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Subject: The situation of Roma people living in settlements in the EU

Thousands of people in Roma settlements in the EU live in social exclusion, extreme poverty and undignified conditions. They are deprived of their fundamental rights, which is in stark contrast with the values enshrined in the Treaties and despite the significant resources available via the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), in particular the European Social Fund Plus.

The Committee on Employment and Social Affairs would like to ask the Commission:

1. How will it ensure Member States make use of available EU instruments and dedicate funding to address the situation of Roma people living in settlements without direct or indirect discrimination? How will it use the ESIF performance, monitoring and evaluation framework, especially the result indicators, in order to better measure concrete progress on the ground throughout the implementation period? How will it respond to Member States that have not secured adequate funding for the implementation of their national Roma frameworks and relevant policy measures?
2. How will it support Member States' implementation of the EU Roma Strategic Framework and the Council Recommendation on Roma equality, inclusion and participation, while also supporting and securing the structured participation of civil society at national level?
3. How will it ensure that the rights of Roma children are safeguarded? How does it intend to monitor Member States' implementation of the European Child Guarantee and the specific targets set out in the national action plans for Roma children, notably regarding access to quality education and social services? How does it plan to address the persisting structural discrimination and segregation of Roma children in special schools and classes in some Member States?
4. How does it intend to monitor and support Member States' actions on improving the human rights and socio-economic conditions of Roma people living in settlements, in particular their access to safe and adequate housing and decent living conditions, as well as the fight against structural and systemic discrimination and anti-Gypsyism?

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