2026 GENERAL ELECTIONS

PROPOSALS FROM FUNDACIÓN SECRETARIADO GITANO

The situation of severe inequality faced by the Roma community calls for a firm commitment in the next parliamentary term in Spain.

We therefore call on the political parties to:

A firm commitment to the social advancement and equality of Roma people through public policy, ensuring specific and tailored measures are put in place to reduce the inequality gap in key areas such as education and employment, with a particular focus on women and girls.



Fundación Secretariado Gitano

SCHOOL FAILURE RATE

63% ROMA STUDENTS

4% GENERAL STUDENT POPULATION

REDUCE SCHOOL FAILURE AND ENSURE EDUCATIONAL SUCCESS FOR ROMA STUDENTS

Specific plans for guidance, support and educational reinforcement to tackle the problem of educational failure and early leaving rates amongst Roma students.

Ensuring that Roma children are included in infant education through individual and family support measures.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE

39.9% ROMA

52 % in the case of women

10.7% GENERAL POPULATION

Young Roma who are neither in education nor in employment: 63% women and 46.6% men

INCREASE LABOUR MARKET PARTICIPATION AND EMPLOYMENT AMONG ROMA PEOPLE, ESPECIALLY WOMEN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Ensure the effective implementation of the *2025-2028 Action Plan for Improving the Employability of the Roma Population*.

Strengthen active labour market policies through more intensive and tailored support, with a stronger focus on job placement and measurable employment outcomes.

Reform the Minimum Income scheme to better support access to employment by strengthening activation measures and improving the compatibility of benefits with paid work.

18,000 ROMA

live in slums

UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE 50 %

OVERCOME SLUMS AND SUBSTANDARD HOUSING SETTLEMENTS

Direct investment under the 2026–2030 State Housing Plan towards areas with the highest levels of housing exclusion and social vulnerability, such as slums, ensuring a decent housing alternative and a process of social support.

Greater investment in regeneration and refurbishment projects in severely run-down neighbourhoods.

30% ROMA

say they have been discriminated against in the past year

COMBAT DISCRIMINATION

Strengthen awareness-raising measures, ensure the effective enforcement of anti-discrimination legislation, and guarantee access to support and redress mechanisms for victims of discrimination.

SUPPORT THE ADOPTION OF A COMPREHENSIVE LAW FOR THE PROMOTION, EQUALITY AND RECOGNITION OF THE ROMA PEOPLE

Establish a robust legal framework to address the multiple forms of inequality and discrimination still affecting Roma and to advance the Roma recognition in Spanish society.

TO ADVOCATE FOR THE CONTINUATION OF THE EUROPEAN SOCIAL FUND AS AN ESSENTIAL TOOL FOR PROMOTING EMPLOYMENT AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

All these measures require adequate, sustained and long-term investment. We therefore call for continued support for European funding instruments, particularly the European Social Fund Plus (ESF+), which has provided real opportunities for social advancement to thousands of people, including many Roma, while generating substantial social and economic returns.