

# Aspects on the Roma People Social Integration in Neamț County

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## **Abstract:**

The present paper analyzes the Roma population access from the Neamț County to the main categories of services which allows the process of social integration (housing, access to educational services, health services, social supporting services, training opportunities and the labor market).

In performing the analysis on the social integration of the Roma population in Neamț County the documentary interview has been used; there have been involved the local authorities and other institutions of interest (the County Agency for Employment and Training Neamț, the Neamț County Schools Inspectorate, the Directorate of Public Health Neamț) as well as the community leaders of the Roma localities, where, because of heteroidentification, the Roma percentage exceeds 3-4% of total population. To avoid any kind of pejorative or negative connotation and to overcome "the embarrassment caused by a term option or another" the term Roma has been used in this paper study.

In spite of all mentioned objectives and plans including active measures to promote/encourage the social inclusion, to prevent ethnic discrimination, most actions take place occasionally and inarticulately, with almost no vision of systemic integration. In creating social policies and measures for the Roma people, the state must replace the paradigm of social investment, which considers interventions to support them as "social financial investments" and which, in the long run, prevent repetitive expenses incurred thereafter (school dropping causes difficulty in obtaining a qualification, generating difficulties in finding a job, in addition to poverty and dependence of welfare services).

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