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ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS OF PERSONS WITHOUT DOCUMENTS AND ACCESS TO RIGHTS

11 – 12 APRIL 2012, SKOPJE

AGENDA

10 APRIL 2012 – TUESDAY

Arrival of participants

11 APRIL 2012 – WEDNESDAY

08:30 – 09:00 Registration

OPENING SESSION

Chair: **Ms. Maber Kamberi**, Head of Department for Coordination and Technical Assistance to the Minister, Ministry of Labor and Social Policy, Macedonia

09:15 – 09:30 Opening Remarks

- **Mr. Nedzet Mustafa**, Minister without Portfolio, Decade National Coordinator, *Macedonia*
- **Ms. Gordana Jankulovska**, Minister of Interior, *Macedonia*
- **Mr. Spiro Ristovski**, Minister of Labor and Social Policy, *Macedonia*
- **Mr. Asim Zekirovski**, Ministry of Justice, Head of keeping registers, *Macedonia*

09:30 – 10:00 Keynote Speeches

- **Mr. Aivo Orav**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union
- **H.E. Ambassador Ralf Breth**, Head of OSCE Mission to Skopje
- **Mr. Guillermo Bettocchi**, Deputy Director, Regional Bureau for Europe / UNHCR

10:00 - 10:20 Press conference

SESSION I: SCOPE OF THE PROBLEM IN THE WESTERN BALKANS AND NATIONAL PRACTICES ON REMOVING OBSTACLES PREVENTING THE ACCESS TO BASIC RIGHTS AND SERVICES

Aim: Magnitude of the documentation/civil registration gap among socially vulnerable populations, with a particular focus on Roma, in the Western Balkan region. Methodologies used to map it out (surveys, reach out models, mobile teams), national analysis and research from international actors and academia. Review of best practices in Western Europe and in the Western Balkan region pertinent to registration of persons in the birth registry book and provision of basic documentation for the Roma community (legislation, procedures and good practices).

Chair: **Ibrahim Ibrahimi**, Deputy Minister, MLSP

10:35 - 10:50 **Cristina Tufa**, Directorate for persons record and databases management, Ministry of Administration and Interior, *Romania*

10:50 - 11:05 **Rositsa Ivanova**, Secretariat of the National Council for Cooperation, *Bulgaria*

11:05 - 11:20 **Adam Weiss**, Assistant Director of the AIRE Centre from London, *UK*

11:20 - 11:40 Q&A

11:40 - 11:55 Coffee break

SESSION II: PROGRESS ACHIEVED IN ENSURING ACCESS TO CIVIL REGISTRATION AND DOCUMENTS IN THE WESTERN BALKANS REGION

Aim: Exchange of information on key achievements at national level and experiences, up date on implemented activities by line ministries and monitoring the progress and decrease of the risk that people without documents are facing with.

Chair: **Jashe Sefer**, Cabinet of the Minister without Portfolio

11:55 – 12:10 **Jasna Pecevska**, Ministry of Justice – Office of keeping registers, *Macedonia*

12:10 – 12:25 **Slavica Denic**, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, State and local government, *Serbia*

12:25 – 12:40 **Natasa Miljkovic**, Ombudsman of the Republic of *Serbia*

12:40 – 12:55 **Irena Kalanj**, Ministry of internal affairs, *Croatia*

12:55 – 13:15 Q&A

13:15 – 14:15 Lunch

Continue the session II

Chair: **Dejan Ivkovski**, Head of unit, MLSP

14:15 – 14:30 **Olivera Jukic**, Ministry of internal affair, *Montenegro*

14:30 – 14:45 **Safete Grajcevci**, Coordinator of the Office for Communities Affairs Office of Prime Minister, *Kosovo*¹

14:45 – 15:30 Q&A

15:30 – 15:45 Coffee break

¹ All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nations Security Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.

SESSION III: ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY

Chair: **Muhamed Toci**, NGO Mesecina, *Macedonia*

15:45 – 15:55 **Aleksandra Efremova**, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association, *Macedonia*

15:55 – 16:05 **Edita Avidbegovic**, Association “Vasa prava BiH” – Legal Aid Network, *BiH*

16:05 – 16:15 **Ivana Canjuga Bedic**, Information Legal Center, *Croatia*

16:15 – 16:25 **Milica Mumin**, Legal Center, *Montenegro*

16:25 – 16:35 **Sanela Besic**, Roma NGO Kali Sara, *BiH*

16:35 – 16:45 **Latif Kazanxhiu**, Regional Coordinator of NGO Roma Active, *Albania*

16:45 – 16:55 **Aida Mustafovska**, NGO Ambrela, *Macedonia*

16:55 – 17:05 **Sarita Jasarova**, NGO Lil, *Macedonia*

17:05 – 17:15 **Naim Osmani**, Civil Rights Program (CRPK), *Kosovo*

17:15 – 17:30 Discussion

19:30 Dinner

12 APRIL 2012 – THURSDAY

SESSION IV: REGIONAL INITIATIVES AND THE ROLE OF INTERNATIONAL ACTORS

Chair: **Mirjam Karoly**, ODIHR CPRSI, *Poland*

09:00 – 09:20 **Adam Weiss**, Assistant Director of the AIRE Centre from London, *UK*

09:20 – 09:40 **Milena Isakovic**, ODIHR, BPRI regional coordinator

09:40 – 10:00 **Zoran Dokovic**, Migration/Freedom of Movement Adviser, *Poland*

10:00 – 10:15 **Ivana Stankovic**, NGO Praxis, *Serbia*

10:15 – 10:30 Discussion

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

SESSION V: FOLLOW UP ON THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE ZAGREB DECLARATION

Aim: Discussion on how to enhance regional cooperation within the frameworks of the Roma Decade and the Zagreb Declaration: exchange of information on, inter-alia, identification and resolution of cases and best practices, facilitation of documents/certificates, strengthening of cooperation with Civil Society Organizations and provision of free legal aid and services.

Chair: **Guillermo Bettocchi**, UNHCR

10:45 – 11:30 **Carlos Maldonado**, UNHCR, Presentation of the Zagreb Declaration conclusions

Panel discussion:

Representatives from government institutions: Croatia, BiH, Serbia, Montenegro, Kosovo and Macedonia

Panel to steer the discussions from open questions related to the follow up of the recommendations by the Zagreb conference and look into the institutional mechanisms for solution of problems affecting unregistered persons in the birth registry book

11:30 – 12:30 **Ibrahim Ibrahim**, **Mabera Kamberi**, Conclusions and Closing Remarks

12:45 Lunch