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GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA  
OFFICE FOR NATIONAL MINORITIES

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21 October 2008  
at  
Center Evropa, Dalmatinova 4, Ljubljana

### SEMINAR PROGRAMME

9.00 – 9.30 *Registration of participants*

#### Opening addresses:

Moderator: Dr Vera Klopčič

09.30 – 09.40	<b>Mr Matjaž Kovačič</b> , Ambassador and Head of Division <i>Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate for Policy Planning and Multilateral Political Relations, Division for International Organisations and Human Security</i>
09.40 – 09.50	<b>Mr Stanko Baluh</b> , Director <i>Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for National Minorities</i>
09.50 – 09.55	<b>Mr Zdzislaw Galicki</b> , member of the Advisory Committee <i>Council of Europe</i>
09.55 – 10.00	<b>Mr Ferenc Hajós</b> , member of the Advisory Committee <i>Council of Europe</i>
09.55 – 10.20	Presentation of the Advisory Committee's opinion and the Resolution of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers on the implementation of the Council of Europe's Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in Slovenia <b>Mr Zdzislaw Galicki</b> , member of the Advisory Committee <i>Council of Europe</i>

10.20 - 10.40 *Coffee break*



**Legal, institutional and other measures taken to strengthen the preservation of the identity of persons belonging to national minorities (language, culture, education, media)**

10.40 – 11.00	<b>Dr Suzana Čurin Radovič</b> , Head of Division <i>Ministry of Culture, Division for the Cultural Rights of Ethnic Minorities and the Development of Cultural Diversity</i>
11.00 – 11.15	<b>Dr Andreja Barle Lakota</b> , Director <i>Ministry of Education and Sport, Office for Education Development</i>
11.15 – 11.30	<b>Ms Brankica Petković</b> , researcher <i>Peace Institute</i>
11.30 – 11.45	<b>Mr Boris Bergant</b> , Advisor to the Director General for International Relations <i>Public Institution Radiotelevizija Slovenija</i>
11.45 - 12.00	<b>Mr Jožek Horvat Muc</b> , President <i>Council of the Roma Community of the Republic of Slovenia</i>
12.00 - 12.15	<b>Mr Jožef Kocon</b> , President <i>Hungarian Self-Governing National Community of Pomurje</i>
12.15 - 12.30	<b>Mr Flavio Forlani</b> , President <i>Coastal Italian Self-Governing National Community</i>
12.30 - 13.30	Discussion

*13.30 – 14.30 Lunch*



## Progress in the field of improving the situation of the Roma community members

Moderator: **Dr Mitja Žagar**

14.30 – 14.45	<b>Ms Tjaša Plohl</b> , Advisor <i>Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for National Minorities</i>
14.45 - 15.00	<b>Mr Jožek Horvat Muc</b> , President <i>Council of the Roma Community of the Republic of Slovenia</i>

## Steps towards strengthening intercultural dialogue, tolerance and respect for diversity in Slovenian society

15.00 – 15.15	<b>Ms Kristina Plavšak Krajnc</b> , Director <i>Information Office of the Council of Europe in the Republic of Slovenia</i>
15.15– 15.30	<b>Ms Sonja Kralj Bervar</b> , Head of Division <i>Ministry of Culture, Division for European Affairs and Cultural Development</i>
15.30 –15.45	Presentation of an example of good practice – the Roma settlement of Kamenci <b>Ms Julija Sardelić</b> <i>Roma society Romano Pejtaušago and NGO “Misija *S” – Association for the sustainable development of Pomurje</i>

*15.45 - 16.00 Coffee break*



### Participation in public affairs

16.00 – 16.15	Presentation of the Council of Europe's thematic commentary on the participation of national minorities in public affairs <b>Ms Artemiza-Tatiana Chisca</b> <i>Council of Europe</i>
16.15– 16.30	<b>Ms Neža Vodušek</b> , Secretary <i>Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for Local Self-Government and Regional Policy</i>
16.30– 16.45	<b>Mr Jožek Horvat Muc</b> , President <i>Council of the Roma Community of the Republic of Slovenia</i>
16.45– 17.00	<b>Mr Jožef Kocon</b> , President <i>Hungarian Self-Governing National Community of Pomurje</i> <b>Mr Flavio Forlani</b> , President <i>Coastal Italian Self-Governing National Community</i>
17.00- 17.40	Discussion

### Evaluation and conclusion

17.40 – 17.50	<b>Mr Stanko Baluh</b> , Director <i>Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for National Minorities</i>
17.50 – 18.00	<b>Mr Zdzislaw Galicki</b> , member of the Advisory Committee <i>Council of Europe</i>

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