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# Extraordinary Meeting of the EU platform for Roma Inclusion on the national Roma integration strategies

*A sustainable process  
for Roma Inclusion*



## AGENDA

*Thursday, 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2012*

*Justice*

## 08.00 - 09.00 Registration

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## 09.00 – 10.00 Opening Session

*Viviane REDING*, Vice-President of the European Commission for Justice, Citizenship and Fundamental Rights

*László ANDOR*, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

*Livia JAROKA*, Member of the European Parliament

*Karen HÆKKERUP*, Minister for Social Affairs and Integration, Denmark

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## 10.00 – 11.20 Panel 1 – Putting plans to work

- How to measure that the strategies have an impact on the ground?
- What resources (political, financial and human) are foreseen to enable the National Contact Point to coordinate and monitor the implementation of the national strategies?

**Chair:** *Françoise LE BAIL*, Director General, European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice

**Speakers:** *Andrea RICCARDI*, Minister for Integration and international Cooperation, Italy

*Erik ULLENHAG*, Minister for Integration, Sweden

*Marie-Anne MONTCHAMP*, Secretary of State for Social Inclusion, France

*Anna ZÁBORSKÁ*, Member of the European Parliament

*Marie-Christine VERGIAT*, Member of the European Parliament

*Morten KJAERUM*, Director, Fundamental Rights Agency, Vienna

**Rapporteur:** *José Manuel FRESNO*, Independent expert

Open floor - Reactions to the panel

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## 11.20 – 11.40 Coffee Break

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## 11.40 – 13.00 Panel 2 – The active participation of stakeholders

- How do Member States secure the commitment and involvement of regional and local authorities to the implementation of the national strategy?
- What could make regional and local authorities commit themselves to the implementation of the national strategies or sets of policy measures?
- What will be the role of civil society in the implementation of the national strategies?

**Chair:** *Rudolf NIESSLER*, Director for Policy Coordination, European Commission, Directorate-General for Regional Policy

**Speakers:** *Zoltán BALOG*, Secretary of State, Hungary  
*Richard FALBR*, Member of the European Parliament  
*Viveca ARRHENIUS*, National Contact Point, Finland  
*Simon UNDERWOOD*, Senior specialist Social policy and inclusion  
Newcastle City Council, on behalf of Eurocities  
*Srí KUMAR VÍSHWANATHAN*, Director, Civic Association Live Together  
*Ivan IVANOV*, Director, European Roma Information Office

**Rapporteur:** *Ann MORTON HYDE*, Independent expert

Open floor - Reactions to the panel

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## 13.00 – 14.30 Lunch

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### 14.30 – 15.50 Panel 3 - Socio-economic aspects of Roma inclusion

- What makes Roma integration even more relevant in the context of the current economic climate?
- How to make sure that EU Funds are used efficiently in the implementation of the strategy?

**Chair:** *Lieve FRANSEN*, Director for Europe 2020 social policies, European Commission, Directorate-General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

**Speakers:** *George KRASTEV*, Vice-chairman of the National Council for Cooperation on Ethnic and Integration Issues, Bulgaria  
*Valentin MOCANU*, Secretary of State, Ministry of Labour, Romania  
*Hélène FLAUTRE*, Member of the European Parliament  
*Kinga GÖNCZ*, Member of the European Parliament  
*Gilles PARGNEAUX*, Member of the European Parliament  
*Petra KOVÁCS*, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma (MtM), Open Society foundations

**Rapporteur:** *Martin KOVATS*, Independent expert

Open floor - Reactions to the panel

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## 15.50 – 16.10 Coffee Break

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### 16.10 – 17.30 Panel 4 – The ingredients for change – Conclusions

**Chair:** *Aurel CIOBANU-DORDEA*, Director for Equality, European Commission, Directorate-General for Justice

**Speakers:** *José Manuel FRESNO*, Rapporteur panel 1  
*Ann MORTON HYDE*, Rapporteur panel 2  
*Martin KOVATS*, Rapporteur panel 3

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