Social Situation of Roma and Sinti in Europe

This settlement near the centre of Athens is populated mainly by Roma from Albania, who have been living here for several years.
Roma/Sinti in Europe

- 8 to 10 million Roma in Europe today
- 1500 the first Roma came to W Europe.
Dispersed over Europe

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- Spain. 600,000- 800,000
- Portugal. 40,000- 60,000
- France. 600,000
- Greece. ?
- Italy. 500,000
Socio economic issues

- Housing and living conditions
- Unemployment and economic problems
- Healthcare
Housing and living conditions

- Housing condition far below normal standard in most of the countries.
- No personal hygiene facilities
- Romani settlements are concentrated outside towns
- Illegally built housing
- House blocks not always registered.
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Water and sanitation
Economic

- Economic transition in Eastern Europe
- Gradually disappearance of local markets
- Difficult to adapt to the demands of the modern labour market
Unemployment
No Roma need to apply

• Dissapearance of traditional Roma occupation
• Residential segregation
• Unequal access to education.
• Discrimination (no employment for Roma available)
Healthcare

• Health indicators drastic different from majority population
• Lack of equal access to health care