



# Health Policy and Vulnerable Groups Program in Slovakia

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## The aim

The aim of the presentation is to share information about policy focused on Roma's health in Slovakia

**„and trust me because I am a doctor :)“**



## Background

- Slovakia has implemented national strategy for social inclusion and has had special activity which aim was to support and enhance health services utilization among Roma people and promote quality of life
- Government has approved The Strategy of the Slovak Republic for the Integration of Roma up to 2020

# The Strategy for integration of Roma up to 2020

- Special chapter of the strategy is devoted to Roma's health (Chapter D. 2. 3 Health)
- Principles of the strategy should become the base for policies addressing the unfavorable situation of the target group for the period of up to 2020



# Health determinants of Roma's health

- Insufficient level of healthcare and social awareness
- Low standards of the physical environment and living conditions
- Low standard of personal hygiene



## Global goal

***Support access to healthcare and public health including preventive healthcare and health education and bridge the gap in the health status of Roma and the majority population***



# Challenges or opportunities?

The Lessons Learnt from Roma's health might have been used as a source of collective public health approach in the field of the migrants' health

## **Why?**

Different people

Different culture and roots

Different social and physical environment

Different...

## **„but“**

we are trying to share the same space



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