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## Roma Network E-News

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Dear friends

The topic of Roma inclusion is picking up again at EU level as the deadline arrives for EU member states to submit their national strategies for Roma inclusion. This week I received an email from the Hungarian government announcing their new national strategy for social inclusion, which deals specifically with Roma integration. I'll be interested to see and compare the other national strategies as they gradually get submitted to the European Commission.

Anticipating this deadline, the European Platform for Roma Inclusion was held mid November here in Brussels where civil society and Roma activists met with the European Commission and representatives from national ministries responsible for the Roma strategies. A certain amount of frustration was aired by civil society about the lack of progress being made in favour of Roma in Europe, but member states asked for patience as they prepare their strategies. In any case, it was an interesting meeting to be part of! More details about this meeting below...

Whilst EU developments are important, I also like to see concrete projects on the ground making a difference to the lives of Roma people. This month we feature an inspiring project from Diakonie Bremen, Germany, with their counselling centre for victims of trafficking of whom many are Roma.

This is the last Roma e-news before the Christmas break, so if you have any news to send me for the beginning of 2012, please feel free to email me at [catherine.storry@eurodiaconia.org](mailto:catherine.storry@eurodiaconia.org). Also we are looking for a host for the next Roma Network meeting, please get in contact if you might be interested.

Wishing you a very merry Christmas and a

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blessed new year!

Catherine

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- Reminder to get involved with your national Roma integration strategy...read more
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### Publications

- Council of Europe factsheet on 'Protecting the rights of the Roma'...[read more](#)
- ENAR launches toolkit "Working on migrant integration at local level"...[read more](#)
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