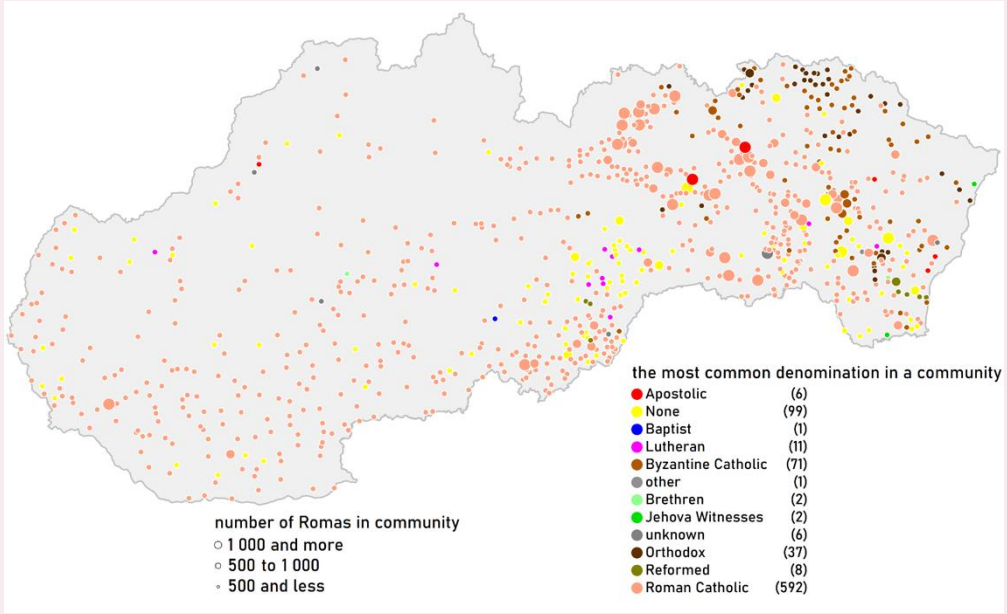
# New Wine in Old Wineskins?

## *Current Aspects of Religious Identities and Diversities of Roma Minority in Slovakia*

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# Types of Roma religiosity in Slovakia

*(Zachar Podolinská 2021)*

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**Traditional Roma Christianity**

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**Non-traditional Roma Christianity**

