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*Meeting of representatives of European
Roma youth networks and organizations
advocating and supporting participation of
young Roma people*

27 – 28 February 2018

European Youth Centre Budapest



Draft Programme

Monday, 26 February 2018

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Welcome evening

Tuesday, 27 February 2018

08:30 Registration

09:30 Official opening, getting-to-know each other, sharing expectations, introduction to the programme

11:00 Break

11:30 Reality check: sharing practices and approaches of/ towards youth participation and coming up with a common understanding of what Roma youth participation is in its current state

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Addressing challenges: reflecting on sustainability issues that Roma youth networks and organisations face and identifying ways to deal with them (I)

16:00 Break

16:30 Addressing challenges: reflecting on sustainability issues that Roma Youth networks and organisations face and identifying ways to deal with them (II)

18:20 Introduction of the Council of Europe's Dialogue with Roma and Travellers civil society and the possibilities for contribution and promoting Roma youth participation

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Evening activity

Wednesday, 28 February 2018

09:30 Preparation of and input to the Council of Europe's Dialogue meeting

11:00 Break

11:30 Vision: Discussion on the enhancement of the cooperation among networks within a long-term perspective, with the aim of coming up with common vision and concrete future steps (I)

13:00 Lunch break

14:30 Vision: Discussion on the enhancement of the cooperation among networks within a long-term perspective, with the aim of coming up with common vision and concrete future steps (II)

16:00 Break

16:30 Strategic cooperation: Presentation of the opportunities of the Council of Europe and exchange of views on the future steps and cooperation with the networks and other stakeholders within and outside of the Council of Europe

18:20 Evaluation

19:00 Dinner

21:00 Evening activity

Thursday 1 March 2018

Departure of participants

Aim and objectives of the meeting of representatives of European Roma youth networks and organizations advocating and supporting participation of young Roma people:

The aim of the meeting is building synergies within the Roma youth movement and to develop strategic orientations for working effectively towards greater and meaningful participation of Roma youth at all levels, including with the Council of Europe structures.

Objectives:

- To understand deeper the meaning of youth participation and identify existing approaches used by Roma youth networks and relevant stakeholders in the field

- To analyse the current organizational challenges and needs of existing Roma youth-led structures, primarily of the European Roma youth networks and their member organizations as key representation forms of Roma youth
- To develop strategic orientations with medium term objectives that will aim to enable and promote the participation of young Roma at all levels, including with the youth sector of the Council of Europe, etc.
- To shape the future agenda of the next dialogue meeting of the Council of Europe with the Roma and *Travellers* civil society with a focus on Roma youth political participation which is scheduled for 11-12 April 2018

Council of Europe's Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society

The Dialogue with Roma and Traveller Civil Society serves as a forum of exchange with Roma and Traveller civil society, the Council of Europe and other stakeholders to improve their knowledge through exchange experiences and sharing of best practices, plan future co-operation activities at national and local level. Each dialogue will focus on a specific topics based on the priorities and actions contained in the Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019).

The 5th Dialogue Meeting will be organised at the end of April (tentative) with a focus on Roma political participation. As part of the programme of the dialogue meeting, Roma youth network representatives will have the opportunity to brainstorm, plan and organise the panel session on Roma youth political participation. During the meeting in February some time will be dedicate to plan and prepare this input on the basis of the needs and future ideas of the Roma youth network.

More details about the meeting and upcoming preparations will be provided and shared by the Roma and Travellers team of the Council of Europe.