



DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION 2005 – 2015
PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA



21ST INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
29-30 SEPTEMBER 2011

VENUE: MAIN BUILDING OF THE GOVERNMENT
ILINDENSKA BB - 1000 SKOPJE, REPUBLIC OF MACEDONIA

AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 – WEDNESDAY

Arrival of Participants

SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 – THURSDAY

09:45 – 10:30 *Registration*

OPENING SESSION

Chair: Mabera Kamberi, Head of Department for Coordination and Technical Assistance to the Minister of Labor and Social Policy, Macedonia

10:50 – 11:35 Opening speeches
Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia
Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, Decade National Coordinator of the Republic of Macedonia
Amdi Bayram, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia
Spiro Ristovski, Minister, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia
Robert Liddell, Minister Counselor, Delegation of the European Union to Macedonia
Zeljko Jovanovic, Director, Open Society Roma Initiatives Budapest
Mamta Murthi, Director, The World Bank, Human Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region

11:35 – 11:45 Coffee break

DECADE PRESIDENCY PLAN

Moderator: Jashe Sefer, Chief of Cabinet of Minister Nezdet Mustafa

11:45 – 11:55 Decade Presidency Plan of the Republic of Macedonia
Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, Decade National Coordinator
11:55 – 12:00 Discussion of the Presidency Plan
12:00 – 12:05 Break

SESSION I: DECADE NATIONAL ACTION PLANS AND ROMA STRATEGIES – UPDATES

Moderator: Nadir Redzeqi, Project Manager, MtM Open Society Foundations Budapest
Rapporteur: Adem Ademi, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

12:05 – 12:25 An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020
Jana Balazova, Policy Officer, Non discrimination policies and Roma coordination
Bernard Rorke, International Research and Advocacy Director, Open Society Foundations
12:25 – 12:35 Q&A
12:35 – 12:55 Overview of the preparations of National Roma Integration Strategies based on the EU Framework
Zoltán Balog, Minister of State, State Secretariat for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Hungary
Kalman Mizsei, Co-Chair Roma Policy Board, Chair Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma (MtM) Open Society Foundations

- 12:55 – 13:05 Q&A
- 13:05 – 13:30 Open Discussion for mapping the current national processes in the rest of the Decade countries on updating Roma related strategies based on the EU Framework
- 13:30 – 14:30 **Lunch hosted by the Macedonian Presidency**

SESSION II: COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTIVITIES ON ROMA, DATA COLLECTION IMPORTANCE

Chair: Vesna Bisheva, UNDP – Skopje

Rapporteur: Marek Szilvasi, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

- 14:30 – 14:45 **Sixto Molina**, Head of the Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, Council of Europe
- 14:45 – 14:55 Q&A
- 14:55 – 15:25 Importance of Data Collection
Jaroslav Kling, Project Manager, UNDP Bratislava Regional Center
Blagica Novkovska, Director of State Statistic Office, Macedonia
Ljubinka Popopvska, Expert on statistics, Macedonia
- 15:25 – 15:40 Discussion
- 15:40 – 15:50 Coffee break

SESSION III: REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATORS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECADE ACTION PLANS IN 2011

Chair: Nezet Mustafa, Minister without portfolio, Decade National Coordinator of the Republic of Macedonia

Rapporteur: Eben Friedman, Roma Education Fund

In this session each of the Decade member state is expected to brief the ISC on concrete activities they have implemented according to their Decade Action Plans in 2011 (presentations should not exceed 5min.)

- 15:50 – 16:45 Report from all Decade countries
Blerina Zoto, Head of Unit/Technical Secretariat for Roma, Ministry of Labor - Albania
Saliha Djuderia, Assistant Minister-Sector for Human Rights, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees - BiH
Georgi Krastev, Deputy Chair, National Council on Ethnic and Integration Issues - Bulgaria
Branko Socanac, Head of Office, Government Office for National Minorities - Croatia
Zoltan Balog, Minister of State, State Secretariat for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice - Hungary
Sabahudin Delic, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, National Coordinator - Montenegro
Ilie Dinca, President, Secretary of State, National Agency for Roma, National Coordinator - Romania
Slavica Denic, State Secretary, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Public Administration and Local Self Government - Serbia
Zuzana Kumanova, Director, Department of Conceptions, Analysis and Regional Coordination, Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities - Slovakia
Rocio Arino, Head of Programs, Deputy Director of Social Programs, Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality - Spain
- 16:45 – 16:55 Coffee break