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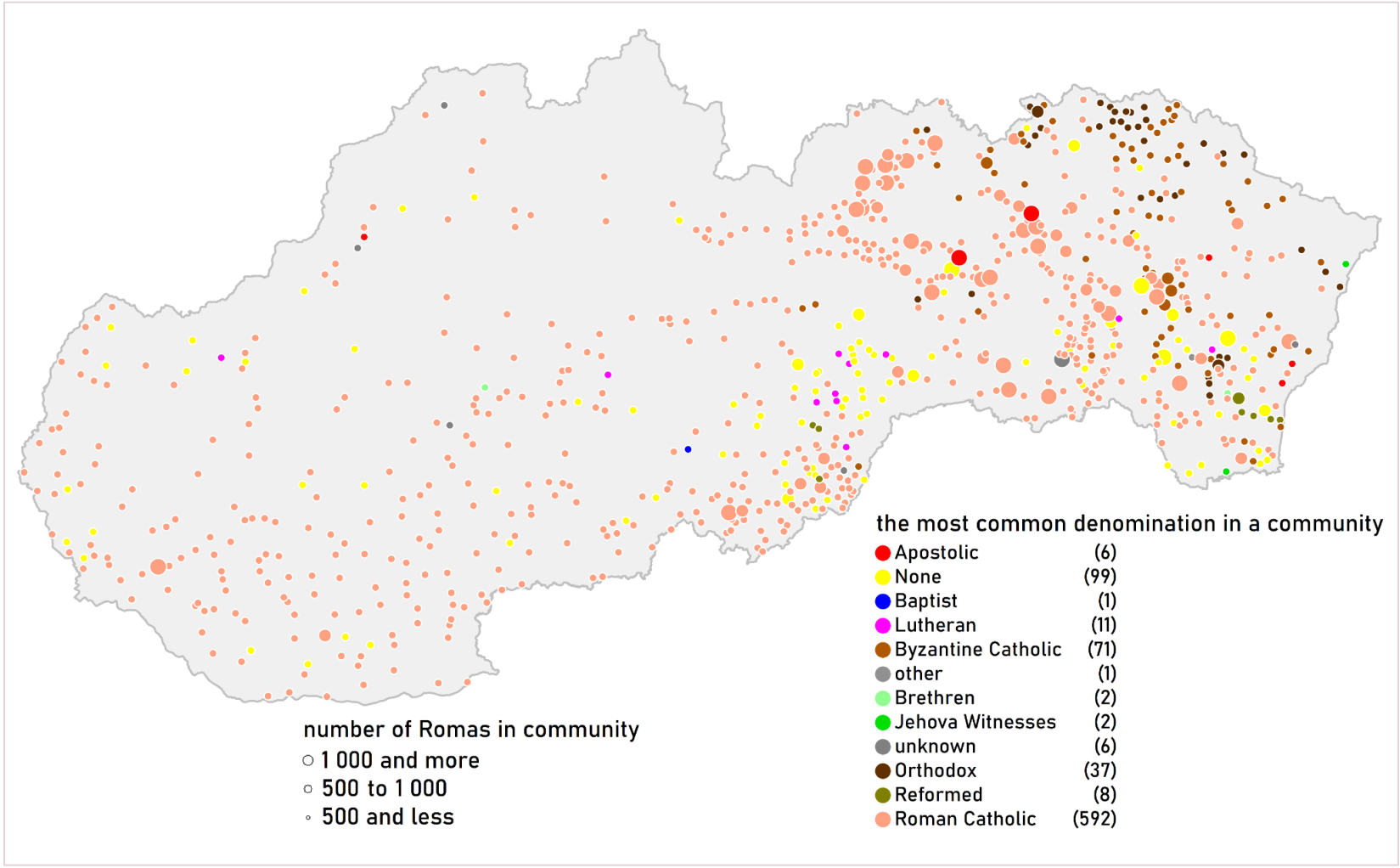
**Post-modern religiosity**

