



DISCRIMINATION

AND THE ROMA COMMUNITY

Presentation



For another year running the Fundación Secretariado Gitano presents its *annual report on Discrimination and the Roma Community* documenting real cases which demonstrate the daily occurrence of ethnic discrimination in order to encourage social entities and public authorities to get more actively involved in promoting the equal treatment of ethnic minorities.

The 2007 Report is based on an analysis of the situation of the Roma community in 2006, particularly as concerns the passing and practical enforcement of anti-discrimination rules and equal treatment policies.

This year, the main body of the report features an in-depth analysis of the 9 most significant cases of discrimination identified by the FSG in 2006 whose consequences and implications for the future are particularly relevant in legal terms and as concerns the protection of victims.

Following this analysis of the 9 cases, the report focuses on the most noteworthy advances made in the fight on discrimination in 2006 within the sphere of the public administration and the civil society and the latter's most representative organisations.

And lastly, the Report concludes with a summary of the 146 cases registered and documented in 2006 the typology and circumstances of which are very similar to those analysed in previous reports. In all of these cases we confirmed the existence of facts which, in accordance with the terms of Directive 2000/43, are considered discriminatory practices although in some cases these may be difficult to prove.

The 2006 report shows that the discrimination suffered by the Roma community is an ongoing and global phenomenon although we do not have the means or sufficient information for a comparative geographical analysis. Therefore, it is important to stress once again that the number of cases documented in a particular location is not indicative of the latter's prevailing level of discrimination but simply means that in that location it was easier to pick up on or that the FSG teams had the staff or means there to detect discriminatory practices.