SESSION IV: THE DECADE TRUST FUND

Chair: Branko Socanac, Head of Office, Government Office for National Minorities, Croatia

Rapporteur: Tunde Buzetzky, Facilitator, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

- 17:00 – 17:20 Recent DTF project implementation reports
Ferdi Ismaili, Study visit to Bulgaria and Spain and follow up study visit to Denmark and Turkey to learn about active labor market measures and programs, Macedonia
Slavica Denić, Anti-discrimination campaign, Serbia

- Muhamed Toci**, Study visit to BiH, Croatia and Spain to learn about successful housing programs, Macedonia
- Severdzan Abdula**, Monitoring and popularizing the Roma Decade to the Roma citizens of the Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bulgaria, Macedonia
- 17:20 – 17:45 Functioning of the Decade Trust Fund
- Marijana Jasarevic**, Task Team Leader, The World Bank, Belgrade Country Office
- Tunde Buzetzky**, Facilitator, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation
- 17:40 – 18:10 Discussion
- 19:30 **Dinner – hosted by the Macedonian Presidency at Kapali An Restaurant (Old Skopje)**

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 – FRIDAY

SESSION V: CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION 2005 - 2015

Chair: Bernard Rorke, International Research and Advocacy Director, Open Society Foundations

Rapporteur: Afërdita Haxhijaha Imeri, Social Inclusion Expert

- 09:00 – 10:00 **Arben BASTRI**, Executive Director, For a Contemporary Roma Vision – Albania
- Sanela BESIC**, Director, Kali Sara-Roma Information Center – Bosnia and Herzegovina
- Liliya MAKAVEEVA**, Executive Director, Integro Association – Bulgaria
- Dusko KOSTIC**, President, Association of Roma Friendship LUNA – Croatia
- Balazs VOROS**, Scholar, Romaversitas – Hungary
- Ahmet JASHAREVSKI**, President, “Drom”- Macedonia
- Biljana ALKOVIC**, Executive Director, Roma Scholarship Foundation – Montenegro
- Cristinela Ionescu**, Board Member, Roma Civil Alliance – Romania
- Osman BALIC**, Coordinator, Liga Pali Romani Dekada – Serbia
- Jozef GABCOV**, External Consultant, Roma Institute – Slovakia
- Fabian-Daniel SANCHEZ-GARCIA**, First Vice President, Asociacion National Presencia Gitana – Spain

SESSION VI: CURRENT AND FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

Working in groups

10:00 – 11:30 Current and further funding opportunities for Roma related programs

Group I: EU member states

Moderator: Costel Bercus, Chair, Roma Education Fund

Rapporteur: Liliya Makaveeva, Executive Director, Integro Association Bulgaria

Petra Kovacs, Senior Program Manager, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma

Discussion on how much the Decade Countries use the Structural Funds for supporting Roma related policies and programs

Group II: non-EU countries

Moderator: Robert Liddell, Minister Counselor, Delegation of the EU to Macedonia

Rapporteur: Elvis Ali, Delegation of the European Union to Macedonia

Detlev Boeing, Policy Coordinator, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Discussion on how much the Decade Countries use the IPA Funds for supporting Roma related policies and programs

11:30 – 11:50 Coffee break

SESSION VII: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL ROMA HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

Chair: Ibrahim Ibrahimi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Macedonia

Rapporteur: Cristinela Ionescu, Board Member, Roma Civil Alliance – Romania

- 11:50 – 12:20 Preliminary results of the Regional Roma Household Survey pilot project carried out by the United Nations Development Programme in cooperation particularly with the World Bank and the Fundamental Rights Agency
Jaroslav Kling, Project Manager, UNDP Bratislava Regional Center
Mamta Murthi, Director, The World Bank, Human Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region
Joost De Laat, Economist, The World Bank, Europe and Central Asia Region
- 12:20 – 12:40 Q&A
- 12:40 – 13:00 **Closing remarks - Nezdet Mustafa, Minister, Decade National Coordinator**
- 13:00 **Visit to Shuto Orizari Municipality of Skopje** - Departure
- 13:30 – 14:00 Visit to kindergarten
- 14:00 – 14:30 Visit to Municipality Office of Shuto Orizari – meeting with the Mayor
- 14:30 – 15:00 Visit to high school
- 15:00 – 16:00 Lunch
- 16:00h Departure to the hotel