# Denominational breakdown of major ethnic groups

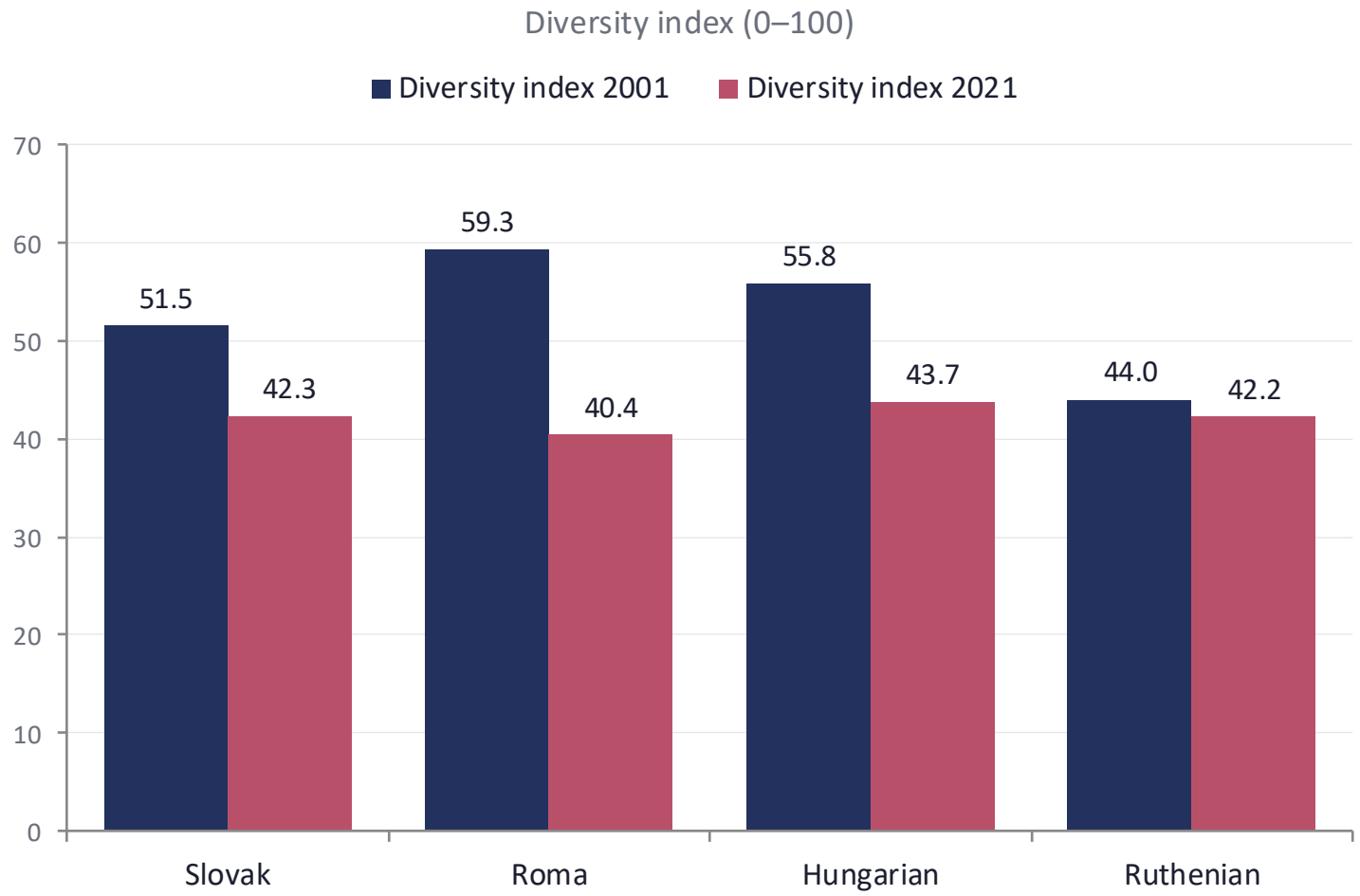
*Slovakia, 2021, in %*

| Ethnicity / denomination | Roman Catholic | None | Lutheran | Byzantine Catholic | Orthodox | Reformed | Jehovah's Witnesses |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| **Roma** | **60.2** | **18.4** | **1.4** | **6.5** | **2.75** | **1.2** | **1.4** |
| **Slovak** | 59.2 | 25.6 | 6.0 | 4.1 | 0.72 | 0.55 | 0.27 |
| **Hungarian** | 62.3 | 17.1 | 1.7 | 1.9 | 0 | 14 | 0.53 |
| **Ruthenian** | 2.3 | 7.9 | 0 | 55.8 | 32.3 | 0 | 0.3 |

