



## NEWS REPORT

<b>Date:</b>	14 April 2011
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<b>Title:</b>	Greece brought again before European Court of Human Rights for Roma ghetto school in Aspropyrgos
<b>Country:</b>	Greece
<b><u>Context</u></b>	
<b>Issue at stake:</b>	Continuing educational segregation of Roma children to a Roma-only ghetto school in Greece
<b>Ground of discrimination:</b>	Race/ ethnic origin
<b>Source:</b>	ECtHR
<b>Field:</b>	Education
<b>Legislative provisions:</b>	Article 14 of the European Convention of Human Rights

### Content

**Case development:** On 25 March 2011 the European Court of Human Rights (EctHR) found in principle admissible and communicated to Greece the application of *Ioanna Sampani and Others v. Greece*, filed by 140 Roma (98 children and 42 parents) through the NGO human rights organisation Greek Helsinki Monitor (GHM). The application relates to the continuing racist educational segregation of Roma children in a Roma-only ghetto school, namely the 12<sup>th</sup> Elementary School of Aspropyrgos. This segregation took place despite the judgment of 5 June 2008 in the case *Sampanis and Others v. Greece*, where the EctHR found Greece in violation of the Convention regarding the initial school exclusion of Roma children living in the Psari settlement of Aspropyrgos and subsequently their segregation to a ghetto school (an annex of the 10<sup>th</sup> Elementary School of Aspropyrgos). Following the EctHR judgment, the Ministry of Education renamed the 10<sup>th</sup> Elementary School of Aspropyrgos Annex as 12<sup>th</sup> Elementary School of Aspropyrgos so that Greece could claim before international fora that no school segregation takes place anymore.

**Court decision:** No court decision has been issued yet, since the case has been examined by the EctHR at the preliminary stage of admissibility.



**Internet link source and additional information:**

<http://cm.greekhelsinki.gr/index.php?sec=192&cid=3743>

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