

Contract title: Support to the Implementation of the Roma Strategy

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**Subject: FIRST QUARTERLY REPORT - SUMMARY
For the period 15 February – 31 March 2011**

This Quarterly Report for the Project 'Support to the Implementation of the Roma Strategy' covers the project implementation activities in the period 15 February – 31 March 2011. It represents the major findings and results achieved from the work undertaken on the ground by the BBI Technical Assistance team. The format of the Report has been agreed in advance with the Contracting Authority, including the list of annexes. Deliverables produced throughout the reported period are included in the annex section of the report.

The first part of the Report provides to the reader an update on the use of human resources, including incidentals. The major achievement in that period refers to the development of the Roma Decade Presidency Programme, which was done by specially identified and contracted Senior Non-Key Expert. Further, the report describes the process of establishment of the Project Steering Committee (PSC) – nomination, organisation of the 1st meeting, and development and coordination of Committee proceedings.

Second, the Report presents the activities implemented in the period of mid-February until end of March 2011. The key development here is the development and delivery of the Roma Decade Presidency Programme; another cornerstone of Technical Assistance Team (TAT) activities was the execution of recruitment procedure for Non-key Experts (NKE). In the reporting period the team started with translation of key documents, which will be required in the next implementation stages. Moreover, necessary approvals were applied for and obtained from the Contracting Authority (CA). As a conclusion, it could be stated that there are some delays of tasks related to Roma Strategy Assessment and training needs assessment due to the extended NKE recruitment procedure, which will ensure both high-quality of expertise to be made available for the project and also full compliance with applicable CA rules.

Further the report also provides the plan of activities for the next 3-month period, which will be used as a management tool and also for monitoring purposes.

The last chapters deal with an assessment of progress towards the planned results, which describes in a summarised manner each result with corresponding activities undertaken for its achievement. Indicators are also provided by following strictly the established list of indicators in the LogFrame.

Annexes are included at the end of the report.



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