# The most common denomination in Roma communities



# Changes in religious diversity index of ethnic groups in Slovakia

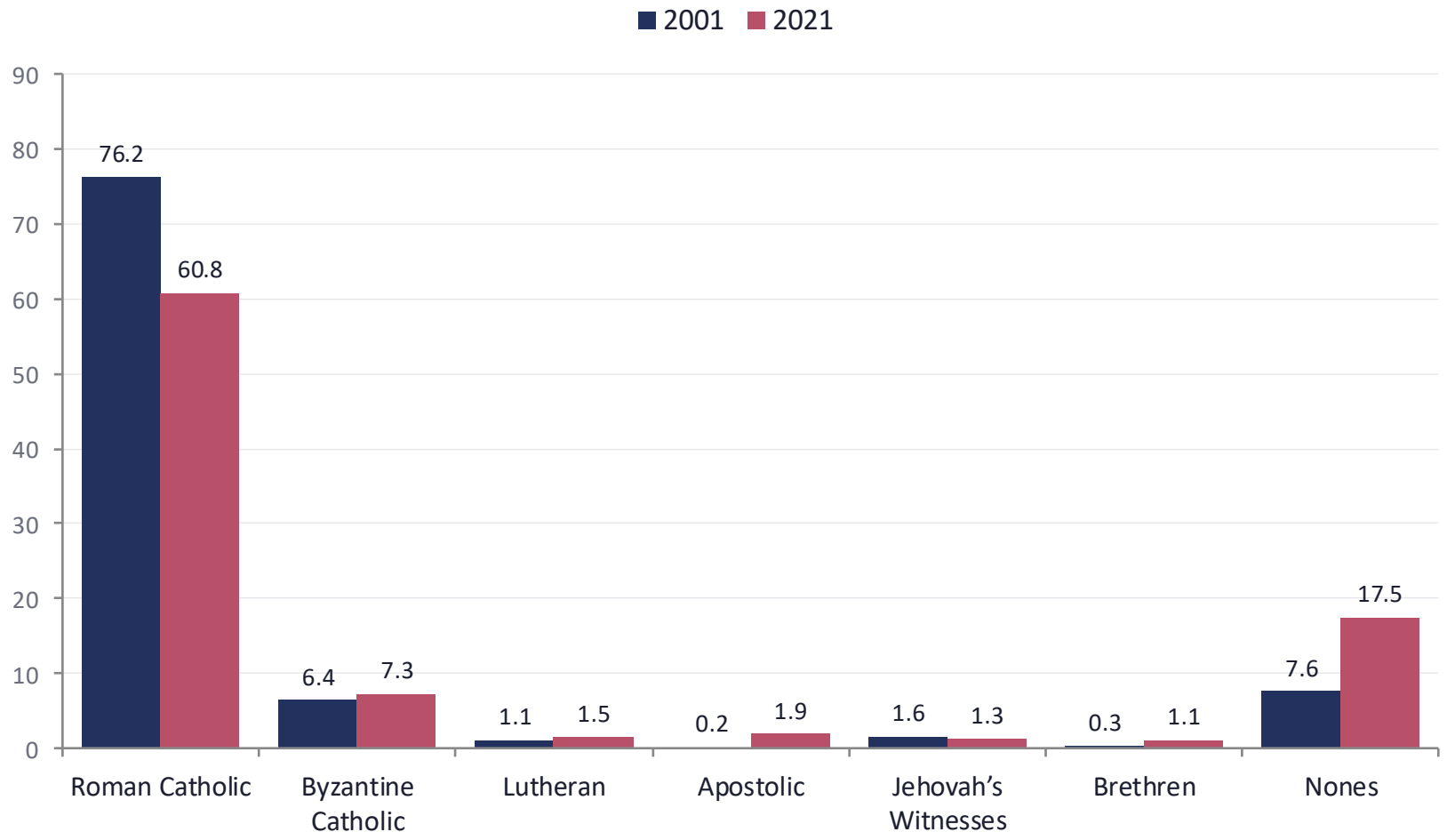



## Roma

**59.3 → 40.4**

diversity index 2001 → 2021: from the highest to the lowest among the four groups

