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9TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
DIALOGUE WITH ROMA AND TRAVELLER¹ CIVIL SOCIETY

Strasbourg, 29-30 October 2020
Online meeting – KUDO Platform

Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)
Presentation – Implementation – Follow-up

DRAFT AGENDA

Thursday, 29 October 2020	
09:00-13:00	
09.00-09.30	Welcome and connectivity check
09.30-10.00	<p>Opening</p> <p>Chair: Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-discrimination, Council of Europe</p> <p>Ambassador Ivan Orlić, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Bosnia and Herzegovina to the Council of Europe, Chair of the Committee of Ministers' Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC)</p> <p>Ronnie Fay, Co-Director of Pavee Point Traveller and Roma Centre, Ireland (Winner of the 2020 International Max van der Stoep Award)</p>
<p>10.00-10.20</p> <p>Reference Documents:</p> <p><i>Guidelines on Civil Society Organisations' participation in Council of Europe's co-operation activities</i></p> <p><i>Code of Good Practice for Civil Participation in the Decision-Making Process and the Promotion and Implementation strategy adjacent to it</i></p> <p><i>Resolution CM/Res(2016)3 Participatory status for international non-governmental organisations with the Council of Europe</i></p>	<p>SESSION 1: Reflections on the importance, role and functioning of Non-Governmental Organisations and Roma and Traveller civil society dialogue in the Council of Europe</p> <p>Chair: Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-discrimination, Council of Europe</p> <p>Anna Rurka, President of the Conference of INGOs, Council of Europe</p> <p><i>Discussion between representatives of Roma and Traveller civil society and Council of Europe representatives</i></p>

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.

<u>Recommendation CM/Rec(2007)14 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the legal status of non-governmental organisations in Europe</u>	
<p>10.20-11.10</p> <p><i>The Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (SAP 2020-2025) provides the framework for Council of Europe action on Roma and Traveller inclusion for the next six years.</i></p> <p><i>The purpose of this session is to present the SAP and discuss the role of Roma and Traveller civil society organisations in its promotion and implementation.</i></p> <p>Reference Documents:</p> <p><u>The Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (SAP 2020-2025)</u></p>	<p>SESSION 2: Presentation and discussion on the Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)</p> <p>Chair: Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-discrimination, Council of Europe</p> <p>Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe <i>The Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)</i></p> <p><i>Roma and Traveller civil society commentator:</i> Kim Janssens, Staffmember, Woonwagenbewoners en Roma, Minderhedenforum, Belgium</p> <p><i>Discussion: Contribution of Roma and Traveller civil society to the promotion and implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)</i></p>
<p>11.10-11.40</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11.40-13.00</p> <p><i>Cross-cutting issues of multiple discrimination and intersectionality permeate horizontally all Council of Europe actions, projects and policies. The purpose of this session is to discuss these aspects with Roma and Traveller civil society.</i></p> <p>Reference Documents:</p> <p><u>Education and Training Division, Youth Department, Council of Europe</u></p> <p><u>Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2016-2021)</u></p>	<p>SESSION 3: Cross-cutting issues of the Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)</p> <p>Multiple discrimination and intersectionality in the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)</p> <p>Chair: Irena Guidikova, Head of Inclusion and Anti-Discrimination Programmes, Council of Europe</p> <p>Rui Gomes, Head of Education and Training Division, Youth Department, Council of Europe <i>Roma Youth and the Council of Europe priorities for the 2020-2021 programme of activities of the Youth Sector</i></p> <p><i>Roma and Traveller civil society commentator:</i> Georgina Laboda, Director of the Phiren Amenca board</p> <p>Regína Jensdóttir, Head of the Children's Rights Division, Council of Europe <i>Intergovernmental work undertaken in the framework of the current and new Strategies for the Rights of the Child of the Council of Europe, and synergies with the activities led by the Roma and Traveller Unit</i></p>

<p>Reference Documents:</p> <p><i>Publications and information materials on the Council of Europe standards and their implementation are very useful tools to monitor progress and compliance with benchmarks and standards in the area of gender equality</i></p> <p><i>Barabaripen (2014) Young Roma speak about multiple discrimination</i></p> <p><i>Compass: Manual for Human Rights Education with Young people</i></p>	<p>Cécile Gréboval, Programme Manager, Gender Equality Unit, Council of Europe <i>Council of Europe's work on promoting Gender equality and combatting sexism</i> <i>Roma and Traveller civil society commentator</i></p> <p>Carmen Gheorghe, President of the e-Romnja Association for promoting Roma women's rights, Romania</p> <p>Eleni Tsetsekou, Head of Unit, Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI), Council of Europe <i>Council of Europe intersectional and international response to protecting the Human Rights and combating multiple discrimination of LGBTIQ Roma and Travellers</i></p> <p><i>Roma and Traveller civil society commentators:</i> Demetrio Gomez, LGBTIQ activist, President of Ververipen Roms for the Diversity, Spain</p> <p>Vesna Čerimović, LGBTIQ activist, Roma Women`s Group, Romnjako Ilo, Serbia</p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>13.00-14.30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>14.30-16.45</p>	
<p>14.30-15.30</p> <p><i>The purpose of the sessions 4-6 is to present in detail the implementation of the three priority areas of the SAP through EU- Council of Europe Joint programmes and other CoE activities.</i></p> <p><i>These sessions also discuss the NGO collaboration and latest adaptations made to the SAP implementation due to the urgent COVID-19 related needs of the participating Roma communities.</i></p> <p>Reference Documents:</p> <p><i>JUSTROM - "Roma Women's Access to Justice"</i></p> <p><i>European Court of Human Rights Factsheet – Roma and Travellers (July 2020)</i></p>	<p>SESSION 4: Priority area 1: Combating anti-Gypsyism and discrimination and supporting real and effective equality</p> <p>Chair: Wolfram Bechtel, Co-Secretary of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), Council of Europe</p> <p>Contributors:</p> <p>Nedim Vrabac, Project Manager, EU & Council of Europe Joint Programme JUSTROM, Council of Europe <i>Improving Roma women's access to justice through the implementation of the Joint Programme JUSTROM in Bulgaria, Greece, Italy and Romania</i></p> <p>Christos Iliadis, National coordinator, EU & Council of Europe Joint Programme JUSTROM, Greece <i>Improving the access to justice of Roma women and communities locally and nationally through the JUSTROM Joint Programme</i></p> <p>Bianca Boji-Tahvanainen, Senior Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights</p>

