



Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015
Presidency of Republic of Croatia



23RD INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

24-25 September 2012
Hotel Westin, I Kršnjavoga 1, Zagreb, Croatia

Agenda

23rd September 2012, Sunday

– 19³⁰ *ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS*

19³⁰ – 21⁰⁰ **HOSPITALITY DINNER WITH INFORMAL DEBATE ON DECADE AFTER 2015 HOSTED BY DECADE SECRETARIAT (OPTIONAL)**

24th September 2012, Monday

08³⁰ – 09¹⁵ **REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS, HOTEL WESTIN, PANORAMA HALL (FLOOR XVIII)**

09¹⁵ – 10¹⁵ **OPENING SESSION**

Chair: **Branko SOČANAC**, Director, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Republic of Croatia

Darko LEDINSKI, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Social Policy and Youth, Croatia

Ankica NJEŽIĆ, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Republic of Croatia

Aleksandar TOLNAUER, President, Council for National Minorities, Republic of Croatia

Veljko KAJTAZI, Member of the Parliament, Republic of Croatia

Željko JOVANOVIĆ, Director, Open Society Roma Initiatives - Chair, Board of Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

10¹⁵ – 10⁴⁵ *PRESS CONFERENCE, COFFEE BREAK*

10⁴⁵ – 11⁴⁵ **SESSION I: DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION AND EU FRAMEWORK RESOURCES**

Chair: **Dolores Ruiz BAUTISTA**, National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion, Spain

10⁴⁵ – 10⁵⁵ **Jana BALAZOVA**, Policy Officer, Non-Discrimination Policies and Roma Coordination, DG Justice, European Commission

10⁵⁵ – 11⁰⁵ **Detlev BOEING**, Policy Coordinator, DG Enlargement, European Commission

11⁰⁵ – 11¹⁵ **Adem ADEMI**, Program Coordinator, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

11¹⁵ – 11⁴⁵ **Q&A and discussion**

11⁴⁵ – 13⁰⁰ **SESSION II: FUTURE OF THE DECADE: VISIONS AND REALITIES**

Moderator: **Aleksa ĐOKIĆ**, Assistant Director, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia

11⁴⁵ – 12⁰⁰ Chronological overview of the Decade development and its main distinctive features

Osman BALIĆ, Coordinator, League of the Roma Decade, Serbia

12⁰⁰ – 13⁰⁰ **Parallel Discussions**

I: Decade in Time

Moderator: **Valentina PETRUS**, Program Manager, Open Society Foundation Slovakia

Debate Starter: **Detlev BOEING**, Coordinator, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Debate Starter: **Adriatik HASANTARI**, Director, Roma Active Albania

II: Decade in Scope

Moderator: **Andor ÜRMÖS**, Policy Analyst, DG Regio, European Commission

Debate Starter: **Jaroslav KLING**, Project Manager, United Nations Development Program

Debate Starter: **Bernard RORKE**, Research and Advocacy Director, Open Society Roma Initiatives

III: Decade in Area

Moderator: **Kálmán MIZSEI**, Chair, Making the Most of EU funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations

Debate Starter: **Saliha ĐUDERIJA**, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Debate Starter: **Katarina MATHERNOVA**, Senior Advisor on Roma Inclusion, The World Bank

13⁰⁰ – 14⁰⁰ **LUNCH**

14⁰⁰ – 14³⁰ **SESSION II: FUTURE OF THE DECADE: VISIONS AND REALITIES (CONTINUES)**

14⁰⁰ – 14²⁰ Parallel Discussions output: general conclusions from each discussion presented by discussion moderators

14²⁰ – 14³⁰ Croatian Decade Presidency commitment to the visioning of the Decade future
Branko SOČANAC, Director, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Republic of Croatia

14³⁰ – 15⁴⁵ **SESSION III: DECADE GOVERNMENTS' STATEMENTS**

Chair: **Tunde BUZETZKY**, Facilitator, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

14³⁰ – 14⁴⁰ Official request for Presidency 2014-2015 of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Saliha ĐUDERIJA, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees, Bosnia and Herzegovina

14⁴⁰ – 14⁵⁰ Statement regarding the Presidency 2014-2015 of Hungary
Katalin VICTOR LANGER, Deputy State Secretary for Social Inclusion, Ministry for Human Resources, Hungary

14⁵⁰ – 15⁰⁰ Joint action for Konik
Sabahudin DELIĆ, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Minority Rights, Montenegro

15⁰⁰ – 15¹⁵ Policy Advice on the Integration of Roma in the Slovak Republic

Katarina MATHERNOVA, Senior Advisor on Roma Inclusion, The World Bank

15¹⁵ – 15²⁵ Statement of the Slovak Republic representative

Peter POLLAK, Member of Parliament, Republic of Slovakia

15²⁵ – 15⁴⁵ **Q&A and discussion**

15⁴⁵ – 16¹⁵ **COFFEE BREAK**

16¹⁵ – 17¹⁵ **SESSION IV: BARRIERS, CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES IN USING EU FUNDS FOR ROMA INCLUSION – HOW TO IMPROVE THE ACCESS AND BENEFIT FROM EU FUNDS**

Chair: **Nadir REDZEPI**, Project Manager, Making the Most of EU funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations

16¹⁵ – 16²⁵ EU regulations, national priorities, legislation, institutional barriers
Adam KULLMANN, Senior Policy Officer, Making the Most of EU funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations

