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Working group work report 2017 & work plan 2018

WG title:	Roma inclusion	
Forum	Social Affairs Forum	
Chair city	Ghent	
Vice chair or co - chair city, if any	Glasgow	
Objectives of the WG in 2018 *Max.1000 characters, including spaces*	Workplan for 2018-2019: 1. Build the capacity of members to improve local policies for Roma integration through mutual learning on Roma participation, transition from education to employment, healthcare provision, collection of data on Roma situation (extend the mapping towards more cities) 2. Influence the post-2020 EU Roma strategy from the city perspective 3. Raise awareness of EU institutions and national contact points towards the city initiatives for Roma inclusion 4. Raise awareness at local level of the Roma history and culture to combat discrimination and anti-gypsyism 5. Build capacity on training of city staff on non-discrimination and equal access to services ('training of trainers') We will continue to: - build east-west cooperation and attract more cities from Eastern Europe - work to secure funding to help cities improve their policies on Roma inclusion - involve Roma people from the target group in our work - address both 'domestic' Roma and 'migrant' Roma in our work	
Set of proposed actions to achieve the objectives *Max.500 characters, including spaces*	1. Two mutual learning events (incl. study visit, critical friend review, policy transfer) 2. Policy statement on Roma inclusion at local level in a post-2020 EU strategy 3. Organise an expert workshop in Brussels during the EU Roma Week to promote the role of cities in Roma inclusion 4. Write a series of articles on EUROCITIES website to promote cities' awareness-raising actions for 8 April International Roma Day 5. Organise a training with the FRA on human-rights approach to Roma integration	

Main achievements of the WG in 2017 *Max.1000 characters, including spaces*	- conducted a mapping of the situation of Roma people in 23 cities in Europe - 1 mutual learning on local approaches to Roma participation – Lisbon, April - 1 study visit on integrated approaches to Roma inclusion at local level – Cluj-Napoca, September - contributed with inputs from 10 cities to the Commission's mid-term review of the EU Roma Framework - brought a focus on Roma vulnerability in the urban poverty partnership and developed 3 actions for better Roma inclusion as part of the action plan - attracted 3 new members to WG (Cluj-Napoca, Bordeaux, Toulouse) - engaged up to 10 Roma people in dialogue with cities at our WG meetings - reinforced collaboration with the EU institutions (DG EMPL, DG REGIO, DG JUST, FRA, EP ARDI, CoE) - reinforced collaboration with Roma NGOs and civil society (ERGO network, ERIO, OSF) - participated in 12 EU-level events on Roma, including the EU Roma Week and the 11th EU Roma platform - brought 2 city experts at an EP training on children's rights