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to the Commission**

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Subject: EU funding in support of the integration of marginalised communities

There are complex causes for the marginalisation of the Rom community in the EU. Their exclusion stems primarily from a lack of will on their part to assimilate into the dominant culture and from the many breaches of national law attributed to them.

For example, despite their having access to education, healthcare and public services in France, very few Rom children attend school, and a very small minority work.

One might also point out that the funding allocated to some Eastern European countries for promoting the integration of these communities is not enabling cohesion policy targets to be attained. One could therefore assert that the resources allocated are not being used judiciously, and are even being diverted away from their intended purposes.

1. Is it worthwhile allocating funding to combat the exclusion of a community that does not wish to integrate?
2. Will the Commission strengthen monitoring and control of the use of EU funding earmarked for marginalised communities, so as to better combat wastage of EU taxpayers' money?