- 16²⁵ – 16³⁵ Experience of the Croatian Government
Aleksa ĐOKIĆ, Assistant Director, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia
- 16³⁵ – 16⁴⁵ Experience of the Romanian Government
Ilie DINCA, President, National Agency for Roma, Romania
- 16⁴⁵ – 17¹⁵ **Q&A and discussion**

17¹⁵ – 18¹⁵ SESSION V: EDUCATION POLICY

Chair: **Costel BERCUS**, Chair, Board of the Roma Education Fund

- 17¹⁵ – 17²⁵ The role of scholarship and mentorship in tertiary education
Anasztázia NAGY, Program Officer, Roma Education Fund
- 17²⁵ – 17³⁵ Croatian Education Policy for Roma
Nada JAKIR, Head of Section for Special Programmes and Curricula, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia
- 17³⁵ – 17⁴⁵ Affirmative policies in education under the Decade of Roma Inclusion
Tinde KOVAČ CERVIĆ, International Consultant
- 17⁴⁵ – 17⁵⁵ Regional UNICEF position on Roma education with a special reference to Croatia
Lora VIDOVIĆ, Head of Office, UNICEF Office for Croatia
- 17⁵⁵ – 18¹⁵ **Q&A and discussion**

20⁰⁰ – DINNER, RESTAURANT VINODOL, TESLINA 10, ZAGREB

25th September 2012, Tuesday

09⁰⁰ – 09⁵⁰ SESSION VI: ROMA YOUTH

Chair: **Alen TAHIRI**, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia

- 09⁰⁰ – 09¹⁵ The Decade of Roma Inclusion and the Youth - The EU Framework for NRIS and the Youth
Orhan USEIN, Member of the Forum of European Roma Young People
- 09¹⁵ – 09³⁰ Roma Youth Action Plan
Rui GOMES, Head of Division Education and Training, Council of Europe
- 09³⁰ – 09³⁵ Involvement of Roma young people in the Decade activities
Duško KOSTIĆ, President, Association of Roma Friendship 'Luna', Croatia
- 09³⁵ – 09⁵⁰ **Q&A and discussion**

09⁵⁰ – 10⁵⁰ SESSION VII: ANTI-DISCRIMINATION

Chair: **Sanela BEŠIĆ**, President, Kali Sara Roma Information Centre, Bosnia and Herzegovina

- 09⁵⁰ – 10⁰⁵ Experiences of strategic litigation and action against discrimination under the Decade of Roma Inclusion
Sinan GOKCEN, Media and Communication Officer, European Roma Rights Center
- 10⁰⁵ – 10²⁰ Anti-discrimination in Croatian context – legislation and practice with focus on Roma
Igor LEKIĆ, Advisor, Office of the Ombudsman, Republic of Croatia
- 10²⁰ – 10³⁵ Holocaust research in the fight against discrimination
Danijel VOJAK, Institute of Social Sciences "Ivo Pilar"
- 10³⁵ – 10⁵⁰ **Q&A and discussion**

10⁵⁰ – 11¹⁰ COFFEE BREAK

11¹⁰ – 13⁰⁰	SESSION VIII: DECADE EXCHANGE
<i>Chair:</i>	Sabahudin DELIĆ , Deputy Minister, Ministry of Minority Rights, Montenegro
11 ¹⁰ – 11 ²⁵	Improvement of the living conditions of the Turkish Roma citizens Omer BOZOĞLU , General Director, Ministry of Family and Social Affairs, Turkey Q&A
11 ²⁵ – 11 ³⁵	Moldovan Government representative statement Vera PETUHOV , Deputy Director General, Bureau for Interethnic Relations of the Government of the Republic of Moldova
11 ³⁵ – 11 ⁵⁰	Result of the impact analysis of a Pro-integration Housing Program (“IRIS Program”) in Madrid Lualhati SANTIAGO , PhD Candidate, Department of Economics, University of Warwick Q&A
11 ⁵⁰ – 12 ⁰⁵	SWIFT (Sustainable Work Initiative for a Healthier Tomorrow), Serbia Dorit NITZAN , Head of Serbia Country Office, WHO Q&A
12 ⁰⁵ – 12 ²⁰	Council of Europe initiatives in relation to Roma Henry SCICLUNA , Advisor, Support Team of the Special Representative on Roma issues, Council of Europe Q&A
12 ²⁰ – 12 ³⁵	Best Practices on Roma Integration in the Western Balkans project developments Aleksandar LAZOVSKI , National Project Officer, ODIHR Q&A
12 ³⁵ – 12 ⁵⁰	UNHCR – Zagreb Declaration Terence PIKE , UNHCR Representative in Croatia Q&A
12 ⁵⁰ – 13 ⁰⁰	Decade Trust Fund Marijana JAŠAREVIĆ , Policy Analyst, The World Bank Q&A
13⁰⁰ – 14⁰⁰	LUNCH
14⁰⁰ – 18³⁰	SESSION IX: FIELD VISIT (OPTIONAL)
14 ⁰⁰ – 15 ³⁰	Field trip to Orehovica Municipality, Međimurje County
15 ³⁰ – 17 ⁰⁰	Visit to Orehovica Roma Settlement and Orehovica Elementary School
17 ³⁰ – 18 ³⁰	Return to Zagreb
18³⁰ –	DEPARTURE OF PARTICIPANTS