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IMPROVING ACCESS TO HOUSING FOR ROMA: GOOD LOCAL PRACTICES, FUNDING AND LEGISLATION. PRAGUE: 2–4 FEBRUARY 2011

CONFERENCE PROGRAMME

WEDNESDAY 2 FEBRUARY 2011

11:00 – 17:00 FACULTATIVE FIELD TRIP TO ROUDNICE NAD LABEM

Meetings with local authorities, local community

Organised by: Agency for Social Inclusion

THURSDAY 3 FEBRUARY 2011

9:30 – 10:00 PLENARY SESSION: WELCOME

Venue: Hotel Pyramida Congress Hall

Moderator: Czeslaw Walek, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

9:30 ing. Miroslav Kalous, Deputy Minister of Regional Development

9:40 Morten Kjaerum, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

9:50 Robert Basch, Director of Open Society Fund Prague

9:52 Alexandros Tsolakakis, Policy Expert, DG Regio, European Commission

10:00-13:00 PLENARY SESSION: SETTING THE FRAME WORK IN-DEPTH DISCUSSIONS AND GOOD PRACTICE EXCHANGE

Moderator: Czeslaw Walek, Office of the Government of the Czech Republic

10:00-10:15 Adequate housing as a component of the right to an adequate standard of living and the right to non-discrimination: Raquel Rolnik (UN Special Rapporteur on Housing)

10:15-10:30 Council of Europe standards regarding Roma housing: Michael Guet (Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, Council of Europe)

10:30- 10:45 Access of Roma to housing in the EU: Eva Sobotka (Fundamental Rights Agency)

10:45-11:00 Katarina Mathernova (The World Bank)

11:00-11:15 Social housing in transition countries – a need for innovations: Martin Lux (Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic)

11:15-11:45 Coffee break

11:45-13:00 Discussion

13:00 – 14:30 LUNCH



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14:30 – 17:00 WORKING GROUPS SESSIONS

WORKING GROUP 1: PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION: CASE LAW AND MEDIATION PRACTICE RESULTING FROM WORK OF THE EQUALITY BODIES AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKING GROUP IS TO EXPLORE CASES AND METHODS APPLIED IN PRACTICE CONCERNING PRACTICAL APPLICATION OF ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LEGISLATION. EQUALITY BODIES, BUT ALSO LOCAL AUTHORITIES PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN ADDRESSING DISCRIMINATION IN HOUSING.

- Venue: Hotel Pyramida Congress Hall
- Moderator: Michail Beis (Fundamental Rights Agency)
- Speakers: Kalliopi Lykovardi (Ombudsman Greece)
Marian Mandache (Romani Criss)
Fabien Dechavanne (HALDE France)
Robin Harms (Ombudsman for Minorities Finland)

WORKING GROUP 2: HOUSING AND CONFLICT

THE INSUFFICIENT DISTINCTION BETWEEN CAMPS, ILLEGAL SETTLEMENTS, AND SQUATS IS FURTHER FOSTERING THE CONFUSION BETWEEN NOMADS, MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES. THE WORKSHOP AIMS TO INTRODUCE A CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK THAT CAN IMPROVE THE DESIGN OF FUTURE POLICIES OF INTEGRATION.

- Venue: Hotel Pyramida Meeting Room
- Moderator: Catalin Berescu (architect, Romania)
- Speakers: Claude Kahn (United Nations Office of the Resident Coordinator in the Republic of Moldova)
Nabeel Hamdi (Oxford Brookes)

WORKING GROUP 3 (CLOSED): MAKING ERDF AVAILABLE FOR FINANCING HOUSING FOR MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WG ARE (1) TO DISCUSS THE NECESSARY CONTENTS OF ROMA INCLUSION PROJECTS WITH A HOUSING COMPONENT THAT SHOULD BE THE BASIS OF THE DESIGN OF NATIONAL LEVEL PROGRAMMING; AND (2) ENABLE STAKEHOLDERS (MAS AND NGOS EQUALLY) TO DISCUSS THE OPTIONS, CONDITIONS AND POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF SUCH PROGRAMS.

