

Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015

Beyond 2015

24th International Steering Committee Meeting
Zagreb, June 19-20, 2013

Objective adopted at the 23rd ISC

- Through wide consultation with the Decade partners, to explore and assess options for the future of the Decade after 2015 and present feasible plan in a form of policy options paper at the 24th International Steering Committee meeting in June 2013

Consultations methodology

- Working group
 - Composed of representatives of both EU and non-EU Decade governments, international partners (OSF, World Bank, EC – observer) and Roma civil society
 - Adopted methodology, conducted wide consultations, analyzed inputs and adopted a policy options paper
- Consultation instruments
 - Semi-structured focus groups
 - Meetings with Roma civil society, international Decade partners, government and civil society representatives at each Decade participating country (except Bulgaria and Slovakia)
 - Questionnaires
 - 93 responses from Decade partners

Consultation content

- ***Decade Content***
 - Mission
 - Priority areas
 - Timeframe
 - Will
 - Roma participation
- ***Decade Process***
 - National Action Plans, measuring and demonstrating progress, policy coordination, exchange of experience, information sharing.
- ***Membership***
 - Principles, procedures
 - Countries
- International partners
- Civil society
- ***Leadership/decision making***
 - International Steering Committee, Presidency, Secretariat, national structures, other
- ***Administration/management***
 - Functions
 - structures
- ***Resources***
- ***Other international initiatives***
- ***Decade after 2015 vision***

Policy options paper:

To be or not to be... Roma Decade after 2015

- Summarizes inputs from the consultation process and provides a list of proposals for the future
- Introduction
- Roma Decade achievements
- Roma Decade shortcomings
- Options for the future of the Roma Decade
- Possible changes to the Decade if continued after 2015

Roma Decade achievements

- Motivated national and EU **commitment**
- Set relevant and valid **mission**: poverty and anti-discrimination
- Raised overall **awareness** on Roma exclusion
- Pioneered **participation** of Roma in policy discussion affecting them



Roma Decade achievements

- Created **specialized facilities** and started mobilizing resources for inclusion of Roma
- Initiated, documented and disseminated **good practices** in the priority areas
- Convening capacity, learning and development **platform**
- Unique in **focus** on Roma and in its **flexibility**

Roma Decade shortcomings/obstacles

- Ambitious mission and general priorities
- Disproportional resourcing:
time, money, human capital, commitment
- Lack of enforcement mechanisms
- Structural discrimination
- Sporadic monitoring,
evaluation, reporting
- Shortcomings in the structure
- Parallel initiatives



Option 1

- Ending the Decade without any further commitments

2015



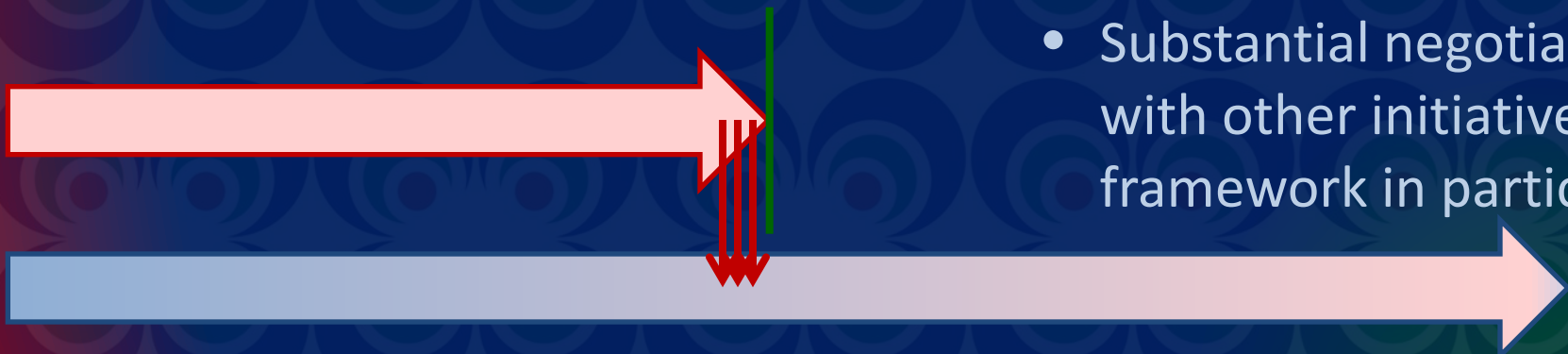
- Small minority of supporters, leaning towards other options
- No need for substantial preparatory phase

