

Strasbourg, 10 April 2018

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

Thematic visit on enhancing the effective realization of Roma children' compulsory school education as the most efficient tool towards the mid-term improvement of the situation of Roma communities, and added-value of ensuring access to vocational education for Roma youth

FINAL AGENDA

Chişinău, Republic of Moldova, 24-26 April 2018

1st day, Tuesday, 24 April 2018

Venue: Bureau of Interethnic Relations, Alexei Mateevici 109/1 Str., Chişinău, conference hall, 2nd floor

09:00-09:30 Registration

09:30-10:15 I. Opening words and presentation of the purpose of the CAHROM thematic visit and Roma education 45'

Moderator: **Ms Vera PETUHOV**, Deputy Director General, Bureau of Interethnic Relations

09:30-09:40 Welcome speech

Mr Oleg BABENCO, Director General, Bureau of Interethnic Relations 5'

Ms Mihaela MARTINOV, Third Secretary, Council of Europe and Human Rights Section, Ministry of External Affairs and European Integration 5'

09:40-10:00 Presentation of CAHROM thematic goals and introduction into the topic 20'

Ms Malgorzata ROZYCKA, CoE, Roma and Travellers Team

10:00-10:15 Tour de table - presentation of national experts and their expectations 15'

10:15-12:00 II. Situation in the Republic of Moldova on measures to ensure compulsory education of Roma children. Vocational education/training available for Roma Youth 70'

Moderator: **Mr Nicolae RADITA**, CAHROM member, Head of the Roma National Centre

10:15-10:25 Bureau of Interethnic Relations 10'

10:25-10:35 State Chancellery 10'

10:35-10:45 Ministry of External Affairs and European Integration 10'

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.

- 10:45-11:05 Coffee break 20'
- 11:05-11:15 Ministry of Education, Culture and Research 10'
- 11:15-11:25 Ministry of Health, Labour and Social Protection 10'
- 11:25-11:35 Ministry of Internal Affairs 10'
- 11:35-11:45 Coordinating Council of Audiovisual 10'
- 11:45-12:00 Question and answers session on the situation in the Republic of Moldova
- 12:00-12:50 III. National experts' exchange on measures to ensure compulsory education of Roma children. Vocational education/training available for Roma Youth – part I**
Moderator: **Ms Valerie POPPE-MUESS**, CoE, Roma and Travellers Team
- 12:00-12:25 Exchange on situation in Bosnia and Herzegovina
Ms Aida DŽAFEROVIĆ, Senior Advisor for Vocational and Adult Education, Ministry of Civil Affairs 15'
- Questions and answers 10'
- 12:25-12:50 Exchange on situation in Greece
Ms Eleni KALLINIKOU, expert in Special Secretariat on Roma Social Inclusion, 15'
- Questions and answers 10'
- 12:50-14:15 Lunch 85'
- 14:15-16:25 III. National experts' exchange on measures to ensure compulsory education of Roma children. Vocational education/training available for Roma Youth – part II**
Moderator: **Mr Nicolae Radita**, CAHROM member, Head of the Roma National Centre
- 14:15-14:40 Exchange on situation in Hungary
Mr Iván SÖRÖS, Head of Department for Children's Chances, State Secretariat for Social Inclusion, 15'
- Questions and answers 10'
- 14:40-15:05 Exchange on situation in Poland
Ms Alina RESPONDEK, Foundation for the Development of the Education System, 15'
- Questions and answers 10'
- 15:05-15:30 Exchange on situation in Ukraine
Ms Natalia TKACHENKO, Head of the Division for International Cooperation of National Minorities Issues, Ministry of Culture of Ukraine 15'
- Questions and answers 10'
- 15:30-16:00 Coffee break 30'
- 16:00-16:25 Exchange on situation in the Netherlands 25'
- Mr Ed HUIJBERS**, School attendance officer, Veldhoven Municipality ,
- Questions and answers 10'
- 16:25-17:30 **IV. General discussion on how to improve Roma children's transition from primary to secondary education and enrolment in vocational education/training of Roma youth**
Concluding remarks of the first day
Moderator: **Ms Malgorzata ROZYCKA**, CoE, Roma and Travellers Team

2nd day, Wednesday, 25 April 2018

Venue: Field visit to Vulcanesti village, Nisporeni district

- 9:00-10:30 Transfer by bus from Chişinău to Vulcanesti village (**Place of departure: Hotel/Bureau tbc**)
- 10:30-12:00 Discussion and exchange among the CAHROM experts and local authorities: Mayor of Nisporeni district, the Head of Education Department and the Head of Social Assistance Department
- 12:00-13:30 Lunch
- 13:30-14:30 Discussion and exchange among the CAHROM experts and the Head of School and teachers
- 14:30-15:30 Discussion and exchange among the CAHROM experts and the Roma students and their parents
- 15:30-16:30 Transfer by bus from Vulcanesti to Chişinău
- Free evening

3rd day, Thursday, 26 April 2018

Venue: Bureau of Interethnic Relations, Alexei Mateevici 109/1 Str., Chisinau, conference hall, 2nd floor

- 9:30-12:00 **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: **Ms Malgorzata ROZYCKA**, CoE, Roma and Travellers Team

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 desirable input from each requesting/partner countries' expert.

- 12:00-13:00 Lunch and departure
