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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE LINKAGE OF THE HISTORICAL EXPERIENCE OF ROMA IN EUROPE WITH THE PROMOTION OF TOLERANCE AND NON – DISCRIMINATION OF ROMA

HOTEL ANTUNOVIC, ZAGREB, CROATIA
MAY 23 – 24, 2013

AGENDA

Thursday, May 23, 2013

08:30 - 09:00 **REGISTRATION**

09:00 - 09:40 **OPENING OF THE CONFERENCE**

Veljko Kajtazi, Roma National Council President and Member of Croatian Parliament

Lora Vidović, MA, Ombudsman, Croatia

Bahrija Sejfić, Assistant Director, Government Office for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia

Aleksandar Tolnauer, President of the Council for National Minorities

Furio Radin, PhD, President of the Parliamentary Committee for Human Rights and Rights of National Minorities, Croatia

Milan Bandić, Mayor of the City of Zagreb

prof. Berislav Šipuš, PhD, Deputy Minister of Culture, Croatia

Milorad Batinić, Deputy Speaker, Croatian Parliament

09:45 - 11:15 RESEARCH ON SUFFERING OF ROMA IN THE SECOND WORLD WAR

Moderator : **Prof. Erika Thurner**, PhD, Faculty of Political Science and Sociology, University of Innsbruck, Austria

Danijel Vojak, PhD, Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Croatia
Persecution of Roma in Independent State of Croatia 1941 - 1945

Viorel Achim, PhD, Nicolae Iorga Institute of History, Romania
The persecution of Roma in Romania during the Second World War and the population's attitude

Discussion

11:15 - 11:30 COFFEE BREAK

11:30 - 13:00 ABOUT THE FORGOTTEN GENOCIDE: PRESENTATION OF SUFFERING OF ROMA IN CONTEMPORARY EDUCATION

Moderator: **Dragoljub Acković**, PhD, Deputy Director, Office for Human and Minority Rights, Serbia

Prof. Gerhard Baumgartner, PhD, University of Applied Sciences Graz, Austria
New international teaching materials concerning the Roma Genocide on the Internet

Prof. Erika Thurner, PhD, Department of Political Science, Faculty of Political Science and Sociology, University of Innsbruck, Austria
Nazi Policy against Roma as Research and Education Topic

Discussion

13:00 - 14:00 LUNCH

14:00 - 15:30 CULTURE OF MEMORY ON THE WWII FORGOTTEN ROMA VICTIMS

Moderator: **Danijel Vojak**, PhD, Ivo Pilar Institute of Social Sciences, Croatia

Dragoljub Acković, PhD, Deputy Director, Office for Human and Minority Rights, Serbia
The culture of remembrance of forgotten Roma victims in the Second World War

Mario Silva, PhD, Chairman, International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), Canada

The efforts of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance to commemorate the Roma-Sinti genocide

Vicente Rodriguez Fernandez, International Roma Youth Network (TernYpe), Spain

Roma youth calls for historical recognition: The value of the moral argument in the remembrance of the Roma genocide during WWII

Discussion

15:30 – 15:45 **COFFEE BREAK**

15:45 – 17:45 **LEGAL FRAMEWORK FOR THE ELIMINATION OF DISCRIMINATION AGAINST ROMA AND ANTI-DISCRIMINATION IN PRACTICE**

Moderator: **Barbara Liegl**, MA, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Austria

Michail Beis, Head of Sector Racism, Integration and Roma Issues, Equality and Citizens' Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)
EU instruments to combat ethnic discrimination: The situation of Roma in the EU

Dejan Palić, Member of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Croatia
The role of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in combating discrimination against Roma

Dan Oprescu Zenda, PhD, Senior Advisor, National Agency on Roma, Romania
Racial Discrimination and Public Policies on Roma. The Case of Romania

Tena Šimonović Einwalter, MA, MJur, Coordinator for the Area of Non-discrimination, Office of the Ombudsman (Croatia) and EQUINET Executive Board Member
The Role of National Equality Bodies in the Fight against Discrimination of Roma

Andrea Čolak, Legal Consultant for Western Balkans and Turkey, European Roma Rights Centre
Application of the Race Directive and other legal issues relevant to Roma Integration in the Decade countries

Discussion

20:00 **GALA DINNER**

Friday, May 24, 2013

08:00 - 09:45 TRAVEL: ZAGREB - JASENOVAC

09:45 - 11:00 VISIT TO THE ROMA MEMORIAL CEMETERY UŠTICA AT
JASENOVAC CONCENTRATION CAMP MEMORIAL SITE

11:00 - 12:15 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

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University of Innsbruck, Austria

12:15 - 14:00 TRAVEL: JASENOVAC - ZAGREB

14:00 - 15:00 LUNCH

Departure of participants