**EURoma meeting**

**3rd -4th May 2012, Bratislava**

**Agenda**

**Meeting Venue: Hotel Borik, Bratislava**

Thursday, 3rd May

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| 9.00 - 9.30 | **Welcoming words**   * Mr Miroslav Pollák. Plenipotentiary for Roma Issues, Slovakia * Ms. Zuzana Polačková. DG ESF, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, Slovakia * Mr. Pedro Martos Otero. Spanish ESF MA (Lead partner), Ministry of Employment and Social Security |
| 9.30-9.40 | Presentation of the meeting programme. Technical Secretariat |
| 9.40-13.00 | **The contribution of Structural Funds for the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS)**   * The process of the assessment on NRIS: the EC follow up (30 min): Jana Balazova. Unit D4 - Non discrimination policies and Roma coordination. DG JUSTICE, European Commission. * Monitoring the Progress: Presentation of the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA) survey (30 min): Sabine Springer * Final version of the document “Analysis of references to Structural Funds in National Roma Integration Strategies” (20 min): Technical Secretariat * Discussion on how Member States foresee the implementation of NRIS in their countries (1 hour and a half).   Round of interventions to assess in general terms how the process of adopting the NRIS in each of the countries was:   * Who led the process and who is in charge of it? * Who are the main stakeholders involved? * Which are the key advances as regards the previous Roma policy framework? * Which are the next steps for the implementation of the Strategy?   **The contribution of the Structural Funds to the implementation of the NRIS:**   * To what extend does the NRIS foresee the contribution of the Structural Funds, mainly ESF and ERDF, during the current programming period and how? Does your NRIS advance any measure for the next programming period? * How does the NRIS foresee to adapt current OPs to the NRIS´s goals and priorities (investing in education, employment, housing and health, promoting an integrated and targeted approach, allowing for a better monitoring and evaluation of results, etc.)? * How does the NRIS intend to combine ESF and ERDF to achieve more effective results on the ground? * How Technical Assistance could support management, monitoring and evaluation of Roma inclusion projects? * What kind of coordination mechanisms are set by the NRIS with main stakeholders? Is there any specific mechanism between the MA and the NRIS Contact Point?   Coffee break 30 min |
| 13.00-14.00 | **Lunch** |
| 14.00-17.00 | Recent developments as regards the new Regulations of Structural Funds   * Common Strategic Framework for preparation of Partnership Contracts for the 2014-2020 period and state of the negotiations of the Regulations: * Mr. Dominique Be. Deputy Head of Unit, ESF Coordination, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission * Mrs. Enrica Chiozza, DG Regional Policy, European Commission   Preparing for the next programming period 2014-2020   * EURoma Practical Guide for OPs 2014-2020 – Presentation of the draft proposal: Mr. José Manuel Fresno – Technical Secretariat * Discussion and feedback from participants   Coffee break 20 min |
| 19.30 | Dinner offered by host partners |

Friday, 4th May

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| 9.00-12.30 | **Country Monographic**   * Roma situation in Slovakia and targeted policies. Mr. Michal Vašečka, Centre for the Research of Ethnicity and Culture (NGO) – tbc * The Slovak National Strategy for the Integration of Roma population and the use of SF towards Roma inclusion in Slovakia. Mr. Igor André, Mr. Juraj Kuruc, Department of Strategies, Plenipotentiary´s Office. * Implementation of Structural Funds in the framework of horizontal priority *Marginalized Roma communities*:   + Martin Vavrinčík, Director, Dpt. of Social Inclusion, Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family, *Future strategy of the Ministry in the frame of inclusion of the socially excluded communities.*   + Jaroslav Kling, Daniel Skobla, UNDP, *Qualitative analysis of ESF project results and subsequent recommendation for the next programming period 2014-2020; Survey on Slovak households with regard to MR.*   + Implementation of Structural Funds in the framework of horizontal priority *Marginalized Roma communities* (priority 2 of OP Employment and social inclusion): Marek Hojsík, General Director, Social Development Fund   + Implementation of Local strategies of the comprehensive approach. Ms. Jana Minarovičová, Director, Dept. of Coordination of horizontal priority MRC. * Slovak context on Roma Issue related to Council of Europe. Ján Hero, Director of the Private Secondary School, Member of the *ad hoc* Committee of Experts on Roma Issues (CAHROM) of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg   Coffee-break : 30 min |
| 12.30-13.00 | The Role of International Organizations in the Social Inclusion of the Roma population : The Council of Europe   * Mr. Schokkenbroek - Special Representative of the Secretary General of the CoE for Roma |
| 13.00 -13.30 | **Closing session**  Internal issues of the Network:   * Outputs and upcoming activities of EURoma * Review of key decisions and agreements   Farewell words |
| 13.30- 14.30 | Lunch |