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LIST AND COMPOSITION OF CAHROM THEMATIC GROUPS FOR THE YEARS 2016-2018

Proposed topics for thematic groups/visits in 2016	Requesting/hosting countries	Partner countries
Thematic group on the empowerment and participation of Roma and Travellers in advisory bodies and consultation mechanisms (with a focus on Roma women and youth) ➤ <i>With the participation of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)</i>	• Ireland (confirmed) Dublin, 8-10 February 2016	• Belgium (Federal level) • Croatia • Norway • Spain
Thematic group on testing systems and diagnoses for Roma children with allegedly mild mental disabilities ➤ <i>With the participation of the European Commission (DG EAC)</i>	• Hungary (confirmed) Budapest, 9-11 March 2016	• Czech Republic • Netherlands • Poland • Slovak Republic • "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Thematic group on the empowerment and participation of Roma in advisory and decision-making bodies and in political life (with a focus on Roma women and youth) ➤ <i>With the participation of FRA</i>	• Greece (confirmed) Athens, 17-19 October 2016	• Bosnia and Herzegovina • Croatia • Czech Republic • Romania
Thematic group on linking national anti-poverty policies and national Roma integration strategies through an integrated approach	• Bosnia and Herzegovina (confirmed) Sarajevo, 30 November -2 December 2016	• Albania • Croatia • Greece • Hungary • Italy • Netherlands
Thematic group on addressing the needs of newly arrived Roma communities, as well as opportunities and responses to challenges for their integration	• Spain (confirmed) Madrid, 14-16 December 2016	• Bulgaria • France • Italy • Montenegro • Romania • Serbia
Proposed topics for thematic groups/visits in 2017	Requesting/hosting countries	Partner countries
Thematic group on the protection, preservation and teaching of languages spoken by Roma, Sinti and Yenish (including ways to handle the opposition of traditional communities to have their language written and taught)	• Austria (confirmed) Graz, 29-31 March 2017	• Bosnia and Herzegovina • Croatia • Czech Republic • Finland • Germany • Poland • Slovenia • Switzerland
Thematic group on challenges and best practices in implementing Roma inclusion strategies (including mechanisms for solving personal identification documents and improving access to social services)	• Ukraine (confirmed) March or April 2017 (exact dates to be confirmed)	• Greece • Republic of Moldova • Montenegro • Poland • Serbia • "The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"
Thematic group on Roma mediation (with a focus on school mediators/assistants)	• Lithuania (confirmed) April 2017	• Latvia • Republic of Moldova

➤ <i>With the participation of the Strategic Partnerships Unit of the Support Team of the SRSG for Roma (to be confirmed)</i>	(exact dates to be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Norway • Poland • Portugal • “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”
Thematic group on the situation of eastern Roma groups (Roma, Lom/Bosha/Posha, Dom/Garachi/Karachi, Abdal, etc.) and possible policy responses ➤ <i>With the participation of ECMI and OSCE-ODIHR (to be confirmed)</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Georgia (confirmed) Tbilisi, End of June 2017 (exact dates to be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Armenia • Azerbaijan • Russian Federation • Turkey
Thematic group on Roma access to employment (with a focus on Roma women and youth) ➤ <i>With the participation of the Youth Department of the Council of Europe</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turkey (confirmed) Autumn 2017 (exact dates and venue to be confirmed)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bosnia and Herzegovina • Greece • Netherlands • Poland • Spain • “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”

NEW PROPOSALS FOR THEMATIC GROUPS SUBMITTED AT THE 11th CAHROM MEETING

Probably for 2018 pending the adoption of new CAHROM Terms of Reference for 2018-2019 by the Committee of Ministers

Thematic group on the teaching of Roma history (including Roma Holocaust/genocide) in school curricula (proposed by the Republic of Moldova)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slovak Republic 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hungary • Republic of Moldova • Other partner countries to be identified
Thematic group on the Roma integration and coordination practices in countries with a small Roma population (proposed by Latvia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Latvia (to be confirmed) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Estonia (to be confirmed) • Lithuania (to be confirmed) • Norway •
Thematic group on the impact of traditions and culture in Roma policy developments and implementation (proposed by Poland and supported by Slovenia)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hosting country yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Poland (to be confirmed) • Slovenia (to be confirmed) • Other partner countries to be identified
Thematic group on how to motivate Roma children to learn (education proposed by Greece; specific theme proposed by the Republic of Moldova)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hosting country yet 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyprus (to be confirmed) • Greece (to be confirmed) • Netherlands • Republic of Moldova (to be confirmed) • Other partner countries to be identified
Thematic group on Roma and Traveller's access to justice (with a focus on women) (proposed by the Secretariat with a view to providing an exchange of experience and lessons learnt between the five pilot countries participating in the joint programme between the Council of Europe and the European Commission/DG Justice)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No hosting country yet (to be decided among the list of partner countries) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bulgaria (to be confirmed) • Greece (to be confirmed) • Ireland (to be confirmed) • Italy (to be confirmed) • Romania (to be confirmed)