

As civil society actors committed to rights-based development, we welcome Czechia's VNR and the opportunity to reaffirm our shared obligation to leave no one behind. But inclusion must not be symbolic — it must be procedural, measurable, and accountable.

While we recognize progress in areas such as education and environmental policy, structural inequalities persist. Roma communities, as part of the global family of **CDWD** remain disproportionately affected by antigypsyism, educational segregation, housing exclusion, and limited access to political and economic participation. Discrimination continues to obstruct SDGs 10, 4, 11, and 16.

Roma must not be reduced to data points. We are rights-holders and co-authors of Czechia's sustainable future. This requires meaningful participation in SDG design, monitoring, and evaluation.

We call for:

- Investment in data systems that capture both Roma presence and exclusion.
- Ensure existing mechanisms deliver systemic Roma inclusion with real civil society participation
- Supporting grassroots initiatives that foster Roma involvement in policy-making.
- Revision of the anti-discrimination law to ensure it is more sensitive and responsive to antigypsyism, with dedicated resources for effective enforcement.
- Transparent, needs-based allocation of national and EU funds, including in the design and implementation of the new MFF.
- A final, definite commitment to desegregate education and end all forms of school segregation.

Our 2030 Agenda depends on acknowledging systemic exclusion and building inclusive structures of co-governance.

Roma inclusion is not a favor — it is a democratic necessity.