Option 2

- Transferring the legacy of the Decade to other initiatives and ending it

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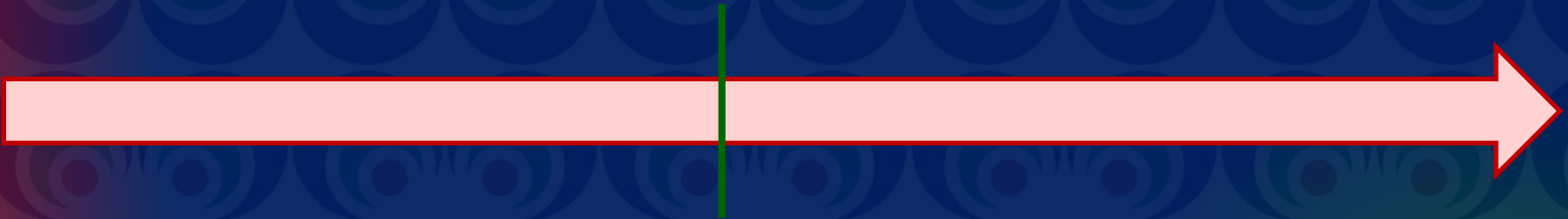
- No support in non-EU; balanced opinions in EU countries
- Substantial negotiations with other initiatives (EU framework in particular)



Option 3

- Continuing the Decade for a certain period of time without any change

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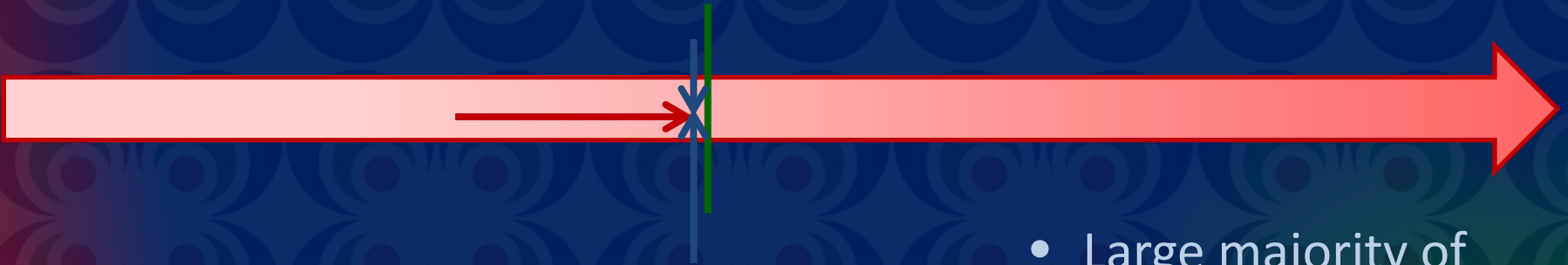


- Very few supporters, leaning towards option four
- No need for substantial preparatory phase

Option 4

- Changing the Decade according to the lessons learnt and the new context and continuing for a certain period of time

2015



- Large majority of supporters
- Substantial debate prior 2015 needed, and a preparatory phase

Transition in 2015

- Montenegrin Presidency agreed to take forward further discussions
- Further discussions needed to prepare and implement an action plan for transition
- The policy option paper provides for lists of
 - Decade legacy supported for continuation
 - Ideas for changes and improvements of the work on Roma inclusion