

## RomaIntegration2020

### TASK FORCE

04 December, Skopje

:: CONCEPT NOTE ::

Pursuant to the Roma Integration 2020 Task Force *Rules of Procedure*, Article 3, line 1, the Roma Integration 2020 Action Team is convening the third Task Force meeting on 04 December 2018. The meeting will be held in Skopje, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

Participants of the third Task Force meeting are its members: National Roma Contact Points from the participating governments (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey), two Roma civil society representatives from the enlargement region, representatives of the European Union, Open Society Foundations and the Regional Cooperation Council.

Technical and secretarial support to the Task Force is provided by the Roma Integration 2020 Action Team that is also present at the meeting.

The objectives of the meeting are to pursue the obligations of the Task Force as enshrined in the Rules of Procedure, Article 1:

- To supervise and guide the Roma Integration 2020 project
- To decide on topics of relevance for the Roma integration 2020 project activities
- To ensure comprehensive monitoring and reporting of Roma integration policies
- To review progress of Roma integration and related developments

The RCC RI2020 team proposes the following topics for discussion:

- 1) **Reflections on governments' monitoring reports and open issues related to the institutional structures for Roma integration policies** - The European Commission will touch upon the main developments since 2017 and main issues that need further intervention. The governments will then inform how likely it is to tackle issues raised and by means of what activities. Followed by discussion of prospects for collaboration in addressing the main issues and type of support expected from the Roma Integration Phase II in 2019.
- 2) **Phase II of the Roma Integration 2020 project** - The new project will be presented and how it differs from Phase I in work methodology and content, with the focus on Roma responsible budgeting, Roma integration mainstreaming, and housing and employment as thematic priorities.
- 3) **High Level Event and the Regional Declaration on Roma Integration and EU Accession** - The purpose of the event and the declaration content will be presented, followed by considerations of the timing of the event and potential amendments to the text of the Regional Declaration.

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\* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/1999 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

**Day I, 04 December 2018**

09 <sup>30</sup> - 10 <sup>00</sup>	<b>Opening of the third Task Force meeting</b> <hr/> <div>Regional Cooperation Council European Commission Open Society Foundations</div> <i>Introductory Remarks</i> <i>Tour de table</i>
10 <sup>00</sup> - 10 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Roma Integration 2020 implementation</b> <hr/> <div>Roma Integration 2020 Action Team Leader, Regional Cooperation Council <i>Snapshot on what has been done within the RI2020 project</i></div>
10 <sup>30</sup> - 11 <sup>30</sup>	<b>High Level Event and Regional Declaration on Roma Integration and EU Accession</b> <hr/> <i>Discussion of the Declaration Content and timing of the High Level Event</i>
11 <sup>30</sup> - 12 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Coffee Break</b> <hr/>
12 <sup>30</sup> - 13 <sup>30</sup>	<b>II Annual reporting cycle experience - Where are we now?</b> <hr/> <i>Reflection on governments' monitoring reports noting main issues of concern, followed by discussion on possibilities for intervention and the viable approach</i>
13 <sup>30</sup> - 14 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Lunch</b> <hr/>
14 <sup>30</sup> - 16 <sup>30</sup>	<b>Roma Integration 2020 - Phase II</b> <hr/> <div><i>Presentation of Phase II Activity Plan</i> <i>- Roma responsible budgeting</i> <i>- Roma integration mainstreaming</i> <i>- Employment and Housing as prioritized policy areas</i> <i>Revision of Rules of Procedures in line with the Phase II of the project</i></div>
20 <sup>00</sup> -	<b>Dinner organized by the RI2020 team</b> <hr/>

