

European Platform for Roma Inclusion
"It is urgent to make change for Roma children and youth"

Brussels, Thursday, 27 June 2013
Agenda

08.00 – 09.00 Registration

Opening

09.00 – 09.15 Opening speech by *Françoise Le Bail, Director General, DG Justice, European Commission*

Opening speech by *Catriona Hanevy, Assistant Principal Officer, Social Inclusion Unit, Department of Education and Skills, the Irish presidency of the EU*

09.15 – 10.15 **Panel 1**

Making change for Roma children from birth to compulsory school age – focus on health, early childhood education and care, and compulsory education

Presentations from the panel

Moderator: Costel Bercus, Roma Education Fund

- Introduction by *Xavier Prats Monne, Deputy Director General for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth*
- Transnational methodology for working with Roma families towards their children's success in education by *Belen Sanchez, Coordinator of the transnational project Roma families get involved*
- Ensuring integrated and inclusive Early Childhood Education and Care by *Eduard Petrescu, UNICEF Romania and Carmen Anghelescu the "Step by Step" Centre for educational and professional development in Romania*
- Hands-on example of a good cooperation of local stakeholders on early childhood and compulsory education by *Peter Strážik, school director, Slovakia and Róbert Hamburgadžo, pupil from the school*
- Multi-country training on Roma health by *Piroska Östlin, the World Health Organisation, Vulnerability and Health Programme*

10:15 – 10:45 Questions and answers

10:45 – 11:00 ***Coffee break***

11:00– 12:00 **Panel 2**

Making change for Roma youth – focus on the transition between school and employment

Presentations from the panel

Moderator: Jose Manuel Fresno, independent expert

- Introduction by *László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission*
- Providing Vocational Education and Training to migrant Roma youth by *Biser Alekov, Foyer asbl*
- Promoting access for Roma to Life Long Learning programmes, Vocational Education and Training and employment through family education in primary schools by *Natalia Fernandez Alcalá, EduRom*

- Successful mutual integration by *Kyösti Florin, TuROM project, City of Jyväskylä*

12:00 – 12:30 Questions and answers

12:30 – 14:00 ***Lunch and networking***

14:00 – 14:45 **Panel 3**

Roma empowerment: how Roma leaders can drive change

Presentations from the panel

Moderator: Deyan Kolev, Chairman, Center Amalipe

- Introduction by *Livia Járóka, Member of the European Parliament*
- Listening to the voice of Roma youth by *Merdjan Jakupov, TernYpe International Roma Youth Network*
- Youth empowerment by *Sebijan Fejzula, European Roma Youth Forum*
- Supporting Roma youth by *Gelu Duminica, "Impreuna" Agency for Community Development, Romania*

14:45 – 15:15 Questions and answers

15:15 - 15:30 ***Coffee break***

15:30 – 16:45 **Panel 4**

Following progress on the ground – shaping policies that work

Presentations from the panel

Moderator: Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission

- Introduction by *Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Citizenship and Fundamental Rights, European Commission*
- Civil society monitoring possibilities and challenges of the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies by *Marton Rovid, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation*
- Monitoring and feeding results into policies by *Zoltan Kovacs, State Secretary for Social Inclusion, Hungary*
- Reviewing implementation of action plans in the light of projects' results by *Daniel Vasile, National Roma Agency in Romania*
- Collecting data and monitoring outcomes of policies related to child rights and education by *Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights*
- Monitoring discrimination of children and youth by *Anikó Orsós, European Roma Rights Centre*

16:45 – 17:15 Questions and Answers

17:15– 17:30 Concluding remarks by *Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director for Equality, Directorate General for Justice, European Commission*

Meeting venue: European Management Centre - MCE room A+B
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