



Mapping of city initiatives for Roma housing inclusion

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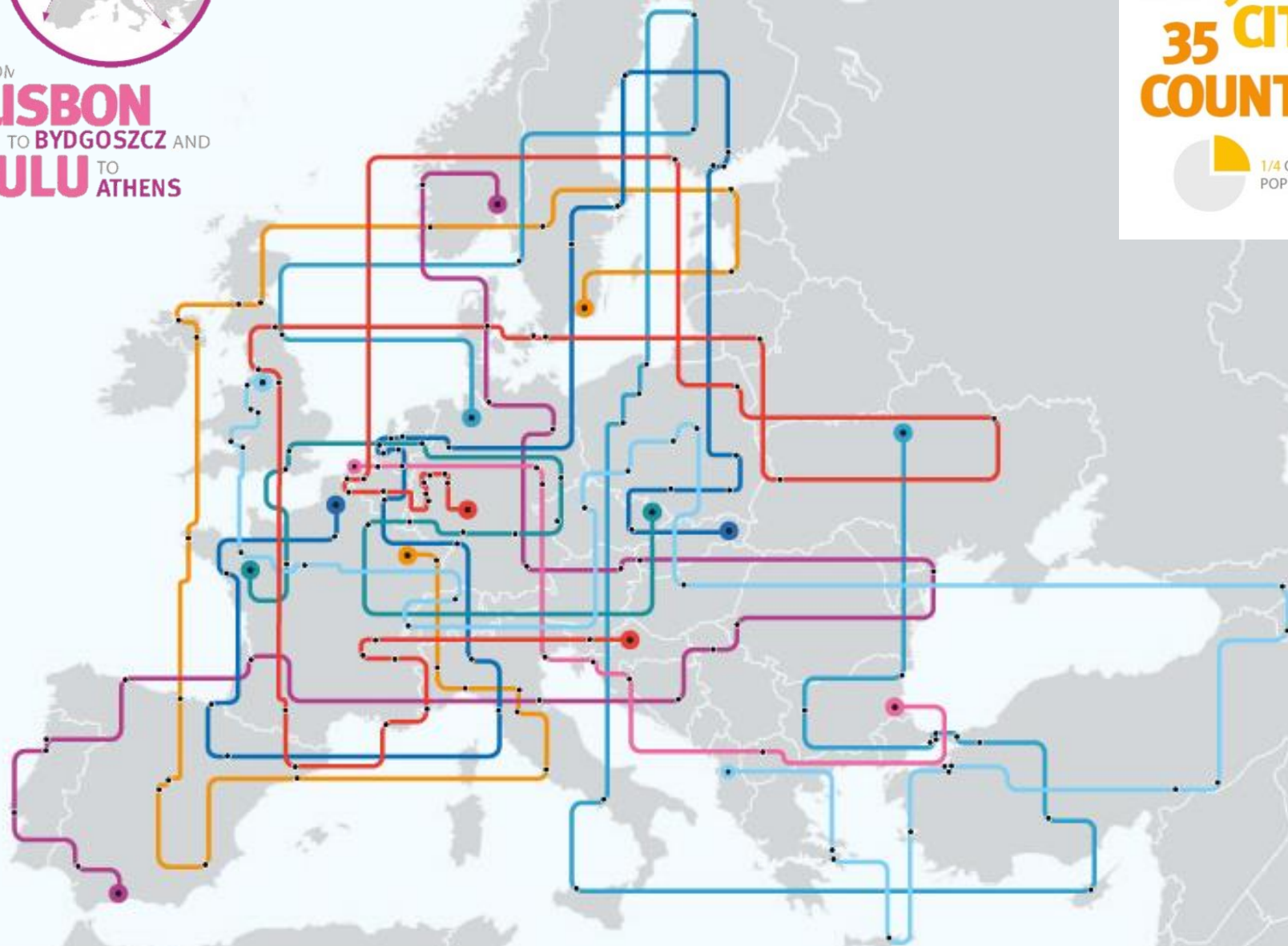
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Key objectives:

- build **east-west cooperation** for Roma inclusion
- increase **capacity** for integrated local strategies
- **involve Roma** people in our work
- address both **'domestic'** and **'migrant'** Roma groups

Methods:

- Mutual learning and policy transfer
- Capacity building: peer reviews, toolkits, guidelines
- Policy & advocacy towards EU institutions

