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National Observatory on the Condition of Persons with Disabilities

The National Observatory on the Condition of Persons with Disabilities ([*Osservatorio nazionale sulla condizione delle persone con disabilità*](#)) was set up in 2008 to monitor the implementation in Italy of the UN Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities. The Observatory's mission includes: i. Promote the implementation of the Convention and prepare the detailed report on the measures taken referred to in Article 35 of the same Convention, in liaison with the Interministerial Committee on Human Rights; ii. Prepare a three-year action programme for the promotion of the rights and integration of persons with disabilities, in implementation of national and international legislation; iii. Promote the collection of statistical data illustrating the condition of persons with disabilities, also with reference to the different territorial situations; iv. Prepare the report on the state of implementation of disability policies at country level; v. Promote the implementation of studies and research that may contribute to identify priority areas towards which to direct actions and interventions for the promotion of the rights of people with disabilities. The Observatory's composition represents both institutional bodies and civil-society organisations representing persons with disabilities, as well as all relevant stakeholders (trade unions, municipalities, the labour inspectorate, the National Statistics Institute, the National Social Security Institute, etc.).

National Roma Platform

In 2017, the National Roma Platform (*Piattaforma Nazionale Rom, Sinti e Caminanti – Piattaforma RSC*) was established¹ as advisory board for the implementation of the National Strategy for equality, inclusion and participation

of Roma and Sinti (*Strategia Nazionale di uguaglianza, inclusione e partecipazione di Rom e Sinti*). The Platform is meant to work as coordination mechanism between, on the one hand, governmental institutions, and local authorities in charge of implementing the Strategy, and, on the other, civil-society organisations representing Roma people and combating discriminations. 79 civil-society organisations are represented in the Platform, coordinated by UNAR (mentioned above). The Platform's goals include: i. monitoring and ensuring the implementation of the Strategy's actions

¹ Italy, Decree of the Chief of the Equal Opportunity Department ([*Decreto del Capo Dipartimento per le Pari Opportunità*](#)) of 29 May 2017.

and goals; ii. Identifying and fostering exchange of good practices on Roma inclusion; iii. Periodic revising and updating of the Strategy; iv. Participation to the national and local working groups for the implementation of the Strategy. The Platform relevantly contributed to the drafting of the new Strategy adopted for the period 2021-2030².

Other practices

In June 2023, UNAR and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) signed a [Letter of Intent](#) to cooperate in scaling up efforts to combat racism and discrimination, and to mutually support the development and implementation of initiatives, projects, monitoring activities countering discriminations and racism. The pivotal areas of partnership identified are: i. Support capacity-building for civil society, policymakers, local authorities and cities network in Italy and Europe on policy, regulatory and ethical considerations related to the fight against racism and all forms of discrimination; ii. Jointly design, deploy and implement initiatives aimed to raise awareness and promote the importance of equal treatment, inclusion, gender-based resilience and anti-discrimination in the region; iii. Establish a network of national authorities and experts to provide advice on the implementation of the Roadmap against Racism and Discrimination, including the organization of regular debates to enhance knowledge and best practices; iv. Undertake a strategic dialogue that will also explore other areas of joint interest for which the Parties could bring their respective expertise and networks, with a view to building a lasting shared-value partnership. The Letter of Intent is valid until June 2024.

² Italy, National Strategy for equality, inclusion and participation of Roma and Sinti 2021-2030 ([Strategia Nazionale di uguaglianza, inclusione e partecipazione di Rom e Sinti 2021-2030](#)), 23 May 2022.