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**Roma youth meeting on youth participation and youth
policy development**
Kiev, 29 – 30 May 2015

On 29 and 30 May 2015 a meeting of Roma young people from Ukraine will be organized by International Charitable Organization “Roma women fund “Chiricli” and the League of interns of the Parliament of Ukraine with the aim to gather Roma young people in order to develop their competence to participate and interact with a variety of organisations and institutions on Roma youth issues.

Most of the Roma youth is not integrated into the mainstream education or other public services. In the same time in Ukraine, Roma youth is not sufficiently participating in Associations or NGOs: despite the presence of a growing number of young Roma people willing to promote initiatives for their community, there is a general lack of skills, knowledge, necessary information and support.

The aim of the meeting is to develop participants’ competences in enhancing Roma youth and participation in Ukraine and to stimulate co-operation between different actors in the youth field in Ukraine for youth policy development and implementation.

The meeting is organised in co-operation with the Council of Europe, as part of the Roma Youth Action Plan and the ROMED programme. Both programmes aim to support the participation of Roma young people in all matters that concern them.

The meeting is organised also in co-operation with national level partners from Ukraine, the League of Interns of the Parliament of Ukraine, the Committee of the Youth and Family policy of the Parliament of Ukraine, the State Institute of the Youth and Family policy in Ukraine.

The objectives of the meeting are to:

- explore the meaning of youth participation and its different forms and to discuss the ways it can be promoted and fostered
- familiarize participants with the Council of Europe’s approaches to youth participation and principles of youth policy development and implementation
- promote and develop Roma youth participation in Ukraine
- develop participants’ understanding of youth policy and ways of implementing youth policies at national and local levels in co-operation with the organisations, local and national institutions
- develop personal and social competences of the participants for youth participation
- explore possibilities for networking and planning future cooperation projects /activities between the participants and other partners.

Profile of participants

The participants of the meeting will be the 20 Roma youth activists from Roma NGOs and Roma students, from different parts of Ukraine: Odessa, Transcarpathia, Kharkiv, Dnepropetrovsk, Zaporozhie, Kiev, aged from 17 to 28 years.

Two participants from Belarus will also be invited to attend the meeting.

The official representatives will be invited to the official opening of the meeting.

Draft agenda

28 May

Arrival of participants

29 May

10:00 – 13:00 In the Parliament of Ukraine

Official opening

- Deputy Minister of Youth and Sport of Ukraine, Serhii Mitrofanskiy. (10 min)
- Representative of the Parliament Committee of Youth policy (to be confirmed). (10 min)
- UN expert on Gender issues, Larysa Kobelyanska (10 min)

Council of Europe's approaches to youth participation and youth policy and the Roma Youth Action Plan

- Project Manager ROMED, Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues Council of Europe, Marcos Andrade. (15 min)

Youth policy in Ukraine

- Head of Youth Policy Department.Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, Iryna Bieliaieva (15 min)

Presentation of the research

- Director of State Institute of Family and Youth Policy, Irina Pesha (10 min)

Discussion.

11.30 -12.00 Coffee-break

Discussion on the Roma youth realities

- Roma Youth activist, Ivan Korzhov. (10 min)
- Roma Youth leader, Ivan Matushenko. (10 min)
- Roma Youth activist Julian Kondur (10 min)

REF Scholarship Program

- Aleksandr Shvaun, Scholarship program coordinator. (10 min)

Discussion.

Conclusion Head of Youth Policy Department.Ministry of Youth and Sports of Ukraine, Iryna Bieliaieva and Project Manager ROMED,

Support Team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues

Council of Europe, Marcos Andrade.

13:00 – 14:00 Lunch break

15.00-16.30 Opening of the seminar. Setting up the goals. Expectations. Getting to know each other and teambuilding.

16.30- 17.40 Sharing participants' realities. Profiles, experiences, needs.

Introduction to the CoE'work on Roma Youth issues and "ROMED-2".

Questions.

17.40-18.00 **Evaluation of the day.**

19.00 Dinner

30 May

10:00 -11.30 Promoting and fostering youth participation.

Introduction to the "Charter on Youth Participation in Local and Regional Life": definitions, areas, instruments.

11.30-.12.00 **Coffee-break**

12.00-13.00 Forms of youth participation.

13:00 Lunch break

14:00- 15.30 Initiatives elaboration.

Based on participants ideas step by step elaboration of concrete actions.

15.30-16.00 **Coffee-break**

16.00-17.30 Planning the next steps: networking and follow-up

Presentation of programs and resources which might be useful for participants.

Support needed for participants.

17.30-18.00 Evaluation and official closure.

Evaluation of the seminar. Certificates.

19:00 Dinner

31 May

Departure of participants