

National Roma Strategies:

Ensuring a Comprehensive and Effective European Approach to Roma

Conference hosted under the patronage of President Jerzy BUZEK and political groups

8 November 2011, room A1G3, European Parliament

AGENDA

09:00 **Opening remarks**

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| • Jerzy BUZEK | President of the European Parliament |
| • Marian-Jean MARINESCU | Vice - President of the EPP group, European Parliament |
| • Rebecca HARMS | Chair of the Greens/EFA group, European Parliament |
| • Françoise LE BAI | Director General, DG Justice, European Commission |
| • George SOROS | Chairman of the Open Society Foundations |
| • Željko JOVANOVIC | Director of Roma Initiatives, OSF - Budapest |

Moderator: Heather GRABBE, Director of the Open Society Institute-Brussels

10:00 **Are the Roma benefiting from European policies? What was achieved and what are the basic requirements for future success on Roma Inclusion in Europe**

Speakers:

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| • Livia JAROKA | Member of the European Parliament (video message) |
| • Lenia SAMUEL | Deputy-Director General of DG Employment and Social Affairs |
| • Aurel CIOBANU-DORDEA | Director, Equality Directoriat, DG Justice, European Commission |
| • Kinga GÖNCZ | Member of the European Parliament |
| • Dolores RUIZ BAUTISTA | Deputy Director for Social Programs, Ministry of Education, Social Policy and Equality, Spain |
| • Valeriu NICOLAE | Roma and Minority Policy Center, Romania |

Moderator: Rob KUSHEN, Board chair of the European Roma Rights Center

DISCUSSION

11:15 Building on the experience from the Decade of Roma Inclusions: How to develop, implement and improve existing national Roma strategies

Speakers:

- Neždet MUSTAFA Presidency of the Decade of Roma Inclusion, Macedonia
- Gabriela HRABANOVA European Roma Grassroots Organisation Network
- Jasenko SELIMOVIĆ State Secretary at the Ministry for Employment, Sweden
- Zoltan BALOG State Secretary, Government of Hungary
- Katarina MATHERNOVA Senior Adviser on Roma Inclusion, World Bank
- Ondrej LISKA OSF Fellow/Former Minister for Education, Czech Republic

Moderator: Kalman MIZSEI, Making the Most of EU funds

DISCUSSION

12:30 Lunch

14:00 Role of the European Parliament in monitoring the EU Framework and ensuring a role for Roma in the creation, implementation and evaluation of national Roma strategies

Speakers:

- Hannes SWOBODA Member of the European Parliament
- Dezideriu GERGELY Director of European Roma Rights Center
- Raul ROMEVA Member of the European Parliament
- Magda MATAACHE Romani CRISS
- Lambert van NISTELROOIJ Member of the European Parliament

Moderator: Željko JOVANOVIĆ, Director of Roma Initiatives, Open Society Institute-Budapest

DISCUSSION

15:30 Closing remarks by Martin SCHULZ (S&D group) and Guy VERHOFSTADT (ALDE group)

Moderator: Heather GRABBE, Director of the Open Society Institute-Brussels

16:00 Cocktail in the European Parliament hosted by the Open Society Foundations