

Background of the conference

Subject:

ADDRESSING THE PROBLEMS OF PERSONS WITHOUT DOCUMENTS AND ACCESS TO RIGHTS

Short description:

The lack of personal documentation is a vicious circle of exclusion and inability to exercise those rights in accordance with the law. Cutting off the cycle of exclusion from the registration process is a complex and difficult process that requires commitment, willingness, support and cooperation among international institutions, central and local institutions and NGOs. This process holds responsibility from the factors involved and whose responsibility is to include the problem of no record in the civil registers of births, the lack of access to the primary documents, from an invisible problem in a matter of public information.

The affirmative action should apply to the cycle of exclusion that is transferred from one generation to another and contributes to poverty, social marginalization, frequent migration, children on street, lack of access to infrastructure and other negative phenomena.

Main goal:

Intensification of cooperation, exchange of good practices and the necessary measures that can contribute to the monitoring of the progress and reducing the risk that people are undocumented.

Specific goals:

- Review of the European practice in dealing with persons without documentation and the risks that the individuals without citizenship are exposed to.
- Introduction with the relevant recommendations and conclusions derived from the relevant research of international organizations regarding the problem of persons which are not registered in the registry of births.
- Presentation of best practices from EU member states regarding the registration of persons in MKR and provision of basic documents of the Roma community (legislation, procedures and good practices). Presentation of experiences, problems and activities of states from the region in terms of removing barriers that prevent access to the primary rights and services.
- Exchanging information, experience, up date of the realized activities in line ministries and monitoring of the progress and reducing the risk that people with no documentation are put into.
- Discussion – open discussion – follow up the Recommendation of the Zagreb Declaration, as to encourage regional cooperation on exchanging information, documents... common approaches regarding the contracting opportunities: strengthening cooperation with the civil society, providing free legal assistance and services, exemption from fees.
- Consideration of the institutional mechanisms for solving the problem for those which are not registered in the registry of births.
- Introduction with the regional initiatives by international organizations and associations that on project lever are realizing activities associated with the obtaining of personal documentation.