

**Definition of Roma participation adopted by the Resolution of the Government Council for  
Roma Minority Affairs no. 9/2024 on November 14, 2024**

Roma participation means the active and full participation of members of the Roma minority in the public, political, cultural and social life of the Czech Republic, in accordance with the principles of equality, non-discrimination and partnership. This participation includes in particular:

**Political participation:** Roma have the right to be represented in decision-making processes at local, regional and national levels, both through elected representatives and through participation in governmental and non-governmental advisory bodies, such as Monitoring Committees and the Government Council for Roma Minority Affairs.

**Social participation:** Roma have the right to participate in the creation of policies, programmes and projects that directly affect their community, particularly in areas such as housing, education, healthcare, employment and social integration.

**Consultative processes:** In accordance with Section 6 of the Act No. 273/2001 Coll. on the rights of members of national minorities, which regulates the establishment of advisory bodies for national minorities, Roma participation includes consultation and co-decision-making on issues that have a direct impact on the Roma community. This includes the creation of mechanisms in which Roma representatives will have equal decision-making powers at a given (local, regional, national) level.

**Inclusion and equal access:** In accordance with the objectives of the Act on the rights of members of national minorities, Roma must have equal opportunities to participate in public life and in the creation of policies that may affect their inclusion and position in society. This means that barriers to their participation, such as discrimination, segregation, insufficient education, insufficient access to relevant information or insufficient critical thinking, must be removed.