# Denominational breakdown of Roma in Slovakia (%)




Absolute number

**89k**

2001

**155k**

2021

# Age structure, 2021

*Main ethnic groups and the two largest denominations in Slovakia*

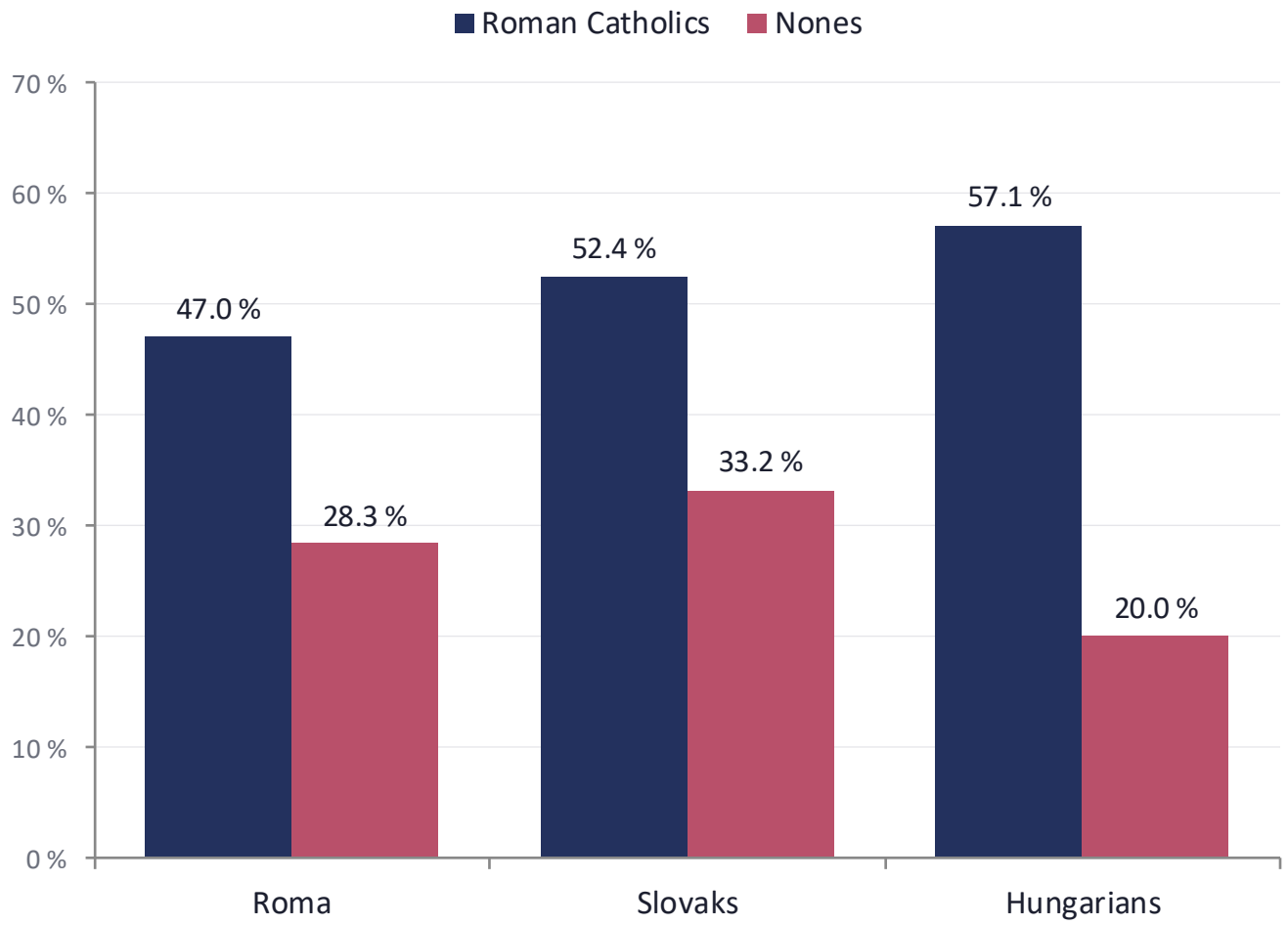
## Roman Catholics

| | 0–14 yrs | 65+ | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Roma** | **62.4 %** | **64.2 %** | **60.1 %** |
| **Hungarians** | 58.7 % | 69.5 % | 62.3 % |
| **Slovaks** | 60.7 % | 66.1 % | 59.4 % |

