

Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller Organisations

Strasbourg, 1 – 2 December 2015

Palais de l'Europe, Room 10

Draft programme

Tuesday 1 December 2015

- 9h00 Registration of participants
- 10h00 **Opening session**
- Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe
 - Ambassador Katya Todorova, Permanent Representative of Bulgaria to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Chair of the Committee of Ministers
 - Mr Gheorge Raducanu, President of the *European Roma and Travellers Forum* (ERTF)
- 10h45 Coffee break
- 11h00 **Working session I:**
“How can Roma and Traveller organisations contribute to the implementation of the Council of Europe strategy?”
Moderator: Mr Henry Scicluna, former member of the Council of Europe Secretariat
- Introduction by Mr Ulrich Bunjes, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, Council of Europe
 - Panel discussion with the participation of:
 - Ambassador Ardiana Hobdari, Permanent Representative of Albania to the Council of Europe
 - Mr Giancarlo Cardinale, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe
 - Mr Valeriu Nicolae, *World Vision* (Romania)
 - Ms Miranda Vuolasranta, *Fintiko Romano Forum* (Finland)
 - General debate
 - Conclusions
- 13h00 Lunch break

- 15h00 **Working session II: Combatting anti-Gypsyism**
“Combatting hate speech against Roma and Travellers – European policies and the experience of the victims”
Moderator: Mr Ian Naysmith, Rapporteur on Anti-Gypsyism and Hate Crime, Ad Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma Issues of the Council of Europe (United Kingdom)
- Introduction by Mr Wolfram Bechtel, Secretariat of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe
 - Panel discussion with the participation of:
 - Mr Dragan Radosavljevic, *No Hate Speech Movement* (Serbia)
 - Ms Natacha Deroeck, HELP Unit, Council of Europe
 - Ms Agnes Daroczi, *International Roma Women’s Network* (Hungary)
 - Mr Samir Mile, *La Voix des Rroms* (Albania/France)
- 16h30 Coffee break
- 16h45 Working session II (*continued*)
- General debate
 - Conclusions
- 18h00 Summary of the day’s debate
- 18h15 Adjournment

Wednesday 2 December 2015

- 9h00 **Working session III:**
“Roma, Travellers and the police — protection or repression?”
Moderator: Mr Sixto Molina, Head of the Support Team of the SRSR Roma, Council of Europe
- Introduction by Mr Paul Giannasi, Cross-Government Hate Crime Programme Lead, Ministry of Justice (United Kingdom)
 - Panel discussion with the participation of:
 - Mr Stefano Chirico, Observatory for the Security against Discriminatory Acts (OSCAD), State Police (Italy)
 - Mr Donche Boshkovski, Criminal Law Cooperation Unit, Council of Europe
 - Ms Zola Kondur, *Cirikli* (Ukraine)
 - Mr Raymond Gurême (France)

- General debate
- Conclusions

10h30 Coffee break

11h00 **Current affairs debate:**

“Forced evictions of Roma and Travellers in member States”

Moderator: Ms Françoise Kempf, Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

- Introductory statements:
 - Mr Robert Rustem, European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF)
 - Mr Martin Collins, *Pavee Point* (Ireland)
- General debate
- Conclusions

12h30 **Closing session**

- Summary conclusions by Ms Lilla Farkas, General Rapporteur of the meeting
- Concluding remarks by Mr Orhan Galjus, *European Roma Union* (ERU)
- Concluding remarks by Mr Ulrich Bunjes, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, Council of Europe
