

First National Seminar on the Roma Inclusion in Lithuania:

European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion

Venue:

Hotel Trasalis – Trakai Resort & Spa

Date: 17 December 2015

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09:00-09:30	<p>Opening Speeches</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Denis Huber, Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Objectives of Alliance for Roma inclusion ○ Aim and outline of the national seminar • Istvan Kvik, Director, "Sare Roma" (tbc)
9:30-10:30	<p>Presentation of the National Roma Integration Strategy for Lithuania and its relevance for the municipalities and regions</p> <p>Presenter: Gražina Sluško, Senior Specialist, Unit for Relations with National Minorities, Department for National Minorities</p> <p>Roundtable – exchange of views and experiences</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • With which issues are participants confronted in their work? • What are the major obstacles to Roma inclusion? • How can the Alliance support the work of participants most effectively? • Which successful experiences have the participants made in their work with Roma? • How to involve Roma into policy-making <p>Moderator: Svetlana Novopolskaja, Director, PI Roma Community Centre</p>
10:30-10:45	Coffee Break
10:45-12.00	<p>Views from the municipalities:</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mr. Vaidotas Ilgius (Vilnius; social housing, social work) • Shorts presentations (5 minutes) of all participants to hear their positions. <p>Moderator: Birute Sabatauskaite, Director, Lithuanian Centre for Human Rights</p>
12.00-13:00	Lunch Break
13:00-14:15	<p>Good practice exchange:</p> <p>Eric van der Sommen (City of Veldhoven): Presentation of proven</p>

	<p>good practices.</p> <p>Rob van der Maanen (Company FlexPay): Vocational trainings of young Roma as truck drivers in Vilnius.</p> <p>Discussion with the local and regional representatives on the transferability possibilities</p> <p>Moderator: Rasa Paliukienė, Senior Specialist, Unit for Relations with National Minorities, Department for National Minorities</p>
14:15-14:45	<p>Research on the life of the Roma community in Lithuania after the census</p> <p>Presenter: Dr Vita Petrusauskaite, Research Fellow, Institute for Ethnic Studies</p> <p>Presentation is followed by a Q&A session</p> <p>Moderator: Gražina Sluško, Senior Specialist, Unit for Relations with National Minorities, Department for National Minorities</p>
14:45–15:00	Coffee Break
15:00-16:15	<p>Cooperation between the local, regional and national authorities with the NGOs and grassroots initiatives</p> <p>Speakers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jurgita Kupryte, Director, Public Institution SOPA • Inga Kreivenaite, Director, day care center "Padek pritapti" • Istvan Kvik, Director, "Sare Roma" <p>Moderator: Dr Vita Petrušauskaitė, Research Fellow, Institute for Ethnic Studies</p>
16:15–17:00	<p>Evaluation of the seminar, conclusion and closure</p> <p>Moderator : Denis Huber, Council of Europe, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities</p>
17:00 onwards	Departure