AGENDA

SEPTEMBER 28, 2011 – WEDNESDAY

Arrival of Participants

SEPTEMBER 29, 2011 – THURSDAY

09:45 – 10:30 Registration

OPENING SESSION

Chair: Mabera Kamberi, Head of Department for Coordination and Technical Assistance to the Minister of Labor and Social Policy, Macedonia

10:50 – 11:35 Opening speeches

Nikola Gruevski, Prime Minister of the Republic of Macedonia
Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, Decade National Coordinator of the Republic of Macedonia
Amdi Bayram, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Macedonia
Spiro Ristovski, Minister, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Republic of Macedonia
Robert Liddell, Minister Counselor, Delegation of the European Union to Macedonia
Zeljko Jovanovic, Director, Open Society Roma Initiatives Budapest
Mamta Murthi, Director, The World Bank, Human Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region

11:35 – 11:45 Coffee break

DECADE PRESIDENCY PLAN

Moderator: Jashe Sefer, Chief of Cabinet of Minister Nezdet Mustafa

11:45 – 11:55 Decade Presidency Plan of the Republic of Macedonia

Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, Decade National Coordinator

11:55 – 12:00 Discussion of the Presidency Plan

12:00 – 12:05 Break

SESSION I: DECADE NATIONAL ACTION PLANS AND ROMA STRATEGIES – UPDATES

Moderator: Nadir Redzepi, Project Manager, MtM Open Society Foundations Budapest
Rapporteur: Adem Ademi, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

12:05 – 12:25 An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020

Jana Balazova, Policy Officer, Non discrimination policies and Roma coordination
Bernard Rorke, International Research and Advocacy Director, Open Society Foundations

12:25 – 12:35 Q&A

12:35 – 12:55 Overview of the preparations of National Roma Integration Strategies based on the EU Framework

Zoltán Balog, Minister of State, State Secretariat for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Hungary
Kalman Mizsei, Co-Chair Roma Policy Board, Chair Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma (MtM) Open Society Foundations
 SESSION II: COUNCIL OF EUROPE ACTIVITIES ON ROMA, DATA COLLECTION IMPORTANCE

Chair: Vesna Bisheva, UNDP – Skopje
Rapporteur: Marek Szilvasi, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

14:30 – 14:45 Sixto Molina, Head of the Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, Council of Europe
14:45 – 14:55 Q&A
14:55 – 15:25 Importance of Data Collection
   Jaroslav Kling, Project Manager, UNDP Bratislava Regional Center
   Blagica Novkovska, Director of State Statistic Office, Macedonia
   Ljubinka Popovska, Expert on statistics, Macedonia
15:25 – 15:40 Discussion
15:40 – 15:50 Coffee break

 SESSION III: REPORT OF THE NATIONAL COORDINATORS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF DECADE ACTION PLANS IN 2011

Chair: Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without portfolio, Decade National Coordinator of the Republic of Macedonia
Rapporteur: Eben Friedman, Roma Education Fund

In this session each of the Decade member state is expected to brief the ISC on concrete activities they have implemented according to their Decade Action Plans in 2011 (presentations should not exceed 5min.)

15:50 – 16:45 Report from all Decade countries
   Blerina Zoto, Head of Unit/Technical Secretariat for Roma, Ministry of Labor - Albania
   Saliha Djuderia, Assistant Minister-Sector for Human Rights, Ministry of Human Rights and Refugees - BiH
   Georgi Krastev, Deputy Chair, National Council on Ethnic and Integration Issues - Bulgaria
   Branko Socanac, Head of Office, Government Office for National Minorities - Croatia
   Zoltan Balog, Minister of State, State Secretariat for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice - Hungary
   Sabahudin Delic, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, National Coordinator - Montenegro
   Ilie Dinca, President, Secretary of State, National Agency for Roma, National Coordinator - Romania
   Slavica Denic, State Secretary, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Public Administration and Local Self Government - Serbia
   Zuzana Kumanova, Director, Department of Conceptions, Analysis and Regional Coordination, Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Republic for Roma Communities - Slovakia
   Rocio Arino, Head of Programs, Deputy Director of Social Programs, Ministry of Health, Social Policy and Equality - Spain
16:45 – 16:55 Coffee break

 SESSION IV: THE DECADE TRUST FUND

Chair: Branko Socanac, Head of Office, Government Office for National Minorities, Croatia
Rapporteur: Tunde Buzetzky, Facilitator, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