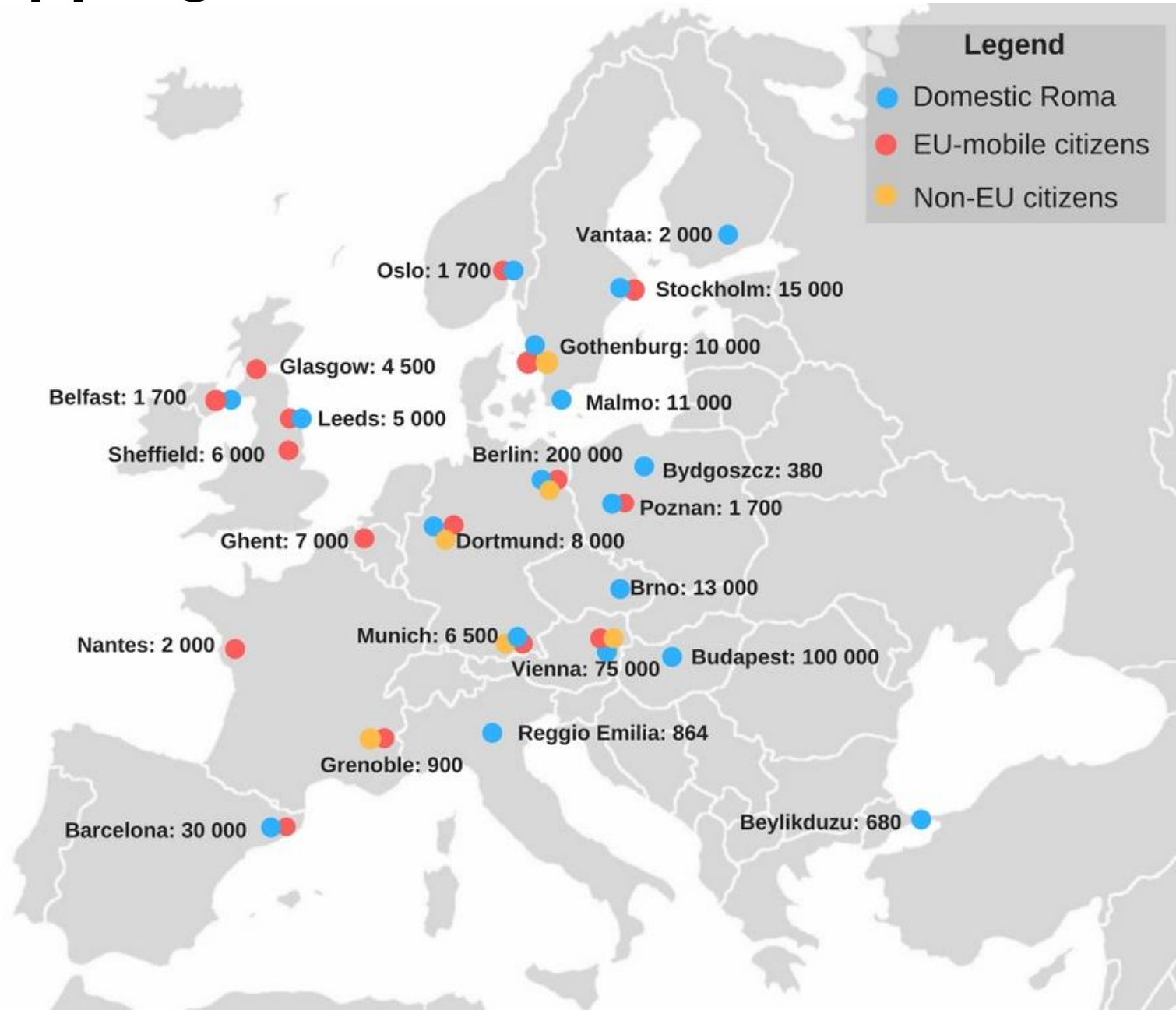


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Study visit to Toulouse, 8-10 April 2019

Mapping of Roma inclusion in cities





Key findings from our mapping study

1. Roma face **multiple**, interrelated challenges that require an integrated approach
2. Newly-arrived Roma face a **worse situation** than domestic Roma
3. **Engaging** Roma in the design of the integration measure is key to building trust and confidence
4. Roma integration begins at **local level**: inclusion strategies, targeted measures, dialogue with Roma
 - ➡ Mostly funded from **municipal budgets**
5. Cities need **more support** from national & EU level



Roma access to housing in cities

Roma have a worse housing situation than most people:

- **precarious conditions** (no water, electricity)
 - **overcrowded** houses or flats
 - **discriminated** against for private rentals
 - **difficulty to access** public social housing
 - living in **temporary** settlements (mobile homes, camps or caravans) at risk of eviction
- ➔ 'Newly-arrived' Roma (EU-mobile citizens) are more vulnerable than domestic Roma

