

## EUROPEAN ROMA INFORMATION OFFICE



### Agenda Conference

### “Good Practices on Roma Integration in Europe”

Brussels, June 5th 2012

European Social and Economic Committee (EESC)

Rue de Trèves 74, 1040 Bruxelles – Trèves Building, room TRE 7701

#### Opening

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09:00 – 09:25	Registration
09:25 – 09:30	Welcoming participants Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director ERIO
09:30 – 09:50	Lina Papamichalopoulou, European Commission, DG Justice
09:50 – 10:10	Ákos Topolánszky, rapporteur on Roma issues, EESC
10:10 – 10:20	Eva Ejdrup Winther, Danish Presidency, Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration
10:20 – 10:30	Questions

#### Session 1: Successful Practices on Roma Integration in Europe

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10:30 – 11:00	<u>Panel 1: Successful practices</u> <u>Moderator:</u> Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director ERIO <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Bernard Rorke, Open Society Foundations, Hungary</li><li>- Carolina Fernandes, Fundacion Secretariado Gitano, Spain</li><li>- Jan Hero, ERIO Board Member, Slovakia</li></ul>
11:00 – 11:15	Discussion

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11:15 – 11:30      Coffee break

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11:30 – 12:10	<u>Panel 2: Successful practices</u> <u>Moderator:</u> Prof. Hristo Kyuchukov, Chair of ERIO's Board <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Anna Mirga, FAGIC, Spain</li><li>- Veselina Vurgova, Tolerance and Mutual Aid Foundation, Bulgaria</li></ul>
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- Martine Serlinger, Federation of Romani and Traveller Women, France
  - Jana Hainsworth, Eurochild, Brussels
- 12:10 – 12:30 Discussion

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12:30 – 13:30 Lunch

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## **Session 2: Roma Integration in Belgium**

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Moderator: Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director ERIO

- 13:30 – 13:50 Joëlle Milquet, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Internal Affairs and Equal Opportunities
- 13:50 – 14:00 Questions
- 14:00 – 14:20 Dave Van Oosterwyck, Adviser on Integration for the Cabinet of Geert Bourgeois, Vice-Minister-President of the Flemish Government and Flemish Minister for Integration
- 14:20 – 14:30 Questions

## Panel 2: The Belgian Roma, Sinti and Travellers Council (RSTC)

Moderator: Marta Pinto, Policy Officer ERIO

- 14:30 - 14:40 Mihaela Mihai, Chair of the RSTC
- 14:40 – 14:50 Angel Ekov, Vice-Chair of the RSTC
- 14:50 - 15:00 Morena Leimbergen, Spokesperson of the RSTC
- 15:00 – 15:10 Florian Nica, Spokesperson of the RSTC
- 15:10 – 15:30 Discussion

Closing Remarks

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15:30 – 17:00 Networking reception

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