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Sommario/riassunto	George Soros has played a prominent role in promoting a vision of an “Open Society” in Central and Eastern Europe through his philanthropic efforts, most notably via the Open Society Foundations. An important aspect of this work has been Soros support for the Roma civil rights movement, civil society, education, rights, academia, and culture. While not without its shortcomings, support from Soros has enabled the development and strengthening of Roma civil society, especially at the transnational level. Thousands of Roma individuals have benefited from scholarship programmes funded by the Open Society Foundations, enabling them to complete secondary and higher education. Soros-supported initiatives have also played an important role in transnational Roma policymaking, notably influencing policy

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