



DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION 2005-2015

**INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON
“IMPROVING HOUSING CONDITIONS OF ROMA”**

21-22 May, 2012

Skopje, Republic of Macedonia

20 MAY 2012 - SUNDAY

Arrival of participants

21 MAY 2012 - MONDAY

9:00 – 9:30 Registration

9:30 – 10:15 OPENING SESSION

Chair : tbc

- **Nedzet Mustafa**, Minister without Portfolio, National Coordinator of Decade of Roma Inclusion, Macedonia
- **Spiro Ristovski**, Minister of Labor and Social Policy, Macedonia
- **Mile Janakievski**, Minister of Transport and Communications (tbc)
- **Representative of Association of Municipalities, ZELS** (tbc)
- **Aivo Orav**, Head of the Delegation of the European Union or Representative of DG Regio, European Commission (tbc)
- **Carlos Maldonado**, UNHCR (tbc)
- **Representative of Foundation Open Society** (tbc)
- **Andrej Mirga**, OSCE-ODIHR (tbc)

10:15 - 10:30 Press conference

10:30-11:45 HOUSING CONDITIONS OF ROMA – EXPERIENCE FROM EU COUNTRIES

Objective: Sharing comparative experience related to the situation of housing of Roma in European countries and good practices within national policies for housing of Roma. Presentation of relevant reports, research and recommendations for improving the housing conditions of Roma.

10:30 - 10:50 **Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)** - Comparative report on housing conditions of Roma in EU Member States - monitoring and results

10:50 - 11:10 **Pedro Navarrete Tortosa**, Institute for Re-housing and Social Integration (IRIS), Spain – Evaluation and impact analysis of Pro-integration Housing Program of IRIS

11:10 - 11:30 **Eva Sobotka**, FRA - Follow up of conclusions of the Housing Conference, Prague

11:30 - 11:45 Q&A

11:45 – 13:15 NATIONAL PRACTICES FOR IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSING CONDITION OF ROMA

Objective : Review of good practices in implementation of national policies for improving housing conditions of Roma (legislation, procedures and good practices). Presentation of experiences, activities and difficulties related to removing barriers in accessing basic rights to an adequate housing of Roma population.

Chair: tbc

11:45 - 12:00 Government representative from **Macedonia** (tbc)

12:00 - 12:15 Government representative from **Croatia** (tbc)

12:15 - 12:30 Government representative from **BiH** (tbc)

12:30 - 12:45 Government representative from **Spain** (tbc)

12:45 - 13:00 Government representative from **Hungary** (tbc)

13:00 - 13:15 Q&A

13:15 – 14:30 Lunch

14:30 – 16:00 PROCESS OF LEGALIZATION – LEGISLATION, FUNDING AND LESSON LEARNED

14:30 - 14:45 **Council of Europe** (tbc)

14:45 - 15:00 Government representative from **Serbia** (tbc)

15:00 – 15:15 **Ministry of Transport and Communication**, Macedonia

15:15 - 15:30 **ZELS** - Practical implementation of law for legalization in municipalities (tbc)

15:30 - 15:45 Q&A

15:45 - 16:00 **Coffee break**

16:00 – 17:30 THE ROLE OF CIVIL SOCIETY- POSSIBILITIES AND CHALLENGES

16:00 - 16:20	NRC and Habitat Macedonia
16:20 - 16:30	NGO Serbia
16:30 - 16:40	NGO BiH
16:40 - 16:50	NGO Spain
16:50 - 17:00	NGO Bulgaria
17:00 - 17:30	Dicussion

19:30 DINNER

22 MAY 2012 – TUESDAY

8:45- 9:15 REGISTRATION OF CAHROM PARTICIPANTS
9:15 - 9:30 OPENING OF THE 3rd CAHROM MEETING

- Opening of the 3rd CAHROM meeting by **Mabera Kamberi**, Chair of the CAHROM
- Welcoming statement by **Sixto Molina**, Head of the Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Roma Issues

9:30-12:00 THEMATIC EXCHANGE OF VIEWS ON THE TOPIC OF SOCIAL HOUSING FOR ROMA

CAHROM(2012)8 prov preliminary draft synthesis report of the CAHROM thematic group on social housing for Roma

10:15 - 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 - 12:00 Mabera Kamberi and CAHROM team of expert on social housing for Roma - main findings of the preliminary draft report and lessons learnt

CAHROM participants, including observers, as well as Decade Housing participants, will have the possibility to provide additional information relevant to the thematic area covered

General discussion in the field of housing for Roma

12:00 - 12:30 Conclusion and remarks

12:30 LUNCH