

Venue

Ministerio de Sanidad y Consumo
(Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs)
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26 - 27 October 2006

Addressees

Public and private entities, health administrations and professionals, Roma and non-Roma mediators and other stakeholders working with the Roma community in health promotion and improvement of living standards.

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Equality, Health and the Roma Community

Madrid, 26 - 27 October 2006

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Programme

Free registration, limited capacity
Deadline to receive applications:
Monday 9 October 2006

Organization:



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International
Seminar

Get to know them, before judging them.

Equality, Health and the Roma Community

The Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs and the Fundación Secretariado Gitano have joined forces to meet the common objective of promoting and improving the health and living standards of the Roma community by fostering more pro-active health policies which compensate for the inequalities observed with respect to this Community in the area of health.

Since 2004, both institutions have been conducting training and awareness raising actions targeting public and private entities, public health-care providers, Roma mediators and other agents and stakeholders involved in improving the health status and raising the living standard of the Roma population, not only in Spain but also within the framework of the European Union. An example of this is the European project entitled "Reduction of health inequalities in the Roma Community" funded by the European Commission within the framework of Public Health programmes.

Objectives



Raise awareness and reflect on the social-health status of the Roma community, analysing inequalities faced and difficulties encountered in gaining access to health services.



Provide a forum for the exchange of know-how, discussion and reflection at national and European level for administrations, agents and players involved in the health-Roma community binomial.



Provide a deeper understanding of Roma culture and the way they address the issue of health.



Offer health-care providers with new support material for use with the Roma community: "Handbook for action in the area of health services with the Roma community".



Share networking experiences at European level: activities and results of the project entitled "Reduction of health inequalities in the Roma Community" led by the FSG in collaboration with the Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs.



Contribute to the improvement of health and living standard in the Roma community.

Programme

Thursday, 26 October 2006

10:00 RECEPTION OF DOCUMENTATION

10:30 OFFICIAL OPENING

Authority from the Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs (Spain).
Representative of the European Commission, DG SANCO.
Mr. Isidro Rodríguez, Director of Fundación Secretariado Gitano (Spain).

11:00 INTRODUCTORY COMMUNICATION

"SPANISH ROMA COMMUNITY AND HEALTH"
Elena Buceta, Responsible of Area of Health, Fundación Secretariado Gitano

11:45 COFFEE BREAK

12:05 COMMUNICATION AND DEBATE

"PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM AND ROMA COMMUNITY. RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ACTION"
Begoña Merino, Head of Area of Health Promotion, Ministry of Health and Consumer Affairs. Member of Group of Experts (Spain).

12:50 COMMUNICATION AND DEBATE

"DISCRIMINATION IN HEALTH SERVICES"
María Carrasco, Area of Equal Treatment, Fundación Secretariado Gitano.

13:40 PRESENTATION OF AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGN

"YOUR PREJUDICES ARE THE VOICES OF OTHERS. GET TO KNOW THEM BEFORE JUDGING THEM"
Susana Jiménez, Area of Communication, Fundación Secretariado Gitano.

14:15 LUNCH

16:00 TABLE OF EXPERIENCES AND DEBATE

- Attention to cultural minorities at a hospital centre. The case of the Roma community".
Ms. M^a Isabel Lloro, Medical Doctor and Head of Patients Attention Service, Hospital Clínico San Carlos, Madrid (Spain).
- "Health Mediation".
Daniel Radulescu, Romani Criss, (Rumania).
- "Attention to Roma population: an opportunity to improve health services in Bulgaria (twinning program in the EU)."
Inés García, Director of Health Observatory in Europe, Escuela Andaluza de Salud Pública. (Public Health Andalusian School), (Spain).
- "Avillela Acobá. An attention program to drug-dependencies" Fundación Secretariado Gitano.

Friday, 27 October 2006

09:30 INTRODUCTION OF THE EUROPEAN PROJECT: REDUCTION OF HEALTH INEQUALITIES IN THE ROMA COMMUNITY

Representative of the European Commission, DG Sanco.
Elena Buceta, Project Coordinator, Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Spain.

09:50 TABLE OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES I

- First experiences gained from the work of the Social Medical Centres for Roma in Greece".
Dr. Nikolaos Kriminianiotis, Efxini Poli (Greece).
- Health and Roma Community in Portugal.
M^a Jose Vicente, EAPN (Portugal).
- Implementation of field health assistants into the state system in Slovakia. Its influence on better access of Roma community to health care services.
Partners for Democratic Change, (Slovakia).
- Health Social Attendants in social excluded communities.
Mrs. Ivana Šimíková, (Czech Republic).

11:45 COFFEE BREAK

12:00 TABLE OF INTERNATIONAL EXPERIENCES II

- Cooperation of Institutions related to health in the Roma community in Italy and network strategies.
CNCA Y Azienda USL5 Pisa, (Italy).
- Roma health policies in Romania: between words and reality.
Magda Matache, Romani Criss, (Romania).
- Health and Roma population in Hungary.
Jozsef Solymosy, (Hungary)
- Health Inequalities in Roma community in Bulgaria.
Elena Yankova, Initiative for Health Foundation y Romani for Health Foundation, (Bulgaria).

14:30 LUNCH

16:00 CONCLUSIONS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

17:00 CLOSING