



Venue :
Square – Brussels Meeting Centre (Copper Room)
Rue Mont des Arts, B-1000 Brussels

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European Roma Summit

4 April 2014

EU Roma policy goes local



AGENDA

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8.00 – 8.45

Registration

8.45 – 10.15

Opening session

Chair : *Françoise Le Bail*, Director General for Justice, European Commission
José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission
Traian Băsescu, President of Romania
Zoni Weisz, Holocaust survivor
Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission
Ioannis Michelakis, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Roma Issues, for the Greek presidency of the Council of the EU
László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

10.15 – 10.30

Coffee break / Video-message from *Livia Jaroka*, Member of the European Parliament

10.30 – 12.30

Panel 1 - Making policies inclusive for all Roma at the local level

Moderator : *Edit Bauer*, Member of the European Parliament
Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship
Zinaida Zlatanova, Deputy Prime Minister, Bulgaria
Zoltán Balog, Minister for Human Resources, Hungary
Jiří Dienstbier, Minister for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities, Czech Republic
Pekka Haavisto, Minister for International Development, Finland
Damian Draghici, Senator and National Roma Contact Point, Romania
Nicoleta Bitu, Executive Director of Romano ButiQ Association
Olguta Vasilescu, Mayor of Craiova, Romania
Barbara Loth, Secretary of State, Senate Department for Labour, Integration and Women's Affairs of Berlin, Germany

Debate - Questions and answers

12.30 – 14.00

Lunch

13.00

Press point (open to journalists only) with Vice-President *Viviane Reding* and *László Andor*, EU Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion on the Commission's Progress report on Roma Integration. The press point can be followed online: <http://ec.europa.eu/avservices/ebs/live.cfm?page=1>

Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in: *Shqiptar, български, čeština, English, español, français, deutsch, ελληνικά, hrvatski, magyar, italiano, македонски, polski, română, romanès, slovenčina, türk.*

¹ In addition, speakers will be able to make their interventions in Bosnian, Serbian and Montenegrin.

14.00 – 16.00

Panel 2 - Making EU funding reach the local and regional authorities to support Roma integration

Moderator : *Kinga Göncz*, Member of the European Parliament
László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion
Jan-Ove Jerrestål, Secretary of State for Integration, Ministry of Employment, Sweden
Peter Pollák, Member of the Slovak Parliament, Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for Roma communities
Klára Orgovánová, Director of the Roma Institute, Slovak Republic
Tsonko Tsonev, Mayor of Kavarna, Bulgaria
Maria Winberg-Nordström, Deputy Mayor of Helsingborg, Sweden
Morten Kjaerum, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights

Debate - Questions and answers

16.00 – 16.15

Coffee break

16.15 – 18.00

Panel 3 – Making Roma integration a local reality in enlargement countries

Moderator : *Janez Lenarčič*, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights
George Soros, Chairman of Soros Fund Management and of Open Society Foundations
Suad Numanović, Minister for Human and Minority Rights Protection, Montenegro
Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia
Snežana Samaržić-Marković, Director General for Democracy of the Council of Europe
Nemanja Delič, Mayor of Sombor, Serbia
Elmas Arus, Chair of Zero Discrimination Association, Turkey
Christian Danielsson, Director General for Enlargement

Debate - Questions and answers

18.00

Closing session

Chair : *Michel Servoz*, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, European Commission
Tonio Borg, Commissioner for Health
Jens Geier, Member of the European Parliament
Martina Balogova, Country Association of Roma Initiatives, Slovakia, representative of the Roma Decade
Stefano Sannino, Ambassador, Permanent Representation of Italy to the European Union, for the forthcoming Italian presidency of the Council of the EU