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## AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ROMA AND TRAVELLER ISSUES (CAHROM)

## LIST AND COMPOSITION OF CAHROM THEMATIC GROUPS FOR THE YEARS 2016-2017

Proposed topics for thematic groups/visits in 2016	Requesting/hosting countries	Partner countries
Thematic group on the empowerment and participation of Roma and Travellers in advisory bodies and consultation mechanisms (with a focus on Roma women and youth)  > With the participation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)	• Ireland (confirmed) Dublin, 8-10 February 2016	<ul> <li>Belgium (Federal level) (not part of the visit)</li> <li>Croatia</li> <li>Norway</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>Sweden (participation cancelled)</li> </ul>
Thematic group on testing systems and diagnoses for Roma children with allegedly mild mental disabilities  > With the participation of the European Commission (DG EAC)	Hungary (confirmed)  Budapest, 9-11 March 2016	<ul> <li>Czech Republic</li> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Slovak Republic</li> <li>"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"</li> </ul>
Thematic group on the empowerment and participation of Roma in advisory and decision-making bodies and in political life (with a focus on Roma women and youth)	Greece (confirmed)     Athens, October 2016     (exact dates to be confirmed)	<ul> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>Croatia</li> <li>Czech Republic</li> <li>Norway</li> <li>Romania</li> </ul>
Thematic group on linking anti-poverty and Roma policies through an integrated approach	Bosnia and Herzegovina (confirmed) Sarajevo, November 2016 (exact dates to be confirmed)	Albania     Croatia     Greece     Hungary     Italy     Netherlands
Thematic group on addressing the needs of newly arrived Roma communities, as well as opportunities and responses to challenges for their integration	Spain (confirmed)     Madrid, 14-16 December 2016	Bulgaria Italy Montenegro Norway Romania (to be confirmed) Serbia
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Thematic group on the protection, preservation and teaching of languages spoken by Roma, Sinti and Yenish (including ways to handle the opposition of traditional communities to have their language written and taught)	Austria (confirmed)  Graz, 29-31 March 2017	<ul> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>Croatia</li> <li>Czech Republic</li> <li>Finland</li> <li>Germany</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Slovenia</li> <li>Switzerland</li> </ul>
Thematic group on challenges and best practices in implementing Roma inclusion strategies (including mechanisms for solving personal identification documents and improving access to social services)	Ukraine (confirmed)     early 2017     (exact dates and venue to be confirmed)	<ul> <li>Republic of Moldova</li> <li>Montenegro</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Serbia</li> <li>"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"</li> </ul>

Thematic group on Roma mediation (with a focus on school mediators/assistants)  With the participation of the Strategic Partnerships Unit of the Support Team of the SRSG for Roma (to be confirmed)	Spring 2017 (exact dates and venue to be confirmed)	<ul> <li>Latvia (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Republic of Moldova</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Portugal</li> <li>"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"</li> </ul>
Thematic group on the situation of eastern Roma groups (Roma, Lom/Bosha/Posha, Dom/Garachi/Karachi, Abdal, etc.) and possible policy responses  With the participation of ECMI and OSCE-ODIHR (to be confirmed)	Georgia (confirmed) Tbilissi, 2017 (exact dates and venue to be confirmed)	<ul> <li>Armenia</li> <li>Azerbaijan (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Russian Federation</li> <li>Turkey</li> </ul>
Thematic group on Roma access to employment (with a focus on Roma women and youth)  > With the participation of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe	Autumn 2017 (exact dates and venue to be confirmed)	<ul> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>Greece</li> <li>Republic of Moldova</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"</li> </ul>

## NEW PROPOSALS FOR THEMATIC GROUPS SUBMITTED AT THE 11th CAHROM MEETING

Probably for 2018 pending the adoption of new CAHROM Terms of Reference for 2018-2019 by the Committee of Ministers

Thematic group on the teaching of Roma history (including Roma Holocaust/genocide) in school curricula (proposed by the Republic of Moldova)	No hosting country yet	No partner countries yet
Thematic group on the Roma integration and coordination practices in countries with a small Roma population (proposed by Latvia)	No hosting country yet (Latvia to be confirmed)	Estonia (to be confirmed)     Lithuania (to be confirmed)
Thematic group on the impact of traditions and culture in Roma policy developments and implementation (proposed by Slovenia)	No hosting country yet	<ul> <li>Poland (to be confirmed)</li> <li>No other partner countries yet</li> </ul>
Thematic group on Roma education-related topic (exact topic to be specified)  (proposed by Greece)	No hosting country yet	No partner countries yet
Thematic group on Roma and Traveller's access to justice (with a focus on women)  (proposed by the Secretariat with a view to providing an exchange of experience and lessons learnt between the five pilot countries participating in the joint programme between the Council of Europe and the European Commission/DG Justice)	No hosting country yet     (to be decided among the list     of partner countries)	<ul> <li>Bulgaria (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Greece (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Ireland (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Italy (to be confirmed)</li> <li>Romania (to be confirmed)</li> </ul>