



European Platform for Roma Inclusion

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Agenda

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TUESDAY 29 NOVEMBER 2016

From 13.00 **Registration**

14.00 – 14.30 **Political Opening**

Chair: Marie-Helene Boulanger, Acting Director, DG Justice, European Commission

Welcoming remarks

- Normunds Popens, *Deputy Director General, DG REGIO, European Commission*
- Abel Ravasz, *Slovak Government Plenipotentiary for Roma Communities, EU SK Presidency*
- Valeriu Nicolae, *Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Roma issues*

14.30 – 14.45 **Results of the second FRA EU minorities and discrimination survey focused on Roma**

Michael O'Flaherty, Director, EU Fundamental Rights Agency

14.45 – 15.30 **Political panel on mutual accountability of all stakeholders regarding the effectiveness of policies, including funding**

Moderator: Ivan Ivanov, Director, European Roma Information Office, Brussels, Belgium

Panellists:

- Normunds Popens, *Deputy Director General, DG REGIO, European Commission*
- Theano Fotiou, *Alternate Minister of Labour, Social Insurance and Social Solidarity, Greece*
- Oana Popescu, *State Secretary for EU affairs, Ministry of Labour, Family, Social Protection and Elderly Persons, Romania*
- Damian Draghici, *Member of the European Parliament*
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- Nikolay Kirilov, *Roma-Lom Foundation, Bulgaria*
- Jamen Gabriela Hrabanova, *Deputy Director, European Roma, Grassroots Organisations Network*
- Slobodan Veinovic, *Senior Advisor for Social Affairs, Town of Cakovec, Croatia*

15.30 – 16.30 **Plenary discussion**

16.30 – 16.45 **Coffee break**

16.45 – 17.30 **Political panel on mutual accountability of all stakeholders regarding effective partnership and Roma⁽¹⁾ participation, including Roma women and youth**

Moderator: Massimo Serpieri, Deputy Head of Unit, DG JUST, European Commission

Panellists:

- Tiina Astola, *Director General, DG Justice, European Commission*
- Károly Czibere, *Minister of State for Social Affairs and Inclusion, Ministry of Human resources, Hungary*
- Georgi Krastev, *Deputy Chairman of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Integration, Bulgaria*
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17.30 – 18.30 **Plenary discussion**

18.30 – 19.00 **TernYpe International Roma Youth Network side event on remembrance, education and recognition of the Roma Genocide**

19.00 **Networking dinner**

(1) The term "Roma" is used – similarly to other political documents of the European Parliament and the European Council – as an umbrella which includes groups of people who have more or less similar cultural characteristics, such as Sinti, Travellers, Kalé, Gens du voyage, etc. whether sedentary or not; around 80% of Roma are estimated to be sedentary (SEC(2010)400).



WEDNESDAY 30 NOVEMBER 2016

From 08.00 **Registration**

09.00 – 09.30 **Setting the scene together based on outcomes from the previous day**

Massimo Serpieri, *Deputy Head of Unit, DG Justice, European Commission*
Ivan Ivanov, *Director of European Roma Information office*

09.30 – 10.00 **Discussions on our personal contributions**

(facilitated by Commission facilitators)

10.00 – 10.30 **Coffee break**

10.30 – 12.00 **Sharing stories about our work for Roma integration**

(Coordinated by Commission facilitators)

12.00 – 13.00 **Buffet lunch**

13.00 – 14.30 **What have we achieved so far and what do we need to do next?**

14.30 – 15.00 **Coffee break**

15.00 – 16.15 **Plenary session combined with the conclusions on the way forward**

Rapporteurs: Violeta Naydenova, *Policy Analyst, Open Society European Policy Institute*
Florin Botonogu, *Policy Center for Roma Minorities*

Chair: Marie-Helene Boulanger, *Acting Director, DG Justice, European Commission*

Panellists: Věra Jourová, *Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality*
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