



PROGRAMME

"Implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities in Romania. Results and Perspectives"

Round table organized by

the Government of Romania – Department for Inter-Ethnic Relations and the Council of Europe

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13 December

Afternoon - Acommodation at Marriott Grand Hotel, Bucharest Address: Calea 13 Septembrie nr. 90 Phone: +40 21 403 00 00

19.00 Dinner at the hotel

14 December

9:00 Registration of participants – *Timişoara* Room *Minority press exhibition*

SESSION I – GENERAL EVALUATION

Chair: ATTILA MARKÓ, Secretary of State, Department for Inter – Ethnic Relations, Government of Romania

09:30 Opening session

- ATTILA MARKÓ, Secretary of State, Department for Inter – Ethnic Relations, Government of Romania

- TATIANA – ARTEMIZA CHIŞCĂ, administrator, Secretariat of the FCNM, Council of Europe

- 09:40 **Developments concerning the implementation of the Framework Convention in Europe** - IULIA MOTOC, additional member to the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities with regard to Romania
- 09:50 An overview of the Second Opinion on Romania, adopted by the Advisory Committee on the FCNM, and the Resolution of the Committee of Ministers
 MARJU LAURISTIN, member of the Advisory Committee, Council of Europe
- 10:10 The Implementation of Romania's International Commitments with Regard to the Protection of National Minorities since Romania's Accession to the Council of Europe (1993)
 - RĂZVAN ROTUNDU, Director, MFA
- 10:30 **Comments of minority representatives** on the results of the second monitoring cycle of the FCNM
 - BÉLA MARKÓ, president, Hungarian Democratic Union of Romania
 - VARUJAN PAMBUCCIAN, deputy of the Armenian Union, leader of the Parliamentarian Group of National Minorities, Chamber of Deputies
 - NICOLAE PĂUN, president of the Roma Party *Pro Europa*, president of the Commission for Human Rights, Denominations and National Minority Issues, Chamber of Deputies
 - IOAN ROBCIUC, Vice- president of the Ukrainian Union of Romania

Questions, comments

11:00 Coffee break

11:30 **Comments of civil society** on the results of the second monitoring cycle

- GABRIEL ANDREESCU, Professor, University of Bucharest
- GABOR ADAM, Ethno-cultural Diversity Resource Centre, Cluj
- ILONA MIHAIES, Soros Foundation Romania, Bucharest
- BODO BARNA, Intercultural Institute Timisoara
- IUSTINA IONESCU, Center for Legal Resources, Bucharest
- CSABA BORBOLY, President, Hungarian Youth Conference of Romania (MIERT), Miercurea Ciuc
- ANDREI LUCHICI, president of the European Centre for Diversity, Tulcea

Questions, comments

13:30 – 14.30 Lunch

SESSION II – RECENT EVOLUTIONS AND PERSPECTIVES IN IMPLEMENTING FCNM

Chair: MARJU LAURISTIN, member of the Advisory Committee of the FCNM, Council of Europe

14:30 Developments related to the *legal and institutional framework* relevant for the protection of national minorities

- ATTILA MARKÓ, Secretary of State, Department for Inter – Ethnic Relations, Government of Romania

- ERZSEBET RÜCZ, Deputy Ombudsman of Romania
- CSABA ASZTALOS, presentation of the recent activities of the National Council for Combating Discrimination related to racism and xenophobia
- MIRCEA GROSARU, Deputy of the Association of Italians in Romania "RO.AS.IT"
- 15:10 Evolutions and perspectives related to the *participation of the national minorities in public life*
 - ADRIAN MERKA, Deputy and president of the Democratic Union of the Slovaks and Czechs from Romania
 - MIHAI RADAN, Deputy and president of the Union of Croats in Romania on consultative bodies (Council of National Minorities)
 - MARTIN BOTTESCH, President of the Sibiu County Council regarding participation of national minorities at local level
 - AUREL VAINER, Deputy and president of the Federation of Jewish Communities in Romania

15.30 Developments and perspectives related to the situation of the persons belonging to national minorities in the field of education

- GABRIELLA PÁSZTOR, Secretary of State, Ministry of Education, Research and Youth
- PAUL ŞERBAN AGACHI, Vice-Rector, in charge with Scientific Research, Coordinator of the Romanian Line of Study, *Babes Bolyai* University, Cluj
- MAGYARI TIVADAR, Vice-Rector, Coordinator of the Hungarian Line of Study, *Babes Bolyai* University, Cluj
- MIHAELA DRÅGAN, Ph.D, Professor, German Line of Study, *Babes Bolyai* University, Cluj
- LUCICA MATEI, Dean, National School of Political and Administrative Studies (SNSPA)

16.00 Evolutions and perspectives in Roma integration

- GRUIA BUMBU, president of the National Agency for Roma
- MARGARETA MATACHE, Executive Director, Roma Centre for Social Intervention and Studies *Romani CRISS*
- DELIA GRIGORE, President, Roma Centre Amare Rromentza
- GELU DUMINICĂ, Executive Director, *Împreună (Together)* Community Development Agency

Questions, comments

16:40 Info Café (short press declarations by Ms. Marju Lauristin and Mr. Attila Markó during the coffee break)

17.00 **Developments and perspectives related to** *culture*

- ANDRAS DEMETER – Secretary of State, Ministry for Culture and Denominations Slide-show on the project *Sibiu - European Capital of Culture 2007*

17.10 Developments and perspectives related to mass media

- ATTILA GASPARIK, Vice-president, National Council of the Audiovisual
- CHRISTEL UNGAR ȚOPESCU, Coordinator, German-Language Division, Romanian National Public Television
- SANDOR KACSO, Coordinator, Hungarian-Language Division, Romanian National Public Television
- CĂLIN MITICI, Coordinator, Division for Other Minorities, Romanian National Public Television
- MARIAN CHIRIAC, Editor of "Divers" electronic media
- CIPRIAN NECULA, Media Monitoring Agency

17.40 Use of minority languages in relations with local authorities MARIN PĂTULEANU, Secretary of State for Relations with the Parliament and European Affairs, Ministry of Interior and Administrative Reform

17.50 Evolution in the process of property restitution- INGRID ZAAROUR, President, National Authority for the Restitution of Properties

SESSION III – GENERAL RESULTS

Chair: IULIA MOTOC, additional member to the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities with regard to Romania

18.00 Evaluation of the round table discussions and concluding remarks

- ZENO KARL PINTER, Subsecretary of State, Department for Inter Ethnic Relations, Government of Romania
- MARJU LAURISTIN, member of the Advisory Committee of the FCNM, Council of Europe

18.30 End of the seminar

15 December

Departure of participants