17:00 – 17:20 Recent DTF project implementation reports
   Ferdi Ismaili, Study visit to Bulgaria and Spain and follow up study visit to Denmark and Turkey to learn about active labor market measures and programs, Macedonia
   Slavica Denić, Anti-discrimination campaign, Serbia
**Muhamed Toci**, Study visit to BiH, Croatia and Spain to learn about successful housing programs, Macedonia

**Severdzan Abdula**, Monitoring and popularizing the Roma Decade to the Roma citizens of the Republic of Macedonia, Serbia, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Bulgaria, Macedonia

**Functioning of the Decade Trust Fund**

17:20 – 17:45

**Marijana Jasarevic**, Task Team Leader, The World Bank, Belgrade Country Office

**Tunde Buzetzy**, Facilitator, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

**Discussion**

17:40 – 18:10

**Dinner – hosted by the Macedonian Presidency at Kapali An Restaurant (Old Skopje)**

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**SEPTMBER 30, 2011 – FRIDAY**

**SESSION V: CIVIL SOCIETY CONTRIBUTION TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION 2005 - 2015**

*Chair: Bernard Rorke, International Research and Advocacy Director, Open Society Foundations*

*Rapporteur: Afërdita Haxhijaha Imeri, Social Inclusion Expert*

09:00 – 10:00

**Arben BASTRI**, Executive Director, For a Contemporary Roma Vision – Albania

**Sanela BESIC**, Director, Kali Sara-Roma Information Center – Bosnia and Herzegovina

**Liliya MAKAVEEVA**, Executive Director, Integro Association – Bulgaria

**Dusko KOSTIC**, President, Association of Roma Friendship LUNA – Croatia

**Balazs VOROS**, Scholar, Romaversitas – Hungary

**Ahmet JASAREVSKI**, President, “Drom“- Macedonia

**Biljana ALKOVIC**, Executive Director, Roma Scholarship Foundation – Montenegro

**Cristinela Ionescu**, Board Member, Roma Civil Alliance – Romania

**Osman BALIC**, Coordinator, Liga Pali Romani Dekada – Serbia

**Jozef GABCOV**, External Consultant, Roma Institute – Slovakia

**Fabian-Daniel SANCHEZ-GARCIA**, First Vice President, Asociacion National Presencia Gitana – Spain

**SESSION VI: CURRENT AND FUTURE FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES**

Working in groups

10:00 – 11:30  

Current and further funding opportunities for Roma related programs

**Group I: EU member states**

*Moderator: Costel Bercus, Chair, Roma Education Fund*

*Rapporteur: Liliya Makaveeva, Executive Director, Integro Association Bulgaria*

**Petra Kovacs**, Senior Program Manager, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma

Discussion on how much the Decade Countries use the Structural Funds for supporting Roma related policies and programs

**Group II: non-EU countries**

*Moderator: Robert Liddell, Minister Counselor, Delegation of the EU to Macedonia*

*Rapporteur: Elvis Ali, Delegation of the European Union to Macedonia*

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

Discussion on how much the Decade Countries use the IPA Funds for supporting Roma related policies and programs

11:30 – 11:50  

Coffee break
### SESSION VII: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF THE REGIONAL ROMA HOUSEHOLD SURVEY

**Chair:** Ibrahim Ibrahimi, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Macedonia  
**Rapporteur:** Cristinela Ionescu, Board Member, Roma Civil Alliance – Romania

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| 11:50 – 12:20 | Preliminary results of the Regional Roma Household Survey pilot project carried out by the United Nations Development Programme in cooperation particularly with the World Bank and the Fundamental Rights Agency  
**Jaroslav Kling**, Project Manager, UNDP Bratislava Regional Center  
**Mamta Murthi**, Director, The World Bank, Human Development Department, Europe and Central Asia Region  
**Joost De Laat**, Economist, The World Bank, Europe and Central Asia Region |
| 12:20 – 12:40 | Q&A                                                                      |
| 12:40 – 13:00 | Closing remarks - Nezdet Mustafa, Minister, Decade National Coordinator |
| 13:00         | Visit to Shuto Orizari Municipality of Skopje - Departure               |
| 13:30 – 14:00 | Visit to kindergarten                                                  |
| 14:00 – 14:30 | Visit to Municipality Office of Shuto Orizari – meeting with the Mayor  |
| 14:30 – 15:00 | Visit to high school                                                  |
| 15:00 – 16:00 | Lunch                                                                   |
| 16:00h        | Departure to the hotel                                                 |