

**Improving the Situation of Disadvantaged Communities,
Including the Roma
FROM NATIONAL STRATEGIES
TO LOCAL PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION**

**Chisinau, 23 June 2023
Radisson Blu Leograd Hotel, Hall**

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AGENDA

- 08:45 – 09:15 Registration
- Plenary session*
- 09:15 – 10.00 **Opening addresses**
- Moderator: **Nicolae RADIȚA**, Deputy Director General, Agency for Interethnic Relations
- Sergiu PRODAN**, Ministry of Culture
Vasile CUȘCA, State Secretary, Ministry of Labour and Social Protection
Adriana CAZACU-ȚIGAIE, State Secretary, Ministry of Education and Research
Hallvard GORSETH, Head of Anti-Discrimination Department, Council of Europe
Eduard PESENDORFER, Delegation of the European Commission to the Republic of Moldova
- 10:00 – 10.15 ***Parliamentary priorities and policies in support of Local Public Authorities and funding needs.***
Petru FRUNZE, Member of the Parliament of the Republic of Moldova
- 10:15 – 10.30 ***Implementation at local level of the 2022 – 2025 Programme for the Support of Roma Population in the Republic of Moldova***
Ludmila BURLACA, Head of the Directorate for Strengthening Interethnic Relations, Agency for Interethnic Relations
- 10:30 – 11:00 ***Effective models advancing commitment, participation, capacities and access to resources for disadvantaged communities, including the Roma – the ROMACT methodological approach***
Ana OPRIȘAN, Manager of Council of Europe – European Commission Joint Programme ROMACT, Council of Europe

- 11:00 – 11:30 *coffee break*
- 11:30 – 11:45 ***Government strategies and initiatives in local community development.***
Diana CHIRIAC, Adviser to the Prime Minister for Public Administration
- 11:45 – 12:00 ***Resource mobilisation opportunities for local development and cross border cooperation for the benefit of vulnerable citizens***
Aida CATANA, Expert, Policy Coordinator, ROMACT Programme, Romania
- 12:00 – 12:15 ***Good local governance, development and better lives for all citizens. The case of Moinesti – ROMACT Romania***
Valentin VIERU, Mayor of Moinesti municipality, Romania
- 12:15 – 12:30 ***The capacity of local authorities in the Republic of Moldova to implement actions to support disadvantaged communities, including the National Action Plan for Roma***
Constantin COJOCARU, Mayor, City of Edinet, Republic of Moldova
- 12:30 – 14:00 *lunch break (buffet)*
- 14:00 – 15:30 *PARALLEL WORKING GROUPS on needs for effective implementation of the Roma Action Plan at local level: needs, gaps, actions / recommendations.*
- Group 1: Community participation in local development***
Moderator: Robert MATEI, Expert Coordinator, ROMACT Romania
Rapporteur: Dora MARGARIT, Facilitators Coordinator South-East Region, ROMACT Romania
- Group 2: Local public authorities translating policies into plans and action***
Moderator: Larisa OFITERU, European Funds Expert, ROMACT Romania
Rapporteur: Aida CATANA, National Public Policy Coordinator, ROMACT Romania
- 15:30 – 16:30 ***Plenary session - Reporting from working groups, conclusions and discussion on the way forward***
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