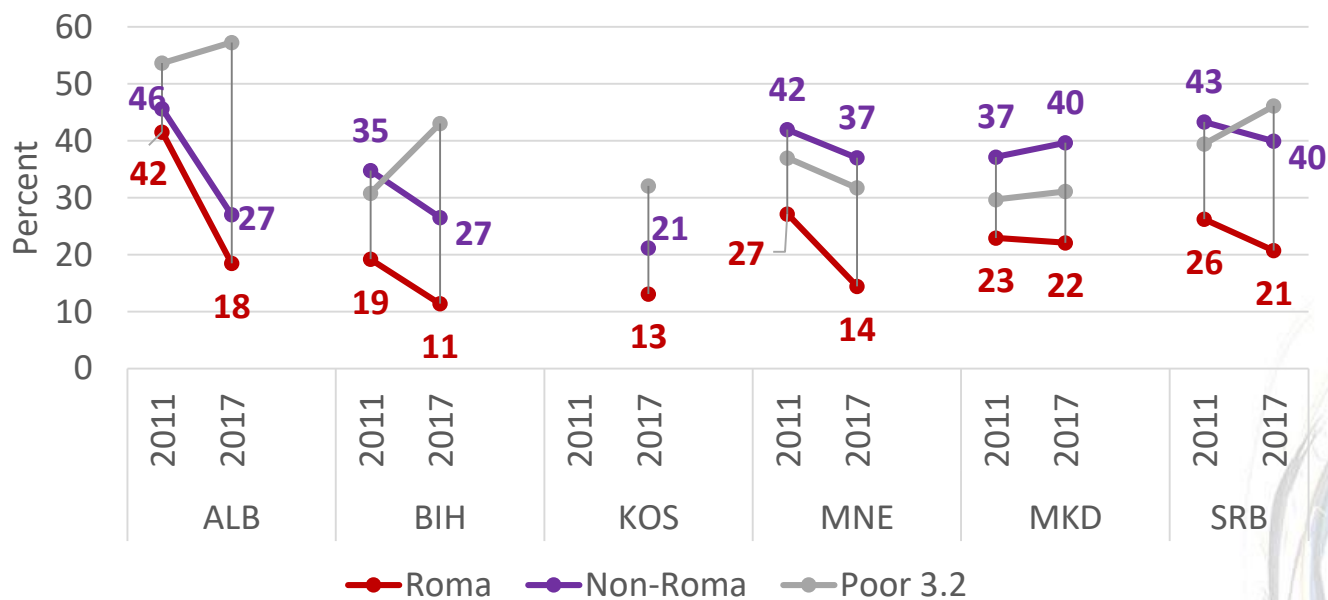
# Poznan Declaration

- Declaration of WB Partners on Roma Integration within the EU Enlargement Process
- Prime Ministers, 5 July 2019
- Targets:
  - **Employment:** Increase the employment rate of Roma in the **public sector** to the rate **proportional** of the participation of Roma in the overall population; Increase the **employment rate** among Roma to at least **25 per cent**;
  - **Education:** Increase the **enrolment and completion** rate of Roma in **primary education to 90 per cent** and the enrolment and completion rate of Roma in **secondary education to 50 per cent**;
- <https://www.rcc.int/romaintegration2020/news/323/declaration-of-wb-partners-on-roma-integration-within-the-eu-enlargement-process>

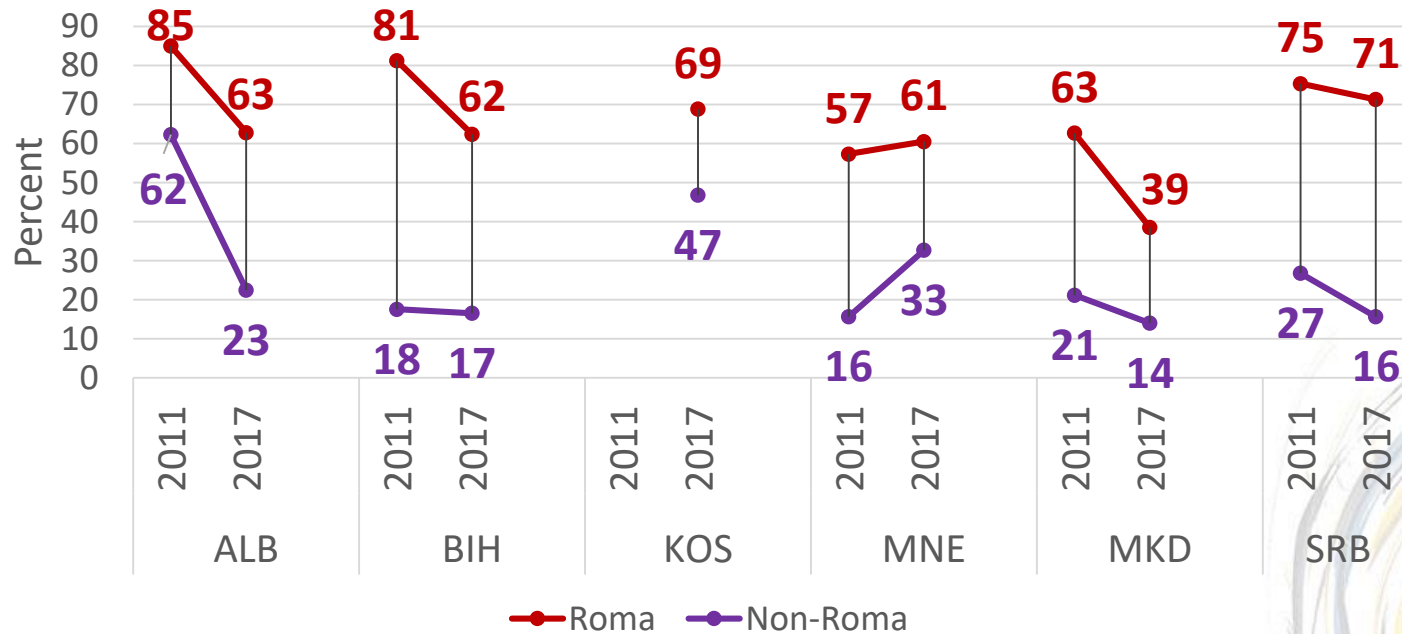


# Employment of Roma

- EC/UNDP/WB 2017 Regional Roma Survey
- Employment rate



- Employment in the informal sector



# Proposed approach

- **Legalise existing work!**
- Take into consideration the poverty status
  - Average income 265 EUR
  - Social aid beneficiaries
  - Outstanding debts
  - Lack of property (legal)
  - Lack of education and skills
- **Gradual reduction of social aid and introduction to the formal economy!**



# Jobs

- Predominant
  - Waste collection
  - Street vendor
  - Seasonal (agricultural, construction) works
  - Cleaning (females)
- Standardisation of occupation:
  - Waste collection (ME)
  - Roma health mediators (ME)
  - Roma teaching assistants
- RI2020 can partner to further this aspect





# Thank you!

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