

PROPOSALS FROM FUNDACIÓN SECRETARIADO GITANO

REGIONAL ELECTIONS

CASTILE AND LEÓN 2026



As a member organisation of the *Social Pact for Families* of Castile and León, and in view of the regional elections to be held in this Region in **March 2026, Fundación Secretariado Gitano** presents its policy proposals, which we consider key to strengthening social policies and thus addressing the high incidence of poverty and the deep inequality gap affecting the Roma community in areas such as education, employment and access to housing, and to **ensuring equality in rights and opportunities** for all citizens.

Situation of the Roma population

86% of Roma are in poverty and 46% in extreme poverty	The child poverty rate is 89%	66% of Roma are under the age of 30	6 out of 10 Roma children do not get a compulsory secondary education certificate
Only 17% of Roma over the age of 16 have completed compulsory secondary education or higher	More than 18 000 Roma continue to live in under-housing and slums	Employment rate is only 30%, 16% for women	35% of Roma say they have been discriminated against

6 proposals to advance Roma equality: guaranteeing rights and combating discrimination

1 EDUCATION

Implementation of a **plan to combat school failure**, that incorporates educational guidance, support and reinforcement measures adapted to the needs of Roma students to ensure that they complete compulsory education and continue on to post-compulsory studies.

2 ROMA CHILDREN AND YOUTH

Design and implementation of specific measures, and allocation of resources, to **address child and youth poverty** from a comprehensive perspective, in line with the investment priorities established for the **Child Guarantee**.

3 EMPLOYMENT

Implementation of the **Action Plan for Improving the Employability of the Roma Population (2025-2028)** with adapted measures for education, training and access to employment, especially for Roma youth, based on personalised pathways suited to each person's educational and employment profile, ensuring training in digital skills and always taking into account the gender perspective.

4 ROMA WOMEN

Strengthening actions aimed at guaranteeing equal opportunities for Roma women, especially those in the most vulnerable situations, by promoting **specific measures sustained over time** for their social, personal and professional development, which serve to compensate for the disadvantages and barriers they face in their dual status as women and Roma.

5 HOUSING

Prioritise investment in housing policies (*State Housing Plan, ERDF, etc.*) in the **rehabilitation of degraded, segregated and highly vulnerable neighbourhoods**, so as to guarantee not only decent housing but also access to public resources and services.

6 POLITICAL FRAMEWORK

Strengthen the policy framework relating to the Roma population, providing the **Strategic Action Programme for the Roma Population in Castile and León 2021-2030** with specific funding and effective mechanisms for coordination, monitoring and impact assessment.