

**Question for written answer E-001775/2023
to the Commission**
Rule 138
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Subject: Addressing the segregation of Roma children in education through Slovakia's National Recovery and Resilience Plan (NRRP)

Slovakia is committed to desegregating Roma children in education, including through the NRRP, in response to ongoing European Commission proceedings for violation of the EU Racial Equality Directive. However, consideration is being given to funding the construction of a segregated church primary school in Trebišov from its grant programme. This is in spite of the fact that Trebišov has sufficient capacity to accommodate Roma children in mainstream primary schools. If this plan goes forward, it will be yet another example of policy failure on both sides – Slovakia and the European Union. This use of financial resources under the NRRP will not lead to the inclusion of Roma children, but on the contrary, will deepen their segregation and social inequality with help from European funds.

In light of the above:

- 1) How does the Commission intend to monitor the effectiveness and application of the principle of desegregation in the use of European funds under the NRRP?
- 2) What steps does the Commission plan to take to prevent a loss of credibility, given that it is bringing proceedings against Slovakia for not effectively addressing the segregation of Roma children in education, while also threatening to fund a plan that will further segregate Roma children?

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