

Voice of the People

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MTV, Hungary

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0'00 (question)

If someone has not got any money and income, then how will young people be able to get money and buy a flat in the EU, if their parents are unable to help them?

0'12 (answer by – István Nyakó Social democratic party)

This question is not linked with the EU, but is connected with Hungary. So far it has been very difficult or almost impossible for a young person living under similar circumstances and coming from such an environment to get a flat or a good job. It will not be easier from this time on. As we joined the EU on May first, the person who has asked this question cannot feel the benefits of the accession yet, as he could get a job and a flat right away.

This is and will remain the problem of the Hungarian Republic. The question is whether what kind of possibilities and opportunities we'll provide for those young people who are coming from such a background-actually are primary school graduates (8 grades) and have been living the life of a semi-skilled worker ever since. This is the theme where the Hungarian Government in power owes its citizens. We have to tackle these issues in Hungary and we have to make progress here. In my opinion these problems are not so closely linked with the EU.

1'04 (question)

When can we, Roma people- as a minority- finally achieve to have the same rights with the Hungarians living in Hungary?

1'16 (answer by I.Nyakó)

It is not a story to happen in two days. Democratic changes took place 10-15 years ago. I count on those thinkers of both sides, who have clear and clever ideas and future vision, when I state that these are common issues, issues of the Hungarians, issues of the Hungarian nation. We have to sit down and have to lead serious discussions and need to appoint clear deadlines-e.g.: regarding education, employment and housing issues – which would not hurt the stimulus threshold level of the majority of society and what they would feel unacceptable, but on the other hand would be acceptable for Roma, who live here with us as a minority,

1'53 (László Teleki – Secretary of State, Ministry for Equality)

I think that human rights, based on the European legal harmonisation have become valid directives from the date of the accession. These are the directives used in the EU, so from this time on there are not any other kind of directives. However, if we see things from another perspective – either from social or from other aspects, let's say in case of discrimination, then we face a different situation. I think that member states of the EU- even in the old member states, in case of the west European countries, have followed a different type of philosophy in the past. Rights of the minorities have not been emphasised that much and minority policy has not been in the focus, however, enforcement of human rights has been a strictly observed, and I think we also have to achieve in Hungary that the directives, and I cannot emphasise this enough, which already exist in the member states of the EU, should be enforced from May 1st on in Hungary as well.

2'46 (question)

What kind of possibilities will be open for my children in the future to study abroad?

2'52 (question)

Then I would like to ask, if I decide to study in a EU member country would I have the possibility there to stay in a dormitory?

2'59 (Katalin Lévai- Minister for Equality)

Everybody who will be accepted as a student of a university will be entitled to go through the same procedures to get dormitory placement as it happens in case of students of any other member states. The principle of equal treatment is valid for all EU member states, so it is relevant in case of dormitory placement too.