

**Extraordinary Meeting of the European Platform for Roma Inclusion
on the national Roma integration strategies**

A sustainable process for Roma inclusion

Thursday, 22 March 2012

(European Commission, Charlemagne Building, rue de la Loi 170, 1040 Brussels)

Draft Agenda

Registration (08.00-09.00)

09.00 – 10.00 Opening Session

Viviane REDING, Vice-President of the European Commission for Justice, Citizenship and Fundamental Rights

László ANDOR, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Karen HÆKKERUP, Danish Minister for Social Affairs and integration

Lívia JAROKA, Member of the European Parliament

10.00 – 11.20 Panel 1 – *Putting plans to work*

- How to measure that the strategies have an impact on the ground?
- What resources (political, financial and human) are foreseen to enable the National Contact Point to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the national strategies?

Chair: **Françoise LE BAIL**, Director General, European Commission, Directorate General JUSTICE

Speakers: **Viveca ARRHENIUS**, National Contact Point, Finland

Anna ZÁBORSKÁ, MEP

Marie-Christine Vergiat, MEP

Morten KJAERUM, Director, Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna

Rapporteur: **José Manuel FRESNO**, independent expert

Open floor - reactions to the Panel.

11.20 – 11.40 Coffee Break

11.40 – 13.00 Panel 2 – *The active participation of stakeholders*

- How do Member States secure the commitment and involvement of regional and local authorities to the implementation of the national strategy?
- What could make regional and local authorities commit themselves to the implementation of the national strategies or sets of policy measures?
- What will be the role of civil society in the implementation of the national strategies?

Chair: **Rudolf NIESSLER**, Director for Policy Coordination, European Commission, DG REGIO

Speakers: **Zoltán BALOG**, Secretary of State, Hungary
Richard FALBR, MEP
Dirk GEBHARDT Programme Officer Social Affairs, Eurocities
Srí KUMAR VÍSHWANATHAN, Director, Civic Association Live Together
Ivan IVANOV, European Roma Information Office (ERIO)

Rapporteur: **Ann MORTON HYDE**, independent expert

Open floor - reactions to the Panel.

13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

14.30 – 15.50 Panel 3 - Socio-economic aspects of Roma inclusion

- What makes Roma integration even more relevant in the context of the current economic climate?
- How to make sure that EU funds are used efficiently in the implementation of the strategy?

Chair: **Ms. Lieve FRANSEN**, Director for Europe 2020 social policies, European Commission, DG EMPL

Speakers: **Representative of Romania (tbc.)**
Mr. George KRASTEVA, vice chairman of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Integration Issues, Bulgaria
Hélène FLAUTRE, MEP
Petra KOVÁCS, Making the Most of EU funds for Roma (MtM), Open Society foundations

Rapporteur: **Martin KOVATS**, independent expert

Open floor - reactions to the Panel

15.20 – 15.40 Coffee Break

16.10 – 17.30 Panel 4 – The ingredients for change – Conclusions

Chair: **Mr. Aurel CIOBANU-DORDEA**, Director for Equality, European Commission, DG JUSTICE

Speakers: **José Manuel FRESNO**, rapporteur panel 1
Ann MORTON HYDE, rapporteur panel 2
Martin KOVATS, rapporteur panel 3