25TH INTERNATIONAL STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
26-27 September 2013
Hotel Ramada - Podgorica, Montenegro

AGENDA

25TH September 2013, Wednesday

2000 – ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND WELCOME DINNER

26TH September 2012, Thursday

0830 – 0915 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

0915 – 1000 OPENING SESSION
Chair: Sabahudin Delic, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015, Montenegro

Welcome note by the Decade Presidency of Montenegro
Suad Numanovic, Minister for Human and Minority Rights, Government of Montenegro

Introduction to the Presidency Plan of Montenegro
Sabahudin Delic, Deputy Minister, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015, Montenegro

1000 – 1030 PRESS CONFERENCE, COFFEE BREAK

1030 – 1200 SESSION I: FUTURE OF THE DECADE
Moderator: Alexandra Bojadjieva, Research and Policy Officer, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

Declaration on the Future of the Decade
Branko Sočanac, Director, Office of Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Government of the Republic of Croatia

Formal adoption and follow-up arrangements

Conclusions and proposals for the future of the Decade – presentation and discussion
SESSION II: STREAMLINING THE DECADE AND THE EU FRAMEWORK
Chair: Martin Martinek, Director, Governmental Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Governmental Office of the Czech Republic

Lina Papamichalopoulou, Head of Unit, Non-discrimination Policies and Roma Coordination, DG Justice, European Commission

Robert Kushen, Managing Director, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

Discussion

SESSION III: ANTIDISCRIMINATION
Chair: Detlev Boeing, Policy Coordinator, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Antigypsism – Video message from the European Roma and Travelers Forum
Robert Rustem, Head of Secretariat, European Roma and Travelers Forum

Systemic practices of discrimination and challenges faced by Roma communities in the Decade countries
Andrea Čolak, Legal Consultant, European Roma Rights Center

The Practice in Montenegro
Blanka Radošević-Marović, Assistant to the Minister for Human and Minority Rights, Government of Montenegro

Hate Speech and Local Level Institutional Discrimination in Bulgaria
Ognyan Isaev, Decade Focal Point, Bulgaria

Discussion

SESSION IV: THE GENDER DIMENSION OF ROMA EXCLUSION
Chair: Marsela Isaku, Decade Focal Point, Albania

Interplay between gender and ethnicity: Exposing Structural Disparities of Romani women
Jaroslav Kling, Roma Inclusion Policy Analyst, UNDP Bratislava Office

Conclusions and Recommendations from the 4th International Conference on Roma Women (TBC)

Domestic Violence, Violence against Women and Early Marriages
Fatima Nasa, Program Assistant, NGO Center for Roma initiative, Montenegro

Discussion

SESSION V: RECENT DEVELOPMENTS
Chair: Dragoljub Ackovic, Deputy Director, Office of Human and Minority Rights, Republic of Serbia
Recent Developments in the Czech Republic
Martin Martinek, Director, Governmental Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Governmental Office of the Czech Republic

Recent Developments in Slovakia
Timea Kardos, Project Manager, Office of Government Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities, Slovakia

Recent Developments in Albania
Blerina Zoto, Head of Unit, Unit of Roma Strategy, Ministry of Labor, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Albania

Moldova as a potential Decade Country
Ruslan Stanga, Senior State Adviser to the Prime Minister of Moldova, Government of Moldova

Discussion

20:00 – DINNER

27th September 2013, Friday

09:00 – 10:00 SESSION VI: ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF ROMA
Chair: Lina Papamichalopoulou, Head of Unit, Non-discrimination Policies and Roma Coordination, DG Justice, European Commission

Sandor Karacsony, Economist, The World Bank
David Meier, Program Officer, Soros Economic Development Fund
Bela Racz, Project Manager, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations

Discussion

10:00 – 11:00 SESSION VII: LEGAL STATUS OF ROMA
Chair: Valentina Petrus, Senior Expert, Open Society Foundation Slovakia

Slobodan Rascanin, Senior Protection Associate, UNHCR Montenegro

The current situation in Montenegro
Abid Crnovršanin, Assistant to the Minister for Internal Affairs, Government of Montenegro

Experiences and lessons learnt from working with Roma refugees in Montenegro
Mehmet Berisa, Decade Focal Point, Montenegro

Discussion

11:00 – 11:30 COFFEE BREAK
Update on WHO activities for improving the health status of Roma in Europe
*Mina Brajovic*, Head of the WHO Country Office Montenegro

Update on current programs of the Roma Education Fund
*Costel Bercus*, Chair of the Board of the Roma Education Fund

EEA and Norway Grants - Experience and lessons learnt
*Valentina Petrus*, Senior Expert, Open Society Foundation Slovakia

Atlas of Roma Communities in Slovakia
*Daniel Skobla*, Officer, UNDP Bratislava Office

Decade Intelligence Database
*Alexandra Bojadjieva*, Research and Policy Officer, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

*Discussion*

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**13:00 – 14:00**  
*LUNCH*

**14:00 – 17:00**  
*VISIT TO REFUGEE CAMP KONIK*