



AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ROMA¹ AND TRAVELLER ISSUES (CAHROM)

THEMATIC VISIT ON ROMA INTEGRATION, POLICY DEVELOPMENTS AND COORDINATION PRACTICES IN COUNTRIES WITH A SMALL ROMA POPULATION

FINAL AGENDA

Riga-Jelgava-Jurmala, Latvia 3-5 October 2018

1st day, Wednesday, 3 October 2018

Venue: National Library of Latvia (11th floor, discussion room “Kore”, address: Mūkusalas iela 3, Riga)

09:00-09:30 Registration and coffee

09:30-11:00 Opening words and presentation of the purpose of the CAHROM thematic visit
Moderator: Ms Sanita RANCĀNE-DELEKOLE, Head of the Department of Society Integration of the Ministry of Culture

09:30-09:45 Welcome speech
Ms Zane Vāgnere, Deputy of State Secretary on Integration and Media Issues of the Ministry of Culture

09:45-10:15 Introduction into the work of CAHROM thematic work and context and the expectations of the visit
Ms Malgorzata ROZYCKA, Mr Michael GUET, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

10:15-11:00 Coordination of Roma integration Policy in Latvia
Mr Deniss KRETALOVŠ, National Roma Contact Point, Department of Society Integration of the Ministry of Culture

11:00-11:30 Coffee break

11:30-16:30 Coordination of Roma integration policy: national experts' exchange on approach to coordination
Moderator: Michael GUET, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

11:30-12:00 Roma integration policy and coordination in Lithuania
Ms Gražina SLUŠKO, Chief Specialist, Relations with National Communities Division, Department of National minorities under the Government of the Republic of Lithuania,

¹ The term “Roma and Travellers” is 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. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

- 12:00-12:30 **Roma integration policy and coordination in Finland**
Mr Armas Edvard Hagert, National Institute for Health and Welfare
Ms Henna HUTTU, Adviser, National Advisory Board on Romani Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
Ms Anneli WEISTE-PAKKANEN, National Institute for Health and Welfare
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch (hosted by the Ministry of Culture)
- 13:30-14:00 **Roma integration policy and coordination in Norway**
Ms Kjeøy Ida Johanne WARNES, Advisor, Department of Sami and Minority Affairs, Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernization
- 14:00-14:30 **Roma integration policy and coordination in Estonia**
Ms Saul MALL, Advisor, Ministry of Culture
- 14:30-15:00 Coffee break
- 15:00-15:30 **Roma integration policy and coordination in Georgia**
Ms Rusudan ASATIANI, Head of Migration and Repatriation Division, Office of the State Minister of Georgia for Reconciliation and Civic Equality
- 15:30-16:00 **Roma integration policy and coordination in Slovenia**
Mr Stanko BALUH, Head, Office for National Minorities, under the Government of the Republic of Slovenia
- 16:00-17:00 **Roma coordination methods and practice at the local level**
Exchange session with the national experts from the Network of Regional Experts on Roma Integration Issues
- 17:00-17:30 **Debriefing and concluding remarks of the first day**
Moderator: Ms Malgorzata ROZYCKA, Roma and Travellers Team, CoE

2nd day, Thursday, 4 October 2018

- 08:50** Meeting point: Lobby of the hotel Roma, Kaļķu street 28, Riga
- 9:00-10:15** Departure and bus trip to Jelgava

Venue: Skolotāju iela 8, Jelgava

- 10:15-11:00** **Meeting and exchange with authorities of the Department for the Society Integration, City Council of Jelgava** (address: Skolotāju ielā 8)
Ms Ilga ANTUŽA, Head of the Department for the Society Integration, City Council of Jelgava
- 11:00-11:30** **Presentation of the project: “TOY for Inclusion: Community Based Early Childhood for Roma Children”**
Intergenerational TOY Library “Ringla” (address: Skolotāju ielā 8)

Ms Dana DIDŽUS, Roma teacher assistant of Jelgava 4th Primary School

- 11:30-12:30 Meeting and exchange with school authorities, teachers and Roma school mediator, Jelgava 4th Primary School** (address: Akmeņu iela 1)
Ms Sarmīte JOMA, Specialist of Preschool Education, Education Department of Jelgava Municipality
Ms Dana DIDŽUS, Roma teacher assistant of Jelgava 4th Primary School
- 12:30-13:30 Lunch** (hosted by the Ministry of Culture)
(venue: "Bistrobārs & restorāns PARKS", address: K. Barona iela 3, Jelgava)
- 13:30-14:30 Meeting and exchange with Social Affairs Day Centre "Support"**
(address: Stacijas iela 13, Jelgava)
- 14:30-15:30 Trip to Jurmala city**

Venue: Dzirnāvu iela 36/38, LV – 2011, Jūrmala

- 15:30-17:00 Field visit to Jurmala's Day Service Centre for Roma residents; meeting with authorities**
Ms Darija Kulagina, Head of the Society Integration Division, City Council of Jurmala
- 17:00-18:00 Return to Riga**

Free evening

3rd day, Friday, 5 October 2018

Venue: The Ministry of Culture, *Z.A. Meierovica Bulvāris 14*, Riga

09:30-12:00

Debriefing meeting between the experts of the CAHROM thematic group (from the host and partner countries) and the Secretariat of the Council of Europe
Moderator: *Malgorzata ROZYCKA*

Main conclusions as regards the way forward;
Main issues and conclusions to be highlighted in the thematic report;
Lessons learnt regarding the topic and the organisation of the thematic visit;
Good practices identified in the requesting/partner countries to be highlighted in the thematic report;
Possible follow-up envisaged to the CAHROM thematic visit, including joint initiatives and projects, as well as bilateral/multilateral cooperation;
Information about the preparation and presentation of the CAHROM thematic report;
Additional information and documents to be provided by requesting/partner countries;
Timeframe for the preparation of the thematic report and input desirable from each requesting/partner countries' expert.

12:00-13:00 Lunch and departure of the participants