## Nones

| | 0–14 yrs | 65+ | Total |
|---|---|---|---|
| **Roma** | **19 %** | **15.3 %** | **18.5 %** |
| **Hungarians** | 21.3 % | 9.4 % | 17.1 % |
| **Slovaks** | 25.5 % | 17.5 % | 25.7 % |

# Proportion of university educated in Slovakia, 2021




| | Roman Catholics | Nones |
|---|---|---|
| **Roma** | **47 %** | **28.3 %** |
| **Slovaks** | 52.4 % | 33.2 % |
| **Hungarians** | 57.1 % | 20 % |

# Denominational breakdown of Romas in Bratislava

| | Roman Catholic | | Nones | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 2001 | 2021 | 2001 | 2021 |
| **Roma** | **57.6 %** | **41.5 %** | **18.2 %** | **38.6 %** |
| **Slovak** | 57.4 % | 41.7 % | 30 % | 48 % |
| **Hungarian** | 73.8 % | 58.4 % | 13.2 % | 28.2 % |

**Roma in Bratislava, nones**

**18.2 % → 38.6 %**

2001 → 2021

# The God between the Barriers

*Social Inclusion of the Roma through Religion*




**PODOLINSKÁ, Tatiana – HRUSTIČ, Tomáš:** *Boh medzi bariérami. Sociálna inklúzia Rómov náboženskou cestou* [The God between the Barriers. Social Inclusion of the Roma through Religion]. Institute of Ethnology SAS, Bytča: Coreta, 2010. 174 pp. ISBN 978-80-89027-34-7.

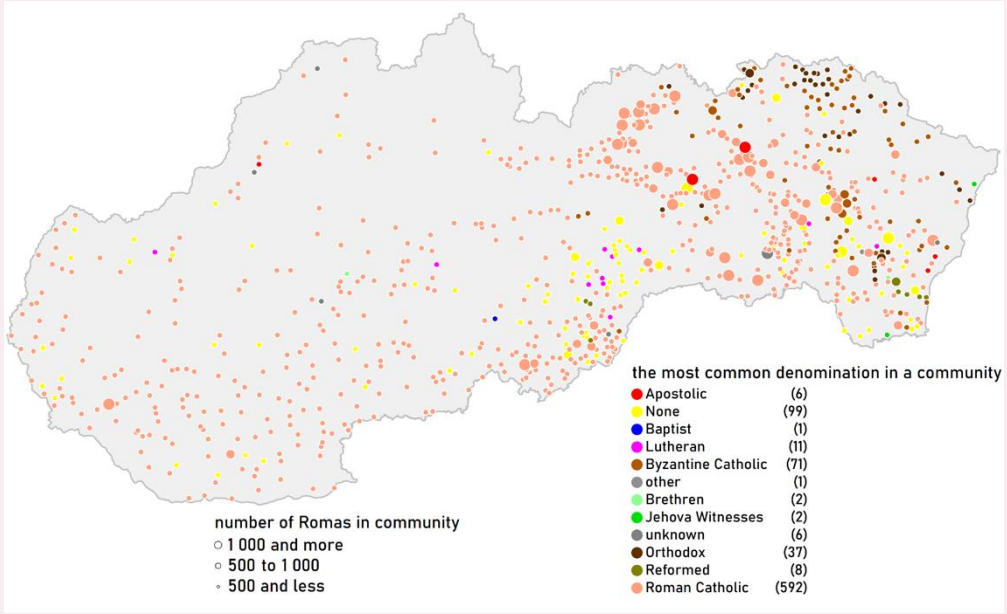
The publication provides a unique and thorough insight into the activities of large, small, registered as well as unregistered religious organizations and churches in regard to the Roma population in Slovakia. It focuses on their possibilities and effectiveness in the process of social inclusion of Roma people.

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