

# PROPOSALS FROM FUNDACIÓN SECRETARIADO GITANO

## REGIONAL ELECTIONS

### EXTREMADURA 2025



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In a context of growing social inequalities, the regional elections to be held on **21 December in Extremadura** are key to strengthening social policies so that they address 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 guarantee **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

## 5 proposals to advance Roma equality: guaranteeing rights, combating discrimination and promoting recognition and participation

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### 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 the compulsory studies and continue to post-compulsory studies. As stated in the *European Child Guarantee*, it is essential to focus investments in children on particularly vulnerable groups, such as Roma children.

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### EMPLOYMENT

Implementation of the *Action Plan for the improvement of the employability of the Roma population (2025-2028)* with adapted training, capacity building and access to employment measures, based on personalised pathways and adapted to the educational and employment profile of each person, ensuring training in digital skills and always taking into account the gender perspective.

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### ROMA WOMEN

Actions aimed at guaranteeing equal opportunities for Roma women, especially those in the most vulnerable situations, promoting specific measures 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.

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### HOUSING

Prioritise in housing policies investments in the rehabilitation of degraded, segregated and highly vulnerable neighborhoods, so as to guarantee not only decent housing, but access to resources and public services.

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### RECOGNITION

Advance the institutional recognition of the Roma population through the renewal of the *Regional Council of the Roma People of Extremadura*, a representative and qualified body that collects and reflects the heterogeneity of the Roma community in the region.