Decade of Roma Inclusion

Agenda
XII. International Steering Committee Meeting

Novotel Budapest Centrum
43-45 Rákóczi u.
H-1088 Budapest

February 25-26, 2008

February 24, Sunday

14:00 – 19:00  Arrival of participants
18:00 - 19:00  Meeting with chairs and rapporteurs
February 25, Monday

08:30 – 09:30  Registration

I. Opening session

Chair: Dr. Andor Ürmös, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour
Rapportour: Zeljko Jovanovic, Open Society Institute

09:30 – 11:15  Welcome by the Hungarian Decade Presidency
Report on the „Ethnic minorities in the labour market – an urgent call for better inclusion”

Mónika Lamperth LLD, Minister, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, Hungary
Prof. Dr. Rita Süssmuth, Chair, EU High Level Group on „Social Integration of Ethnic Minorities and their full Participation in the Labor Market”
Kinga Göncz M.D., Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Hungary
Lívia Járóka, Member of the European Parliament
Katalin Lévai, Member of the European Parliament
Viktória Mohácsi, Member of the European Parliament
Joachim Ott, Coordinator of the Roma Action Group, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

11:15 – 11:30  Call for European Roma Policy

11:30 – 12:00  Coffee break

II. European Roma Policy

12:00 – 13:00  Update on the European Roma Policy and link with the Decade of Roma Inclusion
Valeriu Niculae, Open Society Institute
Discussion

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch
III. Introduction of countries invited to join to the Decade of Roma Inclusion

Chair: Christian Bodewig, World Bank
Rapporteur: Toni Tashev, Decade Watch - Bulgaria

14:00 – 15:15  **Presentation of Roma strategies of different European countries**  
*Blerina Tepelena*, Head of Unit, Albania  
*Maksim Stanisic*, Assistant of the Minister, Bosnia-Herzegovina  
*Isabel Alonso Luzuriaga*, Head of Unit, Spain  
*Stane Baluh*, Director, Slovenia

15:15 – 15:40  **Participation of UNICEF in the Decade of Roma Inclusion**  
*Gordon Alexander*, Senior Advisor for Social and Economic Policy

15:40 – 16:00  **Coffee break**

IV. Anti-segregation policy I.

Chair: Joachim Ott, Coordinator of the Roma Action Group, European Commission  
Rapporteur: Iulian Stoian, Decade Watch - Romania

16:00 – 17:30  **Summary of the questionnaire filled in by the countries, experiences, next steps, discussion**  
*Stephan Müller*, Expert  
Country representatives

17:30 – 17:45  **Closing of the day**  
*Dr. Andor Ürmös*, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

19:30  **Dinner in Kulacs Restaurant**  
Address: 1073 Budapest, Osvath u. 11.
February 26, Tuesday

V. Anti-segregation policy II.

Chair: Joachim Ott, Coordinator of the Roma Action Group, European Commission
Rapportour: Iulian Stoian – Decade Watch - Romania

09:00 – 09:30  Housing: experiences from the housing workshop (December 3-6, 2007)
Jaroslav Marousek, Manager, Decade of Roma Inclusion, Czech Republic

09:30 – 10:00  Education: REF evaluation of 8 desegregation projects in Bulgaria
Rumyan Rassinov, Deputy Director, Roma Education Fund

10:00 – 10:30  Coffee break

VI. Closing remarks, next steps

Chair: Michael Guet, Head of the Roma and Travellers Division, Council of Europe
Rapportour: Bernard Rorke, Director, Open Society Institute

10:30 – 10:45  Introduction of the Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat
Tünde Buzetzky, Facilitator
Ágnes Osztolykán, Program Manager

10:45 – 11:00  Next events during the Hungarian Presidency
Dr. Andor Úrmös, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour

11:00 – 11:30  Update on the Decade Watch reports
Nadir Redzepi, Decade Watch, Macedonia

11:30 – 12:00  Update from the Indicator Working Group
Martin Kabanev Ph. D., Senior Research Associate, Institute for the Study of Labour

12:00 -13:00  Rapportours’ reports and closing of the ISC meeting

13:00 – 14:00  Lunch