

4TH TASK FORCE MEETING

ROMA INTEGRATION 2020

12-13 December, Belgrade

:: 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 fourth Task Force meeting on 12-13 December 2019. The meeting will be held in Belgrade, Serbia.

Participants of the fourth Task Force meeting are its members: National Roma Contact Points from the participating governments (Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo*, Montenegro, the Republic of North Macedonia, 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. Pursuant to Article 2 of the Rules of Procedure, the Task Force composition will be extended with four ad hoc participants with expertise in the fields of civil registration, Roma responsive budgeting, housing mapping methodology, and monitoring data collection in the Republic of North Macedonia.

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

The RCC Roma Integration 2020 Action team proposes the following topics for discussion:

- 1) Report on the Roma Integration 2020 action activities implemented in 2019** - The Roma Integration 2020 Action Team will present the status of implemented activities since the beginning of the action.
- 2) Civil registration of Roma in the enlargement region** - The NRCPs and the UNHCR representative will present the remaining unresolved civil registration cases of Roma, and will report about the needs and action required to successfully resolve all the remaining cases and close the civil registration issue. The Task Force will discuss potential contribution of the Roma Integration 2020 Action in resolving the issue.
- 3) Data collection on Roma in the Republic of North Macedonia** - The Republic of North Macedonia representative will inform on the initiative for collecting ethnically disaggregated data about Roma as a necessary requirement for proper policy planning, implementation, monitoring and reporting. The mechanism for data collection about Roma integration should feed into the monitoring of the Declaration of Western Balkans Partners on Roma Integration within the EU Enlargement Process. The NRCPs should discuss the

* 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.



modalities to implement similar initiatives for monitoring data collection in their respective economies. The Roma Integration 2020 Action Team took the responsibility to support the piloting of the survey that shall be performed in the Republic of North Macedonia in the upcoming period, and will, in agreement with the NRCPs, support similar process throughout the region.

- 4) **Reflections on 2019 Roma responsive budgeting pilot initiative experiences** - The representative of Albania will present 2019 experiences in the economy and lessons-learned. The Roma Integration 2020 Action Team presentation of experiences in the remaining economies will follow. The governments' representatives should provide inputs about feasibility of the currently taken approach and what revisions are possible in order to increase its effectiveness. The Task Force should reach a decision about how to continue approaching the issue of budgeting policies to support Roma integration.
- 5) **Regional methodology on mapping of Roma housing** - The housing mapping expert from the Serbian government will present the draft Regional Methodology developed within the Roma Integration 2020 action in 2019. The Roma Integration 2020 Action Team shall present the regionally developed methodology, including the inputs received from the governments during and after the Regional conference. The governments' representatives should discuss and agree on the piloting of the methodology in two municipalities in each economy (except where already done), with the support provided by the Roma Integration 2020 Action Team, as well as on the possible follow up after the piloting, with a view to create a regional Geographic Information System covering the whole territory of the region, potentially with the support of the EU.
- 6) **Reflections on Roma Integration 2019-2021 Roadmaps & technical assistance requirements** - The Roma Integration 2020 Action Team will present current status of the implementation of the Roma Integration 2019-2021 Roadmaps, followed by discussions about the future needs for interventions and support in the economies. The Roma Integration 2020 Action Team will also present other initiatives for technical assistance in line with the objectives set with the Roadmaps, the action and the Declaration, as applicable. The governments should provide inputs about the type of expert and technical assistance support they expect from the Roma Integration 2020 action in 2020 and how the support should be operationalised.
- 7) **Roma Integration 2020 upcoming activities 2020/2021** - The Roma Integration 2020 Action Team will present the upcoming activities according to the description and calendar of the action, with the focus on Roma integration mainstreaming, Roma integration policy monitoring, Roma responsive budgeting, and the thematic priorities of housing, employment and civil registration, as well as the annual regular activities of: annual government reports, national platforms on Roma integration and regional conferences. Calendar of activities with corresponding details for implementation will be agreed.





Day I, 12 December 2019

09³⁰ - 10⁰⁰	Opening of the Fourth Task Force Meeting
	Regional Cooperation Council European Commission Open Society Foundations
	<i>Introductory Remarks</i> <i>Tour de table</i>
10⁰⁰ - 10³⁰	Roma Integration 2020 implementation
	Roma Integration 2020 Action Team Leader, Regional Cooperation Council <i>Snapshot on what has been done within the RI2020 action in 2019</i> <i>State of play Regional Declaration on Roma Integration and EU Enlargement</i>
10³⁰ - 11¹⁵	Civil Registration of Roma
	<i>Discussion of the lingering issue of civil registration of Roma and how to successfully resolve it</i> <i>Discussion about potential contribution of the Roma Integration 2020 in the process</i>
11¹⁵ - 11⁴⁵	Coffee Break
11⁴⁵ - 12⁴⁵	Data Collection on Roma in the Republic of North Macedonia
	<i>Presentation and reflections on the initiative for data collection in the Republic of North Macedonia, followed by a discussion</i> <i>Decision on the Roma Integration 2020 action facilitating role in establishing proper monitoring system in the region for the Roma integration policies, notably the Declaration</i>
12⁴⁵-13⁴⁵	Lunch
13⁴⁵ - 14⁴⁵	2019 Roma Responsive Budgeting Pilot Initiative & How to Proceed
	<i>Presentation of lessons learned in piloting Roma responsive budgeting</i> <i>Needs assessments and governments' evaluation of the taken approach with inputs on how to adjust it to increase effectiveness in Roma responsive budgeting of governments' policies</i>
14⁴⁵ - 15⁴⁵	Regional Methodology on Mapping of Roma Housing
	<i>Presentation of draft methodology, followed by discussion on applying it in the participating economies, first by piloting in two municipalities per economy and afterwards by creating a regional GIS</i> <i>Decision on piloting of the regional methodology on mapping of Roma housing</i>





15⁴⁵ - 16¹⁵ **Coffee Break**

16¹⁵ - 17¹⁵ **Roma Integration 2019-2021 Roadmaps & Technical Assistance Requests**

Presentation of current status of implementation of Roma Integration 2019-2021 Roadmaps

Needs assessments and governments' inputs for expert and technical assistance requirements from the Roma Integration 2020 action to the participating governments

20⁰⁰ - **Dinner**

Day II, 13 December 2019

09³⁰ - 10¹⁵ **Roma Integration 2019-2021 Roadmaps & Technical Assistance Requests (continuation)**

Presentation of current status of implementation of Roma Integration 2019-2021 Roadmaps

Needs assessments and governments' inputs for expert and technical assistance requirements from the Roma Integration 2020 action to the participating governments

10¹⁵ - 11⁴⁵ **Roma Integration 2020 Upcoming Activities (2020/2021)**

Calendar of activities and topics of regional conferences 2020/2021