- Venue: Hotel Pyramida Meeting Room
- Moderator: Alexandros Tsolakis (DG Regio, European Commission)
- Speakers: Adam Kullmann (Open Society Institute, LGI)
Nora Teller (Metropolitan Research Institute)
Eszter Somogyi (Metropolitan Research Institute)
Marek Hojsik (Social Development Fund, Slovakia)
János Csóka (Consensus Foundation, Hungary)



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Daniela Grabmüllerová (Ministry for Regional Development and Public Works, Czech Republic)
Deyan Kolev (Amalipe Foundation, Bulgaria)
Ilie Dinca (National Agency for Roma, Romania)
Martin Šimáček (Agency for Social Inclusion, Czech Republic)
Márton Matkó (National Development Agency, Hungary)
Bogdan Suditu (Ministry of Regional Development and Tourism, Romania)
Juraj Kuruc (Office of the Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities, Slovakia)
Elitsa Nikolova (Ministry for Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria)

19:00 – 21:00 DINNER

FRIDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2011

9:00 – 11:30 WORKING GROUPS SESSIONS

WORKING GROUP 4: COLLABORATIVE PLANNING AND MEDIATING SHARED COMMUNITIES (HOUSING AND CONSENSUS)

THE WORKGROUP WILL GO THROUGH THE WORKSHOP METHODOLOGY, CONTRIBUTE CONTEXTUALLY RELEVANT INFORMATION AND PROPOSITIONS AND EXERCISES. THESE WILL THEN BUILD ACTUAL WORKSHOPS TO SUIT PARTICULAR LOCATIONS WITH SPECIFIC CONDITIONS AND HISTORY WITHIN THE CZECH REPUBLIC / CEE.

Venue: Hotel Pyramida Meeting Room
Moderator: Maria Faraone (Oxford Brookes)
Speakers: Antonio Tosi (Milan Politechnic)
Marek Hojsík (Social Development Fund, Slovakia)

WORKING GROUP 5: SOCIAL HOUSING – GIVE PEOPLE THE CHOICE

THE OBJECTIVES OF THE WG ARE (1) TO DISCUSS WHAT DEVELOPMENTS HAVE BEEN IN PLACE IN THE PAST TWO DECADES IN SOCIAL HOUSING PROVISION IN SELECTED COUNTRIES, AND (2) ENABLE PARTICIPANTS TO ELABORATE THE OPTIONS FOR ALTERNATIVE MODELS.

Venue: Hotel Pyramida Congress Hall
Moderator: József Hegedüs (Metropolitan Research Institute)
Speakers: Maurizia Tovo (The World Bank)
Mona Prisacariu (Habitat for Humanity, Romania)
Martina Mikeshova (Czech Academy of Sciences)
Mina Petrovic (Belgrade University)

WORKGROUP 6: GOOD PRACTICES IN IMPROVING THE ACCESS OF ROMA TO HOUSING IN RURAL AND URBAN AREAS

OBJECTIVES OF THE WORKING GROUP IS TO PRESENT EXAMPLES OF GOOD PRACTICE IN THE AREA OF HOUSING, AND EXPLORE FACTORS OF SUCCESSFUL HOUSING PROJECT TO ALLOW FOR LEARNING ACROSS BOARD.



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Venue: Hotel Pyramida Meeting Room

Moderator: Eva Sobotka (Fundamental Rights Agency)

Speakers: Michail Beis (Fundamental Rights Agency)

Antonio López Gandara (Fundación Secretariado Gitano)

Marta Álvarez Alonso (Dirección General de Asuntos Sociales y Cooperación al Desarrollo, Gobierno de Navarra)

Stanislav Svoboda (RPG RE Management, s.r.o.)

Pablo Espiniella (OHCHR Regional Office for Europe)

WORKING GROUP 7 (CLOSED): MAKING ERDF AVAILABLE FOR FINANCING HOUSING FOR MARGINALISED COMMUNITIES

THE OBJECTIVE OF THE WG IS TO FACILITATE THE PROGRAMMING PROCESS BY DISCUSSING THE GUIDELINES OFFERED BY THE EC.

Venue: Hotel Pyramida Meeting Room/Congress Hall

Moderator: Aleksandor Tsolakis (DG Regio, European Commission)

Speakers: Nora Teller (Metropolitan Research Institute)

Slavka Macakova (ETP - Center for Sustainable Development, Slovakia)

Gelu Duminica (Agentia Imprenua, Romania)

Deyan Kolev (Amalipe Foundation, Bulgaria)

János Csóka (Consensus Foundation, Hungary)

Ivana Neseťova (Centrom NGO, Czech Republic)

11:45 – 13:00 PLENARY SESSION

Venue: Hotel Pyramida Congress Hall

11:45 – 13:15 Reports from the workgroups followed by discussion moderated by Peter Vermeersch (University of Leuven, Belgium)

13:15-13:30 Conference conclusions (CZ Presidency of the Decade of Roma Inclusion, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, European Commission)

13:30 LUNCH