

Conference
"EU Projects in Favour of the Roma Community"
Education, Culture, Youth best practices
Brussels 10 - 11 March 2010
PROGRAMME

Date 10 March 2010

09.00 **Registration** of participants

Coffee

10.00 **Welcome and opening** by A. Vassiliou, European Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth

10.15 **Keynote speech**, Professor Ian F. Hancock (Romani Archives, University of Texas)

10.45 **Debate**, animated by O. Quintin, European Commission, Director-General for Education and Culture

Participants: Bernard Rorke (OSI), Andrzej Mirga (OSCE-ODIHR),
Ivan Ivanov (ERIO), Katarina Mathernova (European Commission, DG REGIO)

11.45 **"Personal testimonies"**, life experiences of young Romas, animated by V. Sucha, European Commission, Directorate-General for Education and Culture, Director for Culture, Multilingualism and Communication

Participants: Valeria Lakatosova, Dzhevid Mahmud and Violeta Naydenova

12:30 **Inauguration of the exhibition** by V. Sucha and B. Pyke, European Commission, DG EMPL, Director for Equality between Men and Women, Action against Discrimination and Civil Society

13.00 **Lunch**
Animation by Roma band

14.30 **Workshops:**

1) Integration through mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue

Chair: Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos (FRA, Head of Department Equality and Citizen's Rights)
Panel: R. Rustem (CoE/ERTF) and D. Boeing (European Commission, DG ELARG) plus project promoters

Presentation: 2 projects
The Forgotten Roma Holocaust (Civil Society), D. Vadasz
RomTv Project (Youth), R. Brisenstam

2) Lifelong learning for Roma - equity and quality

Chair: Michael Teutsch (European Commission, Deputy Head of Lifelong learning Unit, (DG EAC)

Panel: M. Pitorak (U.S.S. Kosice) and I. Bernal (Secretariado Gitano) plus project promoters

Presentation: 2 projects

INSETROM: Teacher In-Service Training for Roma Inclusion (Comenius), L. Symeou

MODEL – Motivating the Disadvantaged through Empowering Learners (Grundtvig), J. Kent

3) Social inclusion through community involvement and housing

Chair: Rumyan Russinov (Director, Public Policy Advocacy Centre, Bulgaria)

Panel: A. Urmos (European Commission, DG REGIO) and T. Sordé (University of Barcelona) plus project promoters

Presentation: 2 projects

Reunion 2009: Young Europeans in Southeast Europe (Youth), M. Zivkovic

Renovation of the SVET Roma Cultural Centre (ERDF), K. Borecky

4) Parallel seminar of experts on Roma culture

Chair: Xavier Troussard (European Commission, Head of Culture Unit, DG EAC)

Participants: 45 experts

- 16.00** **Coffee break**
- 16.30** **Workshops** continue
- 18.00** **Cocktail**
Animation by Roma band

Date 11 March 2010

- 9.00** **Workshops** continue
- 1) Integration through mutual understanding and intercultural dialogue
Presentation: 2 projects
The Khamoro World Roma Festival (Culture), M. Horvathova
Together on the Road (Youth), M. Hudorovic
 - 2) Lifelong learning for Roma – equity and quality
Presentation: 2 projects
Training Roma Women in Traditional Fashion (Leonardo da Vinci), G. Serbis
Acceder (ESF), F. C. Cabello
 - 3) Social inclusion through community involvement and housing
Presentation: 2 projects
EU-ROMA: European Roma Mapping (Culture), A. Valentino
Roma-Gadje Dialogue Through Service (Youth), E. Zavodi
 - 4) Parallel seminar of experts on Roma culture
- 11.00** **Coffee break**
- 11.30** **Round table** animated by V. Sucha with B. Pyke and the participation of the 4 Workshop chairs including presentation of the workshop results and feedback

D. Ruiz Bautista, Deputy Director for Social Programmes,

Spanish Ministry of Health and Social Policy, to inform participants about the Córdoba Roma Summit, April 8

12.30 End of Conference

Running parallel to the conference will be an exhibition of photos on the Roma called "A Butterfly Flaps Its Wings" by photographer and writer Zsuzsanna Ardó.