



Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015
Presidency of Montenegro

25TH INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING

26-27 September 2013
Hotel Ramada - Podgorica, Montenegro

AGENDA

25th September 2013, Wednesday

20⁰⁰ – ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND WELCOME DINNER

26th September 2012, Thursday

08³⁰ – 09¹⁵ REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09¹⁵ – 10⁰⁰ OPENING SESSION

Chair: Sabahudin Delic, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015, Montenegro

Welcome note by the Decade Presidency of Montenegro

Suad Numanovic, Minister for Human and Minority Rights, Government of Montenegro

Introduction to the Presidency Plan of Montenegro

Sabahudin Delic, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015, Montenegro

10⁰⁰ – 10³⁰ PRESS CONFERENCE, COFFEE BREAK

10³⁰ – 12⁰⁰ SESSION I: FUTURE OF THE DECADE

Moderator: Alexandra Bojadjeva, Research and Policy Officer, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

Declaration on the Future of the Decade

Branko Sočanac, Director, Office of Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Government of the Republic of Croatia

Formal adoption and follow-up arrangements

Conclusions and proposals for the future of the Decade – presentation and discussion

12⁰⁰ – 13⁰⁰ SESSION II: STREAMLINING THE DECADE AND THE EU FRAMEWORK

Chair: **Martin Martinek**, Director, Governmental Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Governmental Office of the Czech Republic

Lina Papamichalopoulou, Head of Unit, Non-discrimination Policies and Roma Coordination, DG Justice, European Commission

Robert Kushen, Managing Director, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

Discussion

13⁰⁰ – 14³⁰ LUNCH

14³⁰ – 15³⁰ SESSION III: ANTIDISCRIMINATION

Chair: **Detlev Boeing**, Policy Coordinator, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Antigypsism – Video message from the European Roma and Travelers Forum

Robert Rustem, Head of Secretariat, European Roma and Travelers Forum

Systemic practices of discrimination and challenges faced by Roma communities in the Decade countries

Andrea Čolak, Legal Consultant, European Roma Rights Center

The Practice in Montenegro

Blanka Radošević-Marović, Assistant to the Minister for Human and Minority Rights, Government of Montenegro

Hate Speech and Local Level Institutional Discrimination in Bulgaria

Ognyan Isaev, Decade Focal Point, Bulgaria

Discussion

15³⁰ – 15⁵⁰ COFFEE BREAK

15⁵⁰ – 16⁵⁰ SESSION IV: THE GENDER DIMENSION OF ROMA EXCLUSION

Chair: **Marsela Isaku**, Decade Focal Point, Albania

Interplay between gender and ethnicity: Exposing Structural Disparities of Romani women

Jaroslav Kling, Roma Inclusion Policy Analyst, UNDP Bratislava Office

Conclusions and Recommendations from the 4th International Conference on Roma Women (TBC)

Domestic Violence, Violence against Women and Early Marriages

Fatima Nasa, Program Assistant, NGO Center for Roma initiative, Montenegro

Discussion

16⁵⁰ – 17⁵⁰ SESSION V: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

Chair: **Dragoljub Ackovic**, Deputy Director, Office of Human and Minority Rights, Republic of Serbia

Recent Developments in the Czech Republic

Martin Martinek, Director, Governmental Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Governmental Office of the Czech Republic

Recent Developments in Slovakia

Timea Kardos, Project Manager, Office of Government Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities, Slovakia

Recent Developments in Albania

Blerina Zoto, Head of Unit, Unit of Roma Strategy, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Albania

Moldova as a potential Decade Country

Ruslan Stanga, Senior State Adviser to the Prime Minister of Moldova, Government of Moldova

Discussion

20⁰⁰ – **DINNER**

27th September 2013, Friday

09⁰⁰ – 10⁰⁰ **SESSION VI: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF ROMA**

Chair: Lina Papamichalopoulou, Head of Unit, Non-discrimination Policies and Roma Coordination, DG Justice, European Commission

Sandor Karacsony, Economist, The World Bank

David Meier, Program Officer, Soros Economic Development Fund

Bela Racz, Project Manager, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations

Discussion

10⁰⁰ – 11⁰⁰ **SESSION VII: LEGAL STATUS OF ROMA**

Chair: Valentina Petrus, Senior Expert, Open Society Foundation Slovakia

Slobodan Rascanin, Senior Protection Associate, UNHCR Montenegro

The current situation in Montenegro

Abid Crnovršanin, Assistant to the Minister for Internal Affairs, Government of Montenegro

Experiences and lessons learnt from working with Roma refugees in Montenegro

Mehmet Berisa, Decade Focal Point, Montenegro

Discussion

11⁰⁰ – 11³⁰ **COFFEE BREAK**

11³⁰ – 13⁰⁰ **SESSION VIII: DECADE EXCHANGE**

Chair: **Fabian Daniel Sanchez**, Decade Focal Point, Spain

Update on WHO activities for improving the health status of Roma in Europe

Mina Brajovic, Head of the WHO Country Office Montenegro

Update on current programs of the Roma Education Fund

Costel Bercus, Chair of the Board of the Roma Education Fund

EEA and Norway Grants - Experience and lessons learnt

Valentina Petrus, Senior Expert, Open Society Foundation Slovakia

Atlas of Roma Communities in Slovakia

Daniel Skobla, Officer, UNDP Bratislava Office

Decade Intelligence Database

Alexandra Bojadjeva, Research and Policy Officer, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

Discussion

13⁰⁰ – 14⁰⁰ **LUNCH**

14⁰⁰ – 17⁰⁰ **VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMP KONIK**
