

International  
cooperation in respect  
of ethnic minorities  
FSG's experience



# The Fundaci n Secretariado Gitano (FSG)

The FSG is a non-profit social organisation which provides services for the development of the Roma community throughout the whole of Spain and in Europe. Although work began back in the 1960's, it was not constituted as an Association until 1982 and then changed its legal status to that of Foundation in 2001. It is, therefore, an organisation with over four decades of history and experience focused on the social inclusion of Roma.





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The mission of the Foundation is the integral advancement of the Roma community based on respect for cultural identity. This mission seeks to support access of Roma persons to rights, services and social resources on an equal footing with all other citizens. To accomplish this, a wide range of actions are carried out with a view to improving the living standards of Roma people and encouraging recognition, support and development of their cultural identity.

To this end, two types of actions are implemented:

- Direct provision of services to the Roma community focusing on advancement and improvement of living standards (education, employment, health, housing, fight against discrimination, etc.);
- Actions targeting the society at large and designed to foster more pro-active policies as concerns the Roma community (awareness-raising, public image, technical assistance, training, etc.).

The FSG has over 500 professional staff members carrying out activities in the 54 FSG centres distributed throughout all of Spain. There are over 80,000 (2006 figures) direct beneficiaries of the Foundation's actions in different areas.