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## **Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller<sup>1</sup> Organisations**

**2<sup>nd</sup> meeting, Strasbourg, 2-3 June 2016  
Palais de l'Europe, Room 7**

### ***Programme***

#### **Thursday, 2 June 2016**

8h45            **Registration of participants**

09h30-10h00    **Opening session**

Chair: **Ambassador Ardiana Hobdari**, Permanent Representative of Albania to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC)

**Ms Snežana Samardžić-Marković**, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

**Mr Jožek Horvat** (Slovenia), President of the European Roma Union (ERU)

10h00-10h50    **Keynote addresses – introduction to the topics**

#### **Internal and cross-border migration of Roma**

**Mr Valeriu Nicolae** (Romania), State Secretary for Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly, and member of the Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (CAHROM)

#### **Combating hate speech against Roma and Travellers**

**Ms Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka** (Poland), contributor to the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities' Report on the Situation of Roma and Travellers in the context of rising extremism and xenophobia and the refugee crisis in Europe

General debate

10h50-11h20    Coffee break

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<sup>1</sup> The terms "Roma and Travellers" are used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "*Gens du voyage*", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies.

11h20-13h00 **Working session I**

**Causes of internal and cross-border migration of Roma and Travellers — poverty, evictions, expulsions and other reasons**

Moderator: **Mr Thorsten Afflerbach**, Head of the Support Team to the SRSB for Roma Issues, Council of Europe

- Introduction by **Ms Françoise Kempf**, Adviser to the Council of Europe Human Rights Commissioner
- Panel discussion with the participation of:
  - **Ms Rita Patrício**, Senior Executive Officer, Amnesty International, European Institutions Office
  - **Mr Jim Davies** (United Kingdom), Gypsy Roma Traveller Police Association: focus on evictions
  - **Ms Sybil Lee** (United Kingdom), Forum of European Roma Young People (FERYP): focus on the situation of Roma youth migration
- General debate
- Conclusions by the Moderator

**Ms Kärt Juhasoo-Lawrence**, Deputy Permanent Representative of Estonia to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Estonian Chairmanship of the Committee of Ministers of the Council of Europe

13h00-14h30 Lunch break

14h30-16h15 **Working session II**

**Internal and cross-border migration of Roma and Travellers: current challenges and possible solutions**

Moderator: **Mr Robert Rustem**, Outreach Officer of the Support Team to the SRSB for Roma Issues, Council of Europe

- Introduction by **Mr Yaron Matras** (United Kingdom) and **Mr László Fosztó** (Romania) representatives of the EU-funded MigRom project
- Panel discussion with the participation of:
  - **Mr Karl-Friedrich Bopp**, Secretariat of the European Social Charter, Council of Europe: most frequent cases of violations of the ESC in relation to Roma migrants or evictions of Roma and Travellers
  - **Ms Marie Pichault** (Belgium), Centre de Médiation des Gens du Voyage et des Roms en Wallonie (CMGVRW): Linking anti-poverty strategies and national Roma and/or Traveller integration strategies
  - **Ms Ana Oprisan**, ROMACT Project Manager: proposed co-operation between Western and Central Eastern municipalities, SRSB Roma Support Team, Council of Europe
- General debate

16h15-16h45 Coffee break

16h45-17h30 **Working session II (cont'd)**

**Internal and cross-border migration of Roma: current challenges and possible solutions**

- General debate (*continued*)
- Conclusions by the Moderator

17h30-18h00 **Summary of the day's debate**

**Ms Lilla Farkas** (Hungary), General Rapporteur of the meeting

**END OF THE FIRST WORKING DAY**

**Friday, 3 June 2016**

9h00-11h00 **Working session III**

**Combating hate speech against Roma and Travellers**

Moderator: **Mr Ian Naysmith** (United Kingdom), Rapporteur on Anti-Gypsyism and Hate Crime of the Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (CAHROM) of the Council of Europe

- Introduction to ECRI General Policy Recommendation No. 15 on Combating Hate Speech  
**Mr Stefano Valenti**, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) Secretariat, Council of Europe
- Introduction to the Council of Europe's "No Hate Speech Movement"  
**Mr Menno Ettema**, Campaign Coordinator, Youth Department, Council of Europe
- Panel discussion with the participation of:
  - **Mr Florian Kronbichler** (Italy), Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe
  - **Ms Soraya Post** (Sweden), MEP, Co-President of the European Parliament's Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI)
  - **Ms Shay Clipson** (United Kingdom) National Alliance of Gypsy Traveller & Roma Women: focus on hate speech and hate crimes

11h00-11h30 Coffee break

11h30-12h30 **Working session III (cont'd)**

**Combating hate speech against Roma and Travellers**

- General debate
- Conclusions by the Moderator

12h30-13h00 **Closing session**

Chair: **Ms Aurora Ailincai**, Head of the Strategic Partnerships Unit, Support Team to the SRSB for Roma Issues, Council of Europe

- Summary conclusions, **Ms Lilla Farkas** (Hungary), General Rapporteur of the meeting
- **Ms Ágnes Daróczy** (Hungary), President *ad interim* of the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF)
- Closing remarks, **Mr Thorsten Afflerbach**, Head of the Support Team to the SRSB for Roma Issues, Council of Europe