<p><u>ECRI General Policy Recommendation N°13 on combating anti-Gypsyism and discrimination against Roma - adopted on 24 June 2011</u></p> <p><u>The Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM)</u></p> <p><u>The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages</u></p>	<p><i>European Court of Human Rights Perspective to Roma and Traveller Access to justice in Human Rights Violation cases</i></p> <p>Mats Lindberg, Programme Advisor, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) <i>Country monitoring and General Policy Recommendations (GPR) addressed to the governments of all member States in order to combat racism and intolerance against Roma and Travellers</i></p> <p>Michael Guet, Resource Person on Roma and Traveller Issues, Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe <i>Monitoring the implementation of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM) protecting Roma and Travellers as national minorities</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>15.30-15.45</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>15.45-16.45</p> <p>Reference Documents:</p> <p><u>ROMACTED "Promoting good governance and Roma empowerment and local level"</u></p> <p><u>ROMACTED at a Glance: Beneficiary and Local pages</u></p> <p><u>ROMACTED Handbook</u></p> <p><u>ROMACT - about the programme</u></p> <p><u>ROMACT Infographics - March 2020</u></p> <p><u>ROMACT Handbook - A manual for Mayors, Local Administrations and Roma wanting to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged Roma</u></p>	<p>SESSION 5: Priority 2: Supporting democratic Roma and Traveller participation and promoting public trust and accountability</p> <p>Chair: Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe</p> <p>Contributors:</p> <p>Marina Vasić, Project Officer, EU & Council of Europe Joint Programme ROMACTED, Council of Europe <i>Promoting good governance and Roma empowerment at local level</i></p> <p>Ana Oprisan, Programme Manager, EU & Council of Europe Joint Programme ROMACT, Council of Europe <i>Building up political will and understanding of Roma inclusion at local and regional level</i></p> <p>Samir Jaha, Programme implementor, EU & Council of Europe Joint Programme ROMACTED, Montenegro <i>Supporting democratic governance and community participation in Montenegro</i></p> <p>Bruno Goncalves, Programme implementor, Council of Europe <i>Implementation of Roma political schools in Portugal</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p>
<p>16.45 End of the first day</p>	

Friday, 30 October 2020	
09:45-13:00	
09.45-10.00	Connectivity check
10.00-11.15 Reference Documents: <i>CM/Rec(2012)13 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on ensuring quality education</i> <i>INSCHOOL - About the programme</i> <i>European Union and Council of Europe Joint Programme "Inclusive Schools: Making a difference for Roma children" (INSCHOOL)</i> <i>Achievements of the INSCHOOL pilot phase (May 2017-July 2019)</i> <i>INSCHOOL's support to schools during the COVID19 pandemic</i> <i>CM/Rec(2020)2 on the inclusion of the history of Roma and/or travellers in school curricula and teaching materials</i>	SESSION 6: Priority area 3: Supporting Roma and Traveller access to inclusive and quality education and training Chair: Margareta Platon , Education Department, Co-operation and Capacity Building Division, Council of Europe Contributors: Oana Gaillard , Project Officer, EU & Council of Europe Joint Programme INSCHOOL, Council of Europe <i>"Making a Difference for Roma children" - Developing inclusive education for all children, including Roma children at policy and practice levels in the Czech Republic, Hungary, Romania, the Slovak Republic and Bulgaria</i> <i>Roma and Traveller civil society commentator:</i> Oana Mihaiescu , Facilitator, EU & Council of Europe Joint Programme INSCHOOL, Romania <i>INSCHOOL- programme implementation in Romania</i> Vjosa Rogova-Damoni , Education Department, Council of Europe <i>INCLUDE – project: Building capacity for inclusion in Kosovo* in order to improve Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian children's access to quality education</i> Bianca Boji-Tahvanainen , Senior Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights <i>European Court of Human Rights Perspective to Roma and Traveller access to inclusive and quality education</i> <i>Discussion</i>
11.15-11.30	Coffee break
11.30-13.00 <i>The general rapporteur of the 9th Dialogue meeting presents first summary of the discussions, conclusions and recommendations presented during the meeting.</i>	SESSION 7: Presentation and discussion of results of the sessions 1-6 Chair: Thorsten Afflerbach , Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe Dr Zora Popova , Bulgaria, General Rapporteur of the 9 th meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society

	<i>Presentation of the results and conclusions of the 9th Dialogue meeting</i> <i>Discussion on the Dialogue's conclusions and follow-up</i>
<p style="text-align: center;">13.00</p> <p>End of the 9th meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society</p>	

* All references to Kosovo, whether the territory, institutions or population, in this text shall be understood in full compliance with United Nation's Security Council Resolution 1244 and without prejudice to the status of Kosovo.