Decade of Roma Inclusion

Agenda
Anti-discrimination workshop

Danubius Hotel Astoria
19-21 Kossuth Lajos Str.
H-1053 Budapest

April 17-18, 2008

April 16, Wednesday

14:00 – 19:00     Arrival of participants
April 17, Thursday

08:30 – 09:00  Registration

I. Opening session

Chair:
Rapporteur:

09:00 – 10:00  Opening speeches

Monika Lamperth/Edit Rauh, Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour
European Commission
Open Society Institute
Council of Europe

10:00 – 10:20  Coffee break

II. Anti-discrimination - legislative background

Chair:
Rapporteur:

European Commission

10:40 – 11:00  Possible amendments of the 43/2000/EC Directive
European Commission

11:00 – 11:20  Equal treatment, anti-discrimination legal background of non-EU member countries

11:20 – 11:40  Positive actions – legislative background

11:40 – 12:00  Comments, remarks

12:00 – 13:00  Lunch
III. Best practices – enforcement of anti-discrimination, implementation of anti-discrimination law

Chair:
Rapporteur:

13:00 – 13:30  “Dosta” campaign
13:30 – 14:00  Romanian anti-discrimination campaign
14:00 – 14:30  Ostrava case - ERRC
14:30 – 14:50  Coffee break

IV. Field visits (projects, NGOs, authorities, etc.) – to be confirmed

14:50 – 18:00

• Legal Defence Bureau for National and Ethnic Minorities (NEKI) project
• Chance for Children Foundation project
• Roma Civil Rights Foundation
• Equal Treatment Authority

19:00  Dinner
April 18, Friday

V. Implementation of equal treatment in resource allocation

Chair:
Rapportour:

09:00 – 09:20  Programming and allocation of national and EU funds by equal treatment measures (2007-2013 period and new possible ways from 2014)

09:20 – 09:50  Remarks by countries and international organizations

09:50 – 10:10  New ways of resource allocation - strengthening anti-segregation policies

10:10 – 10:40  Best practices by countries

10:40 – 11:00  Coffee break

11:00 – 11:20  New ways of resource allocation – support for the most disadvantaged regions, settlements

11:20 – 11:50  Best practices by countries

11:50 – 12:10  New ways of resource allocation – evaluation, monitoring (role of Roma NGOs)

12:10 – 12:40  Best practices by countries

12:40 – 13:20  Rapportours’ reports and closing of the workshop

13:20 – 14:20  Lunch

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