

XII. International Steering Committee Meeting
Minutes and Summary
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Introduction and background

The XII. International Steering Committee Meeting was held in Budapest on 25-26 February, 2008. The objectives of the meeting were to introduce and discuss (i) the report of EU High Level Group “Ethnic Minorities in the Labor Market – an urgent Call for Better Inclusion”; (ii) initiate dialogue and call for preparation of a European Roma Policy and consider recommendations for EC in the framework of existing resolutions, recent reports, and activities of all relevant international actors; (iv) introduce Roma strategies of new counties formally wishing to join the Decade initiative, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Spain; (v) discuss anti-segregation policies of the participating countries and share experience of Housing Workshop and REF evaluation of desegregation projects in Bulgaria; (vi) introduce the newly established Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation and activity of the Indicator Working Group.