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Subject: The situation of the Roma in Member States

The EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies establishes a common set of principles and targets to be met both at national and European level. The framework, presented by the Commission in April 2011 and welcomed in the Council Conclusions in May, calls on Member States to align their national Roma strategies to its objectives. Member States are to update and present them to the Commission by the end of December 2011. The general goal of these strategies is to put an end to the exclusion of Roma by 2020. In some Member States, not only are inclusion policies not applied, but also discriminatory and undemocratic measures are taken by national, regional and local authorities. In other Member States racist, discriminatory and sometimes violent attacks against Roma are prevalent and the authorities fail to respond effectively.

How does the Council assist Member States in developing their national strategies and what have the Member States done so far in implementing them? What is the response of the Member States to the 2011 framework? What actions is the Council taking concerning violations of the fundamental rights in Member States, especially violations of the right to freedom of movement and of residence? How does the Council monitor the anti-Roma incidents taking place across Europe? What actions is it taking to help national authorities tackle and prevent such attacks?

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