



STRENGTHENING ROMA NETWORKS AT THE LOCAL AND REGIONAL LEVEL

Athens: Thursday 12 April 2018

12.00 – 16.30

Chamber of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece
Level 3, Akademias 65 & Gennadiou 8, Athens, Greece

DRAFT AGENDA

Chaired by Michail ANGELOPOULOS, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Head of the Greek National Delegation of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Mayor of Samos

- 1) 12.00-12.30 Registration (coffee service)
- 2) 12.30-13.00 Opening addresses
 - a. By Georgios PATOULIS, President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE)
 - b. By Konstantinos AGORASTOS, President of the Association of Regions of Greece (ENPE)
 - c. By Katerina GIANTSIOU, Special Secretary on Roma Social Inclusion, Ministry of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity
- 3) 13.00-13.15 Address by Michail ANGELOPOULOS, Vice-President of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Head of the Greek National Delegation of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe, Mayor of Samos
 - a. Greek Roma issues – priorities and goals within the framework of the mandate of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe
- 4) 13.15-13.45 Address by John WARMISHAM, Thematic Spokesperson on Roma and Travellers of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

- a. The work of the Congress and the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion
 - b. The Declaration against Anti-Gypsyism
 - c. Clearing the goals of the meeting
- 5) 13.45-14.00 The JUSTROM joint CoE/EC Project on Roma women's access to justice piloted in Athens, Thessaloniki and Xanthi by Chrisoula ARCOUDIS, Roma and Travellers Team of the Council of Europe
- 6) 14.00-14.20 The City of Volos and its Engagement to Roma Inclusion by Sofia HALARI, President of the Social Welfare and Solidarity Professional Training Institute of the Municipality of Volos
- a. Roma Inclusion in Volos – best practices
 - b. Dosta! Prize
 - c. The Declaration against Anti-Gypsyism – the value attended incentive to Roma inclusion
- 7) 14.20-14.45 “RomNet” in Greece – a European Prototype
Keynote speech by Manolis RANTIS, Former Director of RomNet
- 8) 14.45-15.45 Roundtable Discussion moderated by Christina CHALIPOULOU, Special Associate for Roma Issues to the President of the Central Union of Municipalities of Greece (KEDE)
- a. Issues of Roma inclusion at local and regional level
 - b. Exchange of views about the added value of Roma Networking
- 9) 15.45-16.00 Commitment to a Roma Network at a local and regional level. A strategy to enhance the National Roma Inclusion Strategy by Ioannis VASILIOU, Vice Governor of Western Attica
- 10) 16.00-16.30 Conclusion: Recommendations and Signature Ceremony
- a. Signing of the Alliance's Declaration against Anti-Gypsyism, Despoina CHAMAKIOTI, Secretariat of the Greek Delegation to the Congress

Please note: Drinks and sandwiches will be served in the meeting room throughout the meeting.

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