



Decade of Roma Inclusion

AGENDA

15th International Steering Committee Meeting

**Palace of Serbia
Belgrade Hall
Bulevar Mihajla Pupina 2/a**

February 17-18, 2009

February 17, 2009 - Tuesday

I. Opening session

10:00 – 11:30

Opening speeches

Božidar Đelić, Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Serbia,
National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion

Svetozar Čiplić, Minister of Human and Minority Rights, Serbia

H.E. Inigo de Palacio Espana, Ambassador of Spain

Žarko Obradović, Minister of Education, Serbia

H.E. Josep Maria Lloveras Soler, Ambassador, Head of
Delegation, European Commission – European Council
Conclusions on inclusion of the Roma

Rini Reza, Deputy Resident Representative, UNDP

Bernard Rorke, Director, Roma Initiatives, Open Society Institute

Simon Gray, Country Manager, The World Bank Serbia Country Office

Formal signing of the Decade Declaration by Spain

11:30 – 11:45 Coffee break

II. Implementation of Decade National Action Plans

11.45 - 14.00 *Presentation of Decade Government Representatives - Implementation of Decade National Action Plans, September 2008 - February 2009, with a special attention on legalization and improvement of Roma settlements in accordance with the recommendations of the 14th International Steering Committee Meeting*

Serbia, Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic,

Break

Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Spain

14.00 - 15.00 Lunch

15.00 - 17.00 *Presentation of Roma Civil Representatives – Implementation of Decade National Action Plans, September 2008 - February 2009, with a special attention on legalization and improvement of Roma settlements in accordance with the recommendations of the 14th International Steering Committee Meeting*

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Break

Hungary, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Slovakia

19.00 Dinner

III. Discrimination in Education

- 09.00 - 09.10 *Gordon Alexander*, Senior Advisor, Economic and Social Policy, CEECIS Regional Office, UNICEF - every child has a right to development opportunities; how to enable the action
- 09.10 - 09.20 *Costel Bercus*, Roma Education Fund - Combating discrimination in education
- 09.20 – 09.40 Discussion

IV. Combating Discrimination in Education

- 09.40 – 09.50 *Petar Antić*, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Human and Minority Rights, Serbia - Legal framework for combating discrimination in education
- 09.50 - 10.10 Discussion
- 10.10 - 10.30 *Aleksandar Baucal*, Belgrade University – Questionnaire on discriminatory treatment of Roma pupils in public education, preliminary results-first findings
- 10.30 – 10.50 Discussion
- 10.50 – 11.05 Coffee break
- 11.05 – 11.25 *Caroline Sykora*, Consultant for educational programs, CEECIS Regional Office, UNICEF, Best practice in combating discrimination in education
- 11.25 – 11.45 Discussion
- 11.45 – 12.05 *Jaroslav Kling*, UNDP Bratislava, Indicators and monitoring in education
- 12.05 - 12.25 Discussion
- 12.25 - 12.45 *Angelina Skarep*, Expert, Development of anti-discriminative culture within the quality of school-life
- 12.45 - 13.05 Discussion

13.05- 13.15 *Anush Bezhanyan, The World Bank - Decade Trust Fund*

V. Conclusions and closing remarks

13.15 – 13.30 Conclusions

Joint Press Release - Protest against the Strengthening Of
Extremist Movements and Proclamations in Europe

13.30 – 14.30 Lunch