

## National Roma Strategies:

### Ensuring a Comprehensive and Effective European Approach to Roma

*Conference hosted under the patronage of President Jerzy BUZEK and political groups*

**8 November 2011, room A1G3, European Parliament**

#### AGENDA

**09:00**

##### **Opening remarks**

- Jerzy BUZEK President of the European Parliament
- Joseph DAUL Chair of the EPP group, European Parliament
- Daniel COHN-BENDIT Chair of the Greens/EFA group, European Parliament
- Jerzy Muller Polish Presidency of the EU Council
- Françoise LE BAI Director General, DG Justice, European Commission
- George SOROS Chairman of the Open Society Foundations
- Željko JOVANOVIĆ Director of Roma Initiatives, OSF - Budapest

Moderator: Heather GRABBE, Director of the Open Society Institute-Brussels

**10:00**

##### **Are the Roma benefiting from European policies? What was achieved and what are the basic requirements for future success on Roma Inclusion in Europe**

Speakers:

- Livia JAROKA Member of the European Parliament
- Lenia SAMUEL Deputy-Director General of DG Employment and Social Affairs
- Aurel CIOBANU-DORDEA Director, Equality Directoriat, DG Justice, European Commission
- Kinga GÖNCZ Member of the European Parliament
- Dolores RUIZ BAUTISTA Deputy Director for Social Programs, Ministry of Education, Social Policy and Equality, Spain
- Valeriu NICOLAE Roma and Minority Policy Center, Romania

Moderator: Rob KUSHEN, Board chair of the European Roma Rights Center

#### DISCUSSION



**11:15** **Building on the experience from the Decade of Roma Inclusions: How to develop, implement and improve existing national Roma strategies**

Speakers:

- Neždet MUSTAFA Presidency of the Decade of Roma Inclusion, Macedonia
- Gabriela HRABANOVA European Roma Grassroots Organisation Network
- Jasenko SELIMOVIĆ State Secretary at the Ministry for Employment, Sweden
- Zoltan BALOG State Secretary, Government of Hungary
- Spiro KSERI Minister for Labor and Social Affairs, Albania
- Katarina MATHERNOVA Senior Adviser on Roma Inclusion, World Bank
- Ondrej LISKA OSF Fellow/Former Minister for Education, Czech Republic

Moderator: Kalman MIZSEI, Making the Most of EU funds

#### **DISCUSSION**

**12:30** **Lunch**

**14:00** **Role of the European Parliament in monitoring the EU Framework and ensuring a role for Roma in the creation, implementation and evaluation of national Roma strategies**

Speakers:

- Hannes SWOBODA Member of the European Parliament
- Dezideriu GERGELY Director of European Roma Rights Center
- Raul ROMEVA Member of the European Parliament
- Magda MATAACHE Romani CRISS
- Lambert van NISTELROOIJ Member of the European Parliament

Moderator: Željko JOVANOVIĆ, Director of Roma Initiatives, Open Society Institute-Budapest

#### **DISCUSSION**

**15:30** Closing remarks by Martin SCHULZ and Guy VERHOFSTADT

Moderator: Heather GRABBE, Director of the Open Society Institute-Brussels

**16:00** Cocktail in the European Parliament hosted by the Open Society Foundations