



Decade of Roma Inclusion

Agenda

“Empowerment of Romani Women in the Context of Contemporary Social Policies – Exchange of Experience and Good Practices”.

**Center for Human Resources and Regional Initiatives Development
Sofia, Bulgaria
April 6-7, 2009**

April 5, 2009 - Sunday

14:00 – 19:00 Arrival of participants

19:00 - 21:00 Dinner

April 6, 2009 - Monday

09:30 – 10:00 Registration of the participants

OPENING REMARKS

Chair: Baki Hyuseinov, Decade National Coordinator

10:00 - 10:30

Speakers:

Emiliya Maslarova, Minister of Labor and Social Affairs, Bulgaria

Marusya Lyubcheva, Member of the European Parliament

Toma Tomov, Deputy in the Bulgarian National Assembly

Rosen Tumbev, Center for Human Resources and Regional Initiatives Development

10:30 - 10:45

“Romani woman between the tradition and the modern life ”

Baki Hyuseinov, Decade National Coordinator

10:45 – 11:15 Coffee break

Moderator: Ani Evgenieva, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria

Rapporteur: Milena Ilieva, World without Borders NGO, Bulgaria

11:15 - 12:45 Raising gender awareness to tackle multiple discrimination and social exclusion of Romani women

“I am a European Roma Woman” campaign, Katalin Barsony, Romedia Foundation

Sterilization Campaign, Ostalinda Maya, European Roma Rights Center

Taking a glance at Anti-Gypsyism, Isabela Mihalache, Open Society Institute

12:45 - 13:30 Discussion

13:30 – 14:30 Lunch

Moderator: Liliya Abadjieva, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria

Rapporteur: Stoyan Mirchev, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria

14:30 – 15:30 Examples of good practices in education and employment

“Existing Programs for Romani Women Inclusion on the Labour Market”, Kancho Kantardjiski, expert in Employment Agency, Bulgaria

Mother Centers, Liliya Makaveeva, Integro Association Bulgaria

“Empowering woman trough employment: ACCEDER programme”, Irene Carcelen, Fundacion Secretariado Gitano, Spain

Enhance Equal Opportunities in Education, Ludmila Jivkova, Roma Students Organization
Student Society for the Development of Interethnic Dialogue, Bulgaria

15:30 – 16:00 Coffee-break

Moderator: Isabela Mihalache, Open Society Institute

Rapporteur: Carmen Gheorghe, Agency for community development, Romania

16:00 – 16:40 Traditions in the Roma family

Preventing Early Marriages in Caldarash Families, Luminita Cioaba, Ion Cioaba Foundation, Romania

Opportunities for young Roma women towards career development, Violeta Naydenova, Open Society Institute

16:40-17:10 Discussion

17:10-17:30 DAY CONCLUSIONS

Baki Hyuseinov, Decade National Coordinator

19:00 Cocktail

April 7, 2009 - Tuesday

Moderator: Ostalinda Maya, European Roma Rights Center

Rapporteur: Kameliya Dimitrova, Open Society Institute, Bulgaria

9:45 – 11:00 “Exchange of good practices”

Roma Health Scholarship Program, Alina Covaci, Roma health Project, OSI

**„Healthy problems of Romani Woman and the Specific Role of the Health Mediators”,
prof. Ivaylo Turnev**

**Romani women participation in the political and decision-making process, Stanimira
Hadjimitova, Gender Project – Bulgaria**

**Vocational Training and Retraining for Romani Women, Verginia Nestorova, vocational
training expert in the Center for Human Resources and Regional Initiatives Development**

11:00 – 11:15 Coffee break

Moderator: Toni Tashev, Regional Policy Development Center

Rapporteur: Dimitar Bojilov, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Bulgaria

11:00-12:45 Examples of good practices amongst the Decade Countries

Input from all participating countries – Albania, Bosna and Herzegovina, Croatia, Hungary, Macedonia,
Montenegro, Romania, Slovakia, Spain

12:30 – 13:30 Discussion

12:30 – 13:30 Conclusions and next steps

Conclusions of the day Rapporteurs

Final Remarks by Baki Hyuseinov, Decade National Coordinator

13:30 – 15:00 Lunch

Departure of participants