



Decade of Roma Inclusion

Agenda

XII. International Steering Committee Meeting

**Novotel Budapest Centrum
43-45 Rákóczi u.
H-1088 Budapest**

February 25-26, 2008

February 24, Sunday

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| 14:00 – 19:00 | Arrival of participants |
| 18:00 - 19:00 | Meeting with chairs and rapportours |

February 25, Monday

08:30 – 09:30 **Registration**

I. Opening session

Chair: Dr. Andor Ürmös, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

Rapporteur: Zeljko Jovanovic, Open Society Institute

09:30 – 11:15 **Welcome by the Hungarian Decade Presidency**
Report on the „Ethnic minorities in the labour market – an urgent call for better inclusion”

Mónika Lamperth LLD, Minister, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Hungary

Prof. Dr. Rita Süßmuth, Chair, EU High Level Group on „Social Integration of Ethnic Minorities and their full Participation in the Labor Market”

Kinga Göncz M.D., Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary

Livia Járóka, Member of the European Parliament

Katalin Lévai, Member of the European Parliament

Viktória Mohácsi, Member of the European Parliament

Joachim Ott, Coordinator of the Roma Action Group, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

11:15 – 11:30 **Call for European Roma Policy**

11:30 – 12:00 **Coffee break**

II. European Roma Policy

12:00 – 13:00 **Update on the European Roma Policy and link with the Decade of Roma Inclusion**

Valeriu Nicolae, Open Society Institute

Discussion

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**

III. Introduction of countries invited to join to the Decade of Roma Inclusion

Chair: Christian Bodewig, World Bank

Rapportour: Toni Tashev, Decade Watch - Bulgaria

14:00 – 15:15 **Presentation of Roma strategies of different European countries**

Blerina Tepelena, Head of Unit, Albania

Maksim Stanisic, Assitant of the Minister, Bosnia-Herzegovina

Isabel Alonso Luzuriaga, Head of Unit, Spain

Stane Baluh, Director, Slovenia

15:15 – 15:40 **Participation of UNICEF in the Decade of Roma Inclusion**

Gordon Alexander, Senior Advisor for Social and Economic Policy

15:40 – 16:00 **Coffee break**

IV. Anti-segregation policy I.

Chair: Joachim Ott, Coordinator of the Roma Action Group, European Commission

Rapportour: Iulian Stoian, Decade Watch - Romania

16:00 – 17:30 **Summary of the questionnaire filled in by the countries, experiences, next steps, discussion**

Stephan Müller, Expert

Country representatives

17:30 – 17:45 **Closing of the day**

Dr. Andor Ürmös, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

19:30 **Dinner in Kulacs Restaurant**

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February 26, Tuesday

V. Anti-segregation policy II.

Chair: Joachim Ott, Coordinator of the Roma Action Group, European Commission

Rapporteur: Iulian Stoian – Decade Watch - Romania

09:00 – 09:30 **Housing: experiences from the housing workshop (December 3-6, 2007)**

Jaroslav Marousek, Manager, Decade of Roma Inclusion, Czech Republic

09:30 – 10:00 **Education: REF evaluation of 8 desegregation projects in Bulgaria**

Rumyan Russinov, Deputy Director, Roma Education Fund

10:00 – 10:30 **Coffee break**

VI. Closing remarks, next steps

Chair: Michael Guet, Head of the Roma and Travellers Division, Council of Europe

Rapporteur: Bernard Rorke, Director, Open Society Institute

10:30 – 10:45 **Introduction of the Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat**

Tünde Buzetzkéy, Facilitator
Ágnes Osztykán, Program Manager

10:45 – 11:00 **Next events during the Hungarian Presidency**

Dr. Andor Ürmös, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

11:00 – 11:30 **Update on the Decade Watch reports**

Nadir Redžepi, Decade Watch, Macedonia

11:30 – 12:00 **Update from the Indicator Working Group**

Martin Kabanec Ph. D., Senior Research Associate, Institute for the Study of Labour

12:00 -13:00 **Rapportours' reports and closing of the ISC meeting**

13:00 – 14:00 **Lunch**