

In my work I focus on the ways and mechanisms of marginalisation of Romas, especially from the viewpoint of habitation. From the territorial viewpoint, the work is based on data from the Presov Region in the Slovak Republic.

This work monitors the issue at three levels. The first level is a general level, where I present the conditions of Romas in the Presov Region from the territorial viewpoint. I point out at territorial and spatial distribution of Roma communities in the region. The prior goal is to monitor the extent and variabilites of the marginalisation, i.e. where are Roma communities located in the region and whether they are integrated, separated or segregated communities. The second level is monitoring efforts for integration of the Roma community to the majority society, in the form of analyses of four national programmes where I indicated their levels of success/failure. The third level is a presentation of selected forms and mechanisms applied by the majority society to marginalise Romas in the field of habitation. I have performed monitoring of this aspect in selected locations of the Presov District, in the form of case studies.

The first part of the work has been compiled on the basis of data obtained during performance of the overview of Roma communities in the Presov Region, which was subsequently completed and updated by the Sociographic Mapping of Roma Communities in Slovakia held in 2004-5. I acquired data for further research from long-term field surveys that I held in the municipality of Svinia near to Presov since 1998. The material for the second part was obtained from publicly available official documents.

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