



DECADE OF ROMA INCLUSION 2005 - 2015
PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC OF CROATIA



INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
PERSPECTIVES ON EU FUNDING FOR ROMA INCLUSION

FEB 28-MAR 1, 2013, HOTEL INTERNATIONAL, ZAGREB, REPUBLIC OF CROATIA

AGENDA

February 28, 2013

8:30-09:15 INTRODUCTION

Moderator: *Branko Sočanac*, Director, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia

Paul Vandoren, Head of Delegation, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia

Bernard Rorke, Advocacy Director, Roma Initiatives Office, Open Society Foundation Budapest

Veljko Kajtazi, Member of the Parliament, Croatia

Neven Mimica, Deputy Prime Minister, National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion, Croatia

9.15-10.40 LINKING THE DECADE AND EU RESOURCES – POLICY COORDINATION AND ROMA CIVIL SOCIETY

Moderator: *Costel Bercus*, Chair of the Board, Roma Education Fund

EU Framework, NRIS and the use of EU funds for social inclusion of Roma
Dominique Bé, Social inclusion & fight against poverty, DG Employment, Social Affairs & Inclusion, European Commission

Lesson learned from current period of 2007-13 for planning 2014 – 2020
Jakub Horacek, Officer, Department of Operational Programs Managing Authority, Ministry of Regional Development, Czech Republic

Role of Roma political representatives in linking EU enlargement processes and Roma policies

Srdjan Šajn, Member of Parliament, Serbia

Role of civil society in linking EU funding, NRIS and the Decade objectives
Mirjana Maksimović, Deputy Team Manager, Deputy Prime Minister Cabinet, Government of Serbia

Have Roma in Slovakia benefitted from the European Social Fund?
Jaroslav Kling, HD and Roma Inclusion Policy Analyst, UNDP Regional Center, Bratislava

10:40 -11:10 COFFEE BREAK

EU MEMBER STATES

11:10-13:00 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – EDUCATION AND HEALTH

Moderator: *Adam Kullmann*, Policy Advisor, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations Budapest

Introductory presentation 1: **Costel Bercus**, Chair of the Board, Roma Education Fund

Introductory presentation 2: **Zsófia Pillár**, Chief Officer, Deputy State Secretariat of Social Inclusion, Ministry for Human Resources, Hungary

Open discussion on conclusions of the 2007-13 period and plans and recommendations for the 2014-2020 period

ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

11:10-13:00 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS –IPA II REGULATION

Moderator: *Martin Demirovski*, Policy Officer, Open Society Foundations Brussels

Introductory presentation 1: **Aleksandar Krzalovski**, First Executive Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

Introductory presentation 2: **Lidija Dimova**, Executive Director, Macedonian Center for European Training

Open discussion on how to integrate Roma policies within IPA II regulations

13:00-14:00 LUNCH BREAK

EU MEMBER STATES

14:00-15:30 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – EMPLOYMENT

Moderator: *Jaroslav Kling*, HD and Roma Inclusion Policy Analyst, UNDP Regional Center, Bratislava

Introductory presentation 1: **Carolina Fernandez**, Head of Department, Fundacion Secretariado Gitano, Spain

Introductory presentation 2: **Rositsa Ivanova**, Secretary and Senior Program Officer, Secretariat of National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Integration Issues, Council of Ministers, Bulgaria

Open discussion on conclusions of the 2007-13 period and plans and recommendations for the 2014-2020 period

ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

14:00-15:30 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITIES (FOR PLANNING, PROGRAMMING AND ABSORPTION)

Moderator: *Nadir Redzepe*, Project Manager, Making the Most of EU funds for Roma Inclusion, Open Society Foundations Budapest

Introductory presentation 1: **Aleksandar Georgievski**, Deputy Head, NIPAC Secretariat, Sector for Coordination of EU Funds and other Foreign Assistance, Secretariat for European Affairs

Introductory presentation 2: **Petar Antić**, Executive Director, Minority Rights Center, Serbia

Open discussion on how to improve institutional capacities for better programming and absorption of IPA funds / how to ensure effective Roma participation and monitoring in EU accession

15:30-16:00 COFFEE BREAK

EU MEMBER STATES

16:00-17:30 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – HOUSING AND INTEGRATED TERRITORIAL PROGRAMMES

Moderator: *Nora Teller*, Sociologist, Metropolitan Research Institute, Hungary

Introductory presentation 1: **Peter Pollak**, Plenipotentiary, Office of the Plenipotentiary of the Government of Slovakia for Roma Communities

Introductory presentation 2: **Darina Batyiová**, Policy Officer, Office of the Council of the Government of the Czech Republic for Roma Community Affairs, Czech Republic

Open discussion on conclusions of the 2007-2013 period and plans and recommendations for the 2014-2020 period

ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

16:00-17:30 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – PERSPECTIVES OF EU ROMA PLATFORM AND ENLARGEMENT

Moderator: *Bernard Rorke*, Advocacy Director, Roma Initiatives Office, Open Society Foundation Budapest

Introductory presentation 1: **Liane Adler**, Programme Manager, DG Enlargement, European Commission

Introductory presentation 2: **Branko Sočanac**, Director, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia

Open discussion for developing coordination mechanisms between enlargement / NRIS and EU Roma platform

20:00- DINNER

March 1, 2013

EU MEMBER STATES

09:00-10:45 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – IMPLEMENTATION

Moderator: *Adam Kullmann*, Policy Advisor, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations Budapest

Introductory presentation 1: **Carolina Fernandez**, Head of Department, EURoma Technical Secretariat

Introductory presentation 2: **Elena Mihalache**, Policy and Advocacy Officer, Roma Civic Alliance of Romania

Open discussion on conclusions of the 2007-2013 period and plans and recommendations for the 2014-2020 period

ENLARGEMENT COUNTRIES

09:00-10:45 THEMATIC DISCUSSIONS – IMPLEMENTATION

Moderator: *Mabera Kamberi*, Head of Department, Department for Coordination and Technical Assistance to the Minister, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy

Introductory presentation 1: Lessons learned from Phare 1998-2006 – **Joanna Maria Kostka**, Researcher, Altus Zrt., Hungary

Introductory presentation 2: Assessment of use of IPA 2007-2013 for Roma inclusion in Croatia – **Milena Babic**, Project Manager PGF Croatia

Introductory presentation 3: Assessment of use of IPA 2007-2013 for Roma inclusion in Serbia - **Ivan Knezevic**, Deputy Secretary General, European Movement in Serbia

Introductory presentation 4; Assessment of use of IPA 2007-2013 for Roma inclusion in Macedonia – **Aleksandar Krzalovski**, First Executive Director, Macedonian Center for International Cooperation

11:45-11:15 COFFEE BREAK

11:15 - 12:15 PLENARY SESSION: ROMA IN EU FINANCIAL PERSPECTIVE 2014-2020

Presentations of Moderators (max. 5 min.)

Discussion (25 min.)

12:15- 12:45 FINAL CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Moderator: (TBD)

12:45 - 14:00 LUNCH