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International Conference

**DESEGREGATING EDUCATION IN CENTRAL AND EASTERN EUROPE:
INCLUSIVE APPROACH – GOOD PRACTICE AND THE WAY FORWARD**

27 – 28 May 2011

American Center

Tržiště 13, 118 01 Prague 1
Czech Republic

“Ending Segregation and Fostering Inclusion”

AGENDA

9:00 - 9:30 **Registration - American Center**

9:30 - 10:15 **Opening speeches**

Facilitator: *Gabriela Hrabaňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic*

Monika Šimůnková, Commissioner for Human Rights, Czech Republic

Renata Ježková, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic

Karel Holomek, Association of Roma of Moravia, Czech Republic

Mihai Surdu, Roma Education Fund (REF)

10:15 - 11:00 **Testimonials by representatives of the case D.H. and Others vs. Czech Republic**

Facilitators: *Gabriela Hrabaňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs and Kumar Vishwanathan, Life Together, Czech Republic*

Martin Pokuta, Monika Bongilajova, Denisa Holubova, Julek Mika

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 13:00 **Segregation and desegregation in education (presentations and discussion)**

Facilitator: *Lucie Horváthová, Romodrom, Czech Republic*

Tracey Gurd, Open Society Justice Initiative - D.H. and others v. the Czech Republic three years later

Henry Scicluna, Council of Europe - The European Court of Human Rights and non-litigious approaches to integration

Andras Ujlaky, Chance for Children Foundation, Hungary - Desegregation in Hungary

Biserka Tomljenović, Consultant, Croatia - Desegregation in Croatia

Karel Čada, GAC, Czech Republic - Measuring segregation and monitoring desegregation

13:00 – 14:30 **Lunch**

Afternoon session

14:30 – 15:30 **Presentations: Good practice in desegregation in Decade countries**

Facilitator: *Šemsi Šainov, Roma Education Fund*

Gábor Daniel Nagy , DARTKE Hungary - Desegregation in Szeged and Hódmezovásárhely

Oana Luiza Mihalache, Romani CRISS, Romania - Desegregation in Romania

Iveta Němečková, Open Society Foundation Prague, - Preventing inappropriate enrolment in special education

15:30 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 - 17:00 **Discussion and Conclusions**

Facilitator: *Šemsi Šainov, Roma Education Fund*

18:00 **Cultural event:** Opening of the exhibition “Segregation Seriously Harms You and People around You“

Venue: Nostitz Palace

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Morning session

9:00 – 11:00 **Work in parallel groups: Toward measures to prevent and reverse segregation**

Group 1: Psychological testing regimes and segregation in special education

Facilitator: *Julia White, University of Rochester, USA*

Group 2: Addressing forms of segregation in standard education

Facilitator: *Lilla Farkas, Equal Treatment Authority, Hungary*

Group 3: Promoting inclusive education

Facilitator: *Daniel Pop, Resource Centre for Ethno Cultural Diversity, Romania*

11:00 – 11:30 **Coffee break**

11:30 – 12:30 **Discussion and Conclusions**

Facilitator: *Eben Friedman, Roma Education Fund*

12:30 – 14:00 **Lunch**

- 14:00 – 16:00** **The way forward: Government commitments to desegregating education in the Decade countries** (press is invited)
Facilitator: Gabriela Hrabáňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic
- Mgr. Renata Ježková** Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic
Nahida Zekirova, Advisor, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Macedonia
Nada Jakir, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia
Ilda Rusha, Director of Monitoring of Roma Strategy, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Albania,
Ilie Dinca, President of National Agency for Roma, Romania,
Yosif Yassenov Nunev, State Expert, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Bulgaria,
Želimir Popov, Assistant of Minister, Ministry of Education and Science, Serbia,
Miroslav Repovsky, General Director of Regional Education Division, Ministry of Education, Slovakia
- 16:00 – 16:15** **Coffee break**
- 16:15 – 17:45** **Working session on applying international good practice in desegregating education in Czech Republic**
Facilitator: Gabriela Hrabáňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic
- Klára Laurenčíková**, Society for Inclusive Education, Czech Republic
Martin Šimáček, Agency for Social Inclusion, Czech Republic
Lucie Horváthová, NGO Coalition Together to School, Czech Republic
- 17:45 – 18:00** **Closing Remarks**
Gabriela Hrabáňová Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic
Eben Friedman, Roma Education Fund