



Structural Funds: Investing in Roma

EURoma meeting Agenda

**11th and 12th May 2011
Prague, Czech Republic**

Meeting venue:

Ministerstvo práce a sociálních věcí (Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs)
Karlovo náměstí 1
Praha 2

Wednesday, 11th May

9.00 – 9.20	Welcoming words
9.20 - 9.30	Presentation of the meeting programme Technical Secretariat
9.30 – 10.30	Presentation of the first draft of the Guide for Local and Regional administrations for the use of the Structural Funds for Roma inclusion (EURoma-CoR-DG REGIO). It will be previously sent to participants. Expert drafting the Guide: Brian Harvey, social researcher
10.30 - 11.00	Coffee break
11.00– 13.30	Open discussion on the draft Guide among EURoma members and some invited stakeholders: Committee of the Regions, Eurocities (Roma Task Force), Roma-Net, 3 municipalities, 2 regions, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative (OSI). Proposals for the definitive version of the guide.
13.30 - 14.30	Lunch
14.30-16.00	EU recent developments (I) Presentation of the EU Framework for National Strategies for Roma Inclusion . European Commission Potential contribution of the Structural Funds for the National Strategies . Open debate among participants on how this EU Framework can be translated into national context and how SF can support them. Debate based on a questionnaire previously sent to participants.



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16.00-17.00	<p>EU recent developments (II)</p> <p>EU2020 Strategy</p> <p>Roma inclusion at the National Reform Programmes and role of the Structural Funds. Review of the NRP submitted by Member States to European Commission by the end of April.</p>
17.00-17.30	<p>EU recent developments (III)</p> <p>New initiatives concerning the amendment of the art 7.2 of ERDF Regulations as regards housing interventions. European Commission, DG Regional Policy.</p>

20.00 Dinner and cultural event offered by host partners

Thursday, 12th May

9.00 – 9.10	Welcoming words
09.10-11.00	<p>Host Country Monographic:</p> <p>General Overview: Czech Government policies towards the Roma population, approaches, added value of the Czech experience and the most relevant Institutions and stakeholders: The Roma Agency, The Office of the Government for Roma Issues, the Network of disadvantaged Neighbourhoods, etc.</p> <p>ESF and ERDF measures targeting the Roma in CZ. Implementing Authority for European Programmes</p>
11.00- 11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.15	<p>Network internal issues</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ EURoma Position Paper for future Regulations: presentation of the final version, discussion on possible updates, dissemination options and follow-up in each country in order to see how Member States can take full advantage of this document. ▪ Review of the latest and upcoming developments at national and European level regarding Roma and Structural Funds. Exchange and update of information among members. ▪ Setting of the agenda for upcoming EURoma meetings and activities.
13.15-13.30	Review of key decisions and agreements and closing of the meeting
13.30-14.30	Lunch