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# Presentation on the reality of Roma (France)

In French, we can designate the Roma in other words,  
such as :

- of Gypsy
- of Gypsies (or Roma)
- of Manush
- of Romanies
- of Bohemians
- of Sinti.



# Total population of 6 to 20 million (in the world, in 2000)

## ➤ Regions with significant populations

Romania : 535 140 (2.46%)

France : 500 000 (0.79%)

Bulgaria : 370 908 (4.67%)

Hungary : 205 720 (2.02%)

Greece : 200 000 (1.82%)

Italy : 130 000 (0.22%)



# 2007-2010 (France)

The entry of Romania into the European Union on 1 January 2007, facilitated the movement of Romanian Roma, they no longer need visas to enter France. Evictions of Roma have increased from 2,000 in 2003 to about 8000 in 2008.

However, until 2004, nationals of Bulgaria and Romania are not fully benefiting from the European principle of free movement and to work officially, need a residence permit and a work permit.





In addition, the EU Directive of 2004 on the free movement of EU citizens have not been fully transposed into French law, including its provisions on safeguards for deportees. Since 2007, the number of deportations of Romanian Roma in France between 8000 and 9000 per year, representing about 30% of the targets of deportation. These returns are largely voluntary because they carry a premium of 300 € per adult and 100 € per child and the care of the ticket.

In 2009, France expelled 10 000 Roma from Romania or Bulgaria.

On 9 of September 2010, the European Parliament has called for the suspension of forced returns, contrary to Community law. 8,030 Romanians and Bulgarians illegally have been renewed by France in their home country between 1 of January and 25 of August 2010. According to the Minister Eric Besson, 1291 have been under duress, and 6739 on a voluntary basis, through 27 flights "specially chartered"

# Mass expulsions of Summer 2010

In late July 2010, President Nicolas Sarkozy decided, following two news items involving French members of the Traveller community, the organization of massive returns of Roma in Romania, sparking a huge controversy.

A circular from the Ministry of Interior issued 5 of August 2010 request to the prefects to evacuate « 300 illegal settlements or camps within three months, primarily those of Roma », and to initiate a « systematic process of dismantling the camps illegal, primarily those of Roma ».

Some experts in constitutional law, the term « primarily those of Roma » violates the principles of non-discrimination, while all those circular contravenes the free movement of persons and their right of residence guaranteed by the European treaties and detailed by the 2004 Directive (38/2004). It would also potentially breach the European Convention on Human Rights which prohibits discrimination based on nationality, race or ethnicity.



On 22 of August 2010, Pope Benedict XVI urges pilgrims to know "accommodate legitimate human diversity," which was interpreted by some as a criticism of efforts by the French authorities specifically against Roma, interpretation disputed by others.

On 27 of August 2010, the Committee on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination (CERD) UN calls on France to "ensure the access of Roma to education, health, housing and other temporary facilities in accordance with the principle of equality "and wondered why she had " still not available to Travellers the necessary number of reception areas in accordance with the Act, 5 of July 2000 Loi Besson. The annual cost of the deportation of Roma to the budget of France is estimated between 200 and 250 million euros (according to figures from the French Senate).



On 9 of September 2010, Parliament adopted a resolution which urges France to "stay on the field" evictions of Roma. The text, introduced by the S & D, ALDE, Greens / EFA and GUE / NGL Group, called on France and other Member States to "immediately suspend all evictions of Roma." Members also claim that the fingerprinting of Roma evicted is illegal and contrary to the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union.

On 14 of September 2010, Viviane Reding, European Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, expressed its "intention to launch two infringement proceedings against France's policy towards the Roma."

