

European Roma Summit, 4th April 2014
"Going local on Roma inclusion"

Venue¹: Square Brussels Meeting Centre (Copper Room)
Rue Mont des Arts, B-1000 Brussels
<http://www.squarebrussels.com>

Draft Agenda

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in: Shqiptar, български, čeština, English, español, français, deutsch, ελληνικά, hrvatski¹, magyar, italiano, македонски, polski, român, romanès, slovenský, türk.

8.00 Registration and welcome coffee

8.45 – 10.15 **Opening**

Chair: Françoise Le Bail, Director General for Justice, European Commission

Zoni Weisz, Holocaust survivor

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

Martin Schulz, President of the European Parliament

Traian Băsescu, President of Romania

Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission

László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Giannis Michelakis, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Roma Issues, for the Greek presidency of the Council of the EU

10.15 - 10.30 *Coffee break / Video-message from Livia Jaroka, Member of the European Parliament*

10.30 - 12.30 **Panel 1 - Making policies inclusive for all Roma at the local level**

Moderator: Edit Bauer, Member of the European Parliament

Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

Zoltán Balog, Minister for Human Resources, Hungary - TBC

Zinaida Zlatanova, Deputy Prime Minister, Bulgaria

Jiří Dienstbier, Minister for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities, Czech Republic

Pekka Haavisto, Minister for International Development, Finland

Damian Draghici, Senator and National Roma Contact Point, Romania

Nicoleta Bitu, Roma expert

Olguta Vasilescu, Mayor of Craiova, Romania

Barbara Loth, Undersecretary of State for Labour, Integration and Women, Berlin, Germany

Debate - Questions and answers

12.30 - 14.00 *Lunch*

¹ In addition, speakers will be able to make their interventions in Bosnian, Serbian and Montenegrin.

14.00 – 16.00 **Panel 2 - Making EU funding reach the local and regional authorities to support Roma integration**

Moderator: Kinga Göncz, Member of the European Parliament

László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Marián Saloň, State Secretary of the Ministry of Interior, Slovak Republic

Maggie De Block, Secretary of State for Asylum, Immigration and Social Integration, Belgium - TBC

Minister, France - TBC

Klára Orgovánová, Director of the Roma Institute, Slovak Republic

Tsonko Tsonev, Mayor of Kavarna, Bulgaria

Maria Winberg-Nordström, Deputy Mayor of Helsingborg Municipality, Sweden

Morten Kjaerum, Director, European Agency for Fundamental Rights

Debate - Questions and answers

16.00 - 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 - 18.00 **Panel 3 – Making Roma integration a local reality in enlargement countries** *(this panel is subject to modifications by DG ELARG)*

Moderator: Janez Lenarčič, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Štefan Füle, Commissioner for Enlargement and European Neighbourhood Policy

Suad Numanović, Minister for Human and Minority Rights Protection, Montenegro

Astrid Thors, High Commissioner on National Minorities, Organisation for Security and Cooperation in Europe - TBC

George Soros, Chairman of Soros Fund Management and of Open Society Foundations

Nemanja Delič, Mayor of Sombor, Serbia

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General, Council of Europe

Elmas Arus, Chair of Zero Discrimination Association, Turkey

Debate - Questions and answers

18.00 **Closing**

Chair: Michel Servoz, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, European Commission

Tonio Borg, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, European Commission - TBC

Jens Geier, Member of the European Parliament

Representative from the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015 - TBC

Representative from the forthcoming Italian presidency of the Council of the EU – TBC

ⁱ Please, note that the venue initially foreseen for this event (European Economic and Social Committee) has changed.