European Platform for Roma Inclusion
"It is urgent to make change for Roma children and youth"

Brussels, Thursday, 27 June 2013
Draft Agenda

08.30 – 9.00 Registration

Opening

09.00 – 09.15 Opening speech by Françoise Le Bail, Director General, DG Justice, European Commission

Opening speech by a representative of the Irish presidency of the EU

9.15 – 10.15 Panel 1
Making change for Roma children from birth to compulsory school age – focus on health, early childhood education and care, and compulsory education

Presentations from the panel
Moderator: Costel Bercus, Roma Education Fund

• Introduction by Xavier Prats Monne, Deputy Director General for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth

• Transnational methodology for working with Roma families towards their children’s success in education by Belen Sanchez, Coordinator of the transnational project Roma families get involved

• Ensuring integrated and inclusive Early Childhood Education and Care by Eduard Petrescu, UNICEF Romania and Carmen Anghelescu the "Step by Step" Centre for educational and professional development in Romania

• Hands-on example of a good cooperation of local stakeholders on early childhood and compulsory education by Peter Strážik, school director, Slovakia

• Multi-country training on Roma health by Piroska Östlin, the World Health Organisation, Vulnerability and Health Programme and Róbert Hamburghadžo, student

10:15 – 10:45 Questions and answers

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 – 12:00 Panel 2
Making change for Roma youth – focus on the transition between school and employment

Presentations from the panel
Moderator: Jose Manuel Fresno, independent expert

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

• Providing Vocational Education and Training to migrant Roma youth by Biser Alekov, Foyer asbl
• Promoting access for Roma to Life Long Learning programmes, Vocational Education and Training and employment through family education in primary schools by EduRom
• Successful mutual integration by Kyösti Florin, TuROM project, City of Jyväskylä

12:00 – 12:30 Questions and answers

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch and networking

14:00 – 14:45 Panel 3

Roma empowerment: how Roma leaders can drive change

Presentations from the panel
Moderator: Katalin Barsony, independent expert

• Introduction by Livia Járóka, Member of the European Parliament
• Listening to the voice of Roma youth by Merdjan Jakupov, TemYpe International Roma Youth Network
• Youth empowerment by Sebijan Fejzula, European Roma Youth Forum
• Supporting Roma youth by Gelu Duminica, “Together” NGO, Romania

14:45 – 15:15 Questions and answers

15:15-15:30 Coffee break

15:30 – 16:45 Panel 4

Following progress on the ground – shaping policies that work

Presentations from the panel
Moderator: Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director for Equality, DG Justice, European Commission

• Introduction by Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Citizenship and Fundamental Rights, European Commission
• Civil society monitoring possibilities and challenges of the implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies by Marton Rovid, Roma Decade
• Monitoring and feeding results into policies by Zoltan Kovacs, State Secretary for Social Inclusion, Hungary
• Reviewing implementation of action plans in the light of projects’ results by Daniel Vasile, President of the National Roma Agency in Romania
• Collecting data and monitoring outcomes of policies related to child rights and education by Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights
• Monitoring discrimination of children and youth by Aniko Orsos, European Roma Rights Centre

16:45 – 17:15 Questions and Answers

17:15– 17:30 Concluding remarks by Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, Director for Equality, Directorate General for Justice, European Commission

Meeting venue: European Management Centre - MCE room A+B
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Interpretation will be provided from and into Bulgarian, Czech, English, French, German, Hungarian, Italian, Romanian, Slovak and Spanish.