

THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC IMPACT OF COVID-19 ON ROMA IN THE WESTERN BALKANS

- REGIONAL CONFERENCE -

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08⁰⁰ - 09⁰⁰ REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09⁰⁰ - 09²⁰ OPENING REMARKS

Ms Elda KALAJA, Head of Office of the Secretary General, Regional Cooperation Council ([online](#))

Ms Marta GARCIA FIDALGO, Roma Policy Coordination, DG NEAR, European Commission ([online](#))

Ms Neda KORUNOVSKA, Advocacy Manager, Roma Initiatives Office, Open Society Foundations ([online](#))

09²⁰ - 10⁰⁰ PRESENTATION OF THE ASSESSMENT FINDINGS

Mr Nadir REDZEPI, External Consultant, Regional Cooperation Council Roma Integration Action Team

Q&A, DISCUSSION

Moderator: Mr Orhan USEIN, Head of Office, Regional Cooperation Council Roma Integration Action Team

10⁰⁰ - 11³⁰ MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN EDUCATION

Mr Redjepali CHUPI, Interim Director, Roma Education Fund

Ms Snezana VUKOVIC, Head of Department for Human and Minorities Rights in Education, Ministry of Education, Science and Technological Development, Serbia

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Mr Nedžad JUSIC, Euro Rom, Bosnia and Herzegovina

Q&A, DISCUSSION

Moderator: Ms Arabela ILJAZ, Senior Associate, Ministry of Education and Science, North Macedonia



11³⁰ - 12⁰⁰ COFFEE BREAK

12⁰⁰ - 13³⁰ MITIGATING THE IMPACT OF COVID-19 IN EMPLOYMENT

Mr Petrica DULGHERU, Executive Director, Roma Entrepreneurship Development Initiative ([online](#))

Mr Mladen FRCKOVSKI, Head of Sector, Labour Market, Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, North Macedonia

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Q&A, DISCUSSION

Moderator: Ms Neda KORUNOVSKA, Open Society Foundations ([online](#))

13³⁰ - 15⁰⁰ LUNCH

15⁰⁰ - 16³⁰ INCLUSIVE RECOVERY AND RESILIENCE PLANS

Mr Gazmen SALIJEVIC, Deputy Minister for Communities and Returnees, Kosovo*

Mr Bojan VUJOVIC, Deputy National IPA Coordinator, Sector for EU Funds, Montenegro ([online](#))

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Ms Marina VASIC, Program Manager, ROMACTED, Council of Europe

Q&A, DISCUSSION

Moderator: Ms Simonida KACARSKA, Director of the European Policy Institute in Skopje, North Macedonia

16³⁰ - 16⁴⁵ CONCLUSIONS

Ms Aleksandra BOJADJIEVA, Policy Expert, Regional Cooperation Council Roma Integration Action Team

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