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INCLUSIVE APPROACH – GOOD PRACTICE AND THE WAY FORWARD

27 – 28 May 2011

American Center
Tržiště 13, 118 01 Prague 1
Czech Republic

“Ending Segregation and Fostering Inclusion”

AGENDA
Morning session

9:00 - 9:30 Registration - American Center

9:30 - 10:15 Opening speeches
Facilitator: Gabriela Hrabaňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic

Monika Šimůnková, Commissioner for Human Rights, Czech Republic
Renata Ježková, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic
Karel Holomek, Association of Roma of Moravia, Czech Republic
Mihai Surdu, Roma Education Fund (REF)

10:15 - 11:00 Testimonials by representatives of the case D.H. and Others vs. Czech Republic
Facilitators: Gabriela Hrabaňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs and Kumar Vishwanathan, Life Together, Czech Republic

Martin Pokuta, Monika Bongilajova, Denisa Holubova, Julek Mika

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 13:00 Segregation and desegregation in education (presentations and discussion)
Facilitator: Lucie Horváthová, Romodrom, Czech Republic

Tracey Gurd, Open Society Justice Initiative - D.H. and others v. the Czech Republic three years later
Henry Scicluna, Council of Europe - The European Court of Human Rights and non-litigious approaches to integration
Andras Ujlaky, Chance for Children Foundation, Hungary - Desegregation in Hungary
Biserka Tomljenović, Consultant, Croatia - Desegregation in Croatia
Karel Čada, GAC, Czech Republic - Measuring segregation and monitoring desegregation

13:00 – 14:30 Lunch
Afternoon session

14:30 – 15:30 Presentations: Good practice in desegregation in Decade countries
Facilitator: Šemsi Šainov, Roma Education Fund

Gábor Daniel Nagy, DARTKE Hungary - Desegregation in Szeged and Hódmezovásárhely
Oana Luiza Mihalache, Romani CRISS, Romania - Desegregation in Romania
Iveta Němečková, Open Society Foundation Prague, - Preventing inappropriate enrolment in special education

15:30 - 16:00 Coffee break

16:00 - 17:00 Discussion and Conclusions
Facilitator: Šemsi Šainov, Roma Education Fund

18:00 Cultural event: Opening of the exhibition “Segregation Seriously Harms You and People around You”
Venue: Nostitz Palace

Morning session

9:00 – 11:00 Work in parallel groups: Toward measures to prevent and reverse segregation

Group 1: Psychological testing regimes and segregation in special education
Facilitator: Julia White, University of Rochester, USA

Group 2: Addressing forms of segregation in standard education
Facilitator: Lilla Farkas, Equal Treatment Authority, Hungary

Group 3: Promoting inclusive education
Facilitator: Daniel Pop, Resource Centre for Ethno Cultural Diversity, Romania

11:00 – 11:30 Coffee break

11:30 – 12:30 Discussion and Conclusions
Facilitator: Eben Friedman, Roma Education Fund

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
Afternoon session

14:00 – 16:00  The way forward: Government commitments to desegregating education in the Decade countries (press is invited)
Facilitator: Gabriela Hrabaňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic

Mgr. Renata Ježková, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Czech Republic
Nahida Zekirova, Advisor, Ministry of Labour and Social Policy, Macedonia
Nada Jakir, Senior Advisor, Ministry of Science, Education and Sports, Croatia
Ilda Rusha, Director of Monitoring of Roma Strategy, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities, Albania,
Ilie Dinca, President of National Agency for Roma, Romania,
Yosif Yasenov Nunev, State Expert, Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports, Bulgaria,
Želimir Popov, Assistant of Minister, Ministry of Education and Science, Serbia,
Miroslav Repovsky, General Director of Regional Education Division, Ministry of Education, Slovakia

16:00 – 16:15  Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45  Working session on applying international good practice in desegregating education in Czech Republic
Facilitator: Gabriela Hrabaňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic

Klára Laurenčíková, Society for Inclusive Education, Czech Republic
Martin Šimáček, Agency for Social Inclusion, Czech Republic
Lucie Horváthová, NGO Coalition Together to School, Czech Republic

17:45 – 18:00  Closing Remarks
Gabriela Hrabaňová, Council for Roma Minority Affairs, Czech Republic
Eben Friedman, Roma Education Fund