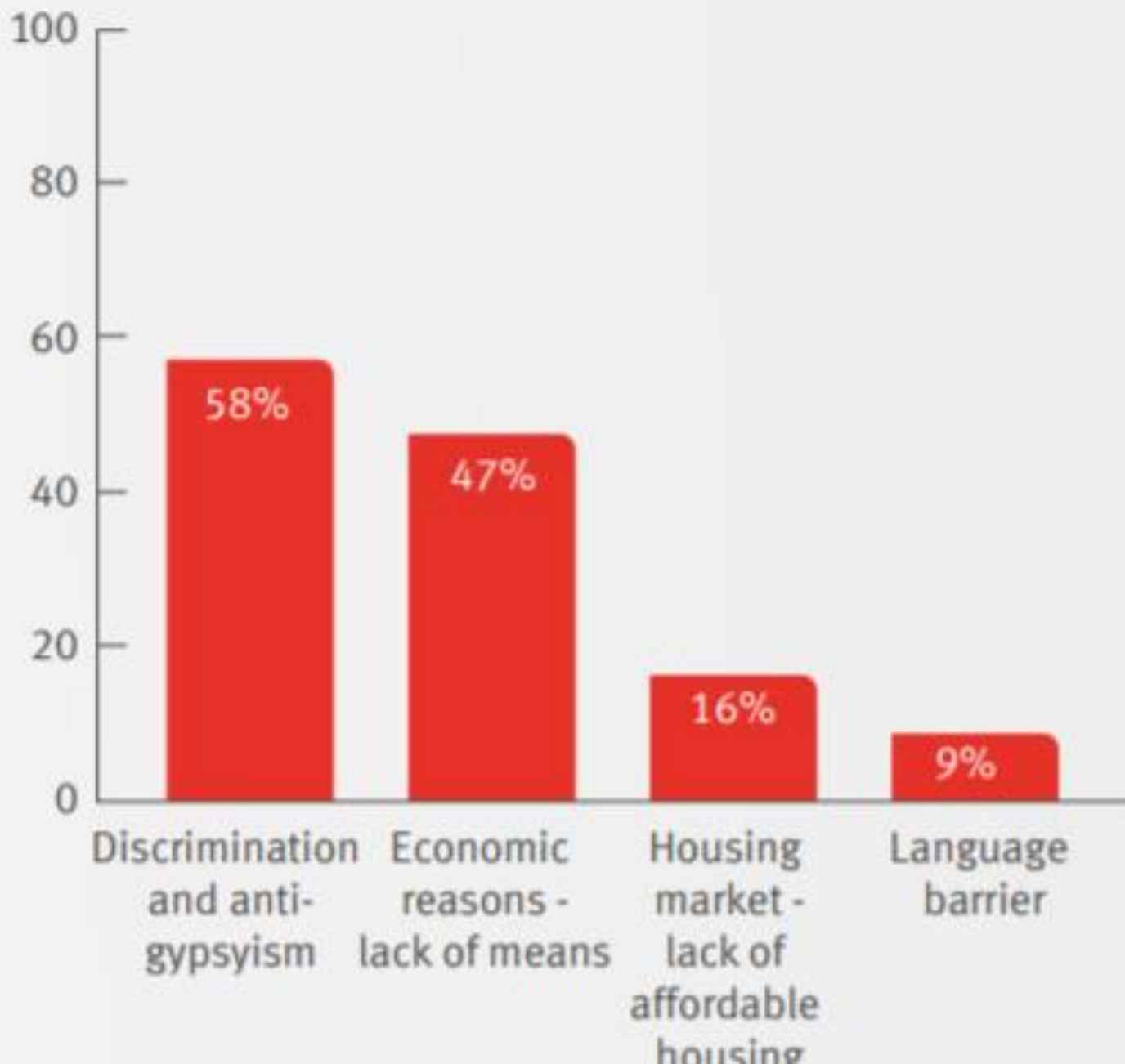


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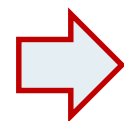
Factors behind Roma housing exclusion





City initiatives for Roma housing inclusion

- **integrated plans** to support Roma move out of camps into adequate housing in the city (housing + employment + language learning + social support)
- **Housing First**
- **temporary housing** (shelters) with social support
- **Housing acquisition and renovation** projects (city's housing association buying private properties)
- **Housing projects to rehabilitate unused or abandoned** public spaces (social housing)



Mostly **municipal** funding, some with **EU support**



Good practice 1: Berlin



- **Nostels** - short-term

housing up to 28 days for

homeless Roma families with social services support

➡ since 2014, 20 Roma families found new homes

- **Neighbourhood management** - combined residential projects where newcomers and long-term residents live together and Roma receive legal advice

➡ NGO project in Reinickendorf district



Good practice 2: Glasgow

- **housing acquisition programme** - acquiring and refurbishing properties in Govanhill where Roma live
 - ➔ £13 million from city and Scottish Gov for pilot
 - ➔ £40 million for extended 4-year programme





Good practice 3: Toulouse

- **integrated plan** to support Roma move out of camps with a proposal for alternative (social) housing in the city with social accompanying with support from social services (admin, training, job insertion etc.)
- **Housing First pilot** - working with 13 social landlord associations in Toulouse with guarantees from city
- Plan to create a **social real estate agency** supported by the Toulouse Metropole to bring housing stock from private housing market and to give guarantees to owners in terms of rehabilitation - by 2020
- **Working in partnership** between city and state services, housing providers, insertion associations (NGOs) and Roma families



The post-2020 approach should include cities as partners in Roma integration

1. An EU framework with an **integrated** approach - add a priority on access of Roma to public services
2. Introduce a **multi-level** governance mechanism
3. Better **access** for cities to national and EU funding, **more flexibility** to tailor funding to local needs and **stricter monitoring** of how the funds are used



Thank you for your attention!

Any questions



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