

Conference
"EU Projects in Favour of the ROMA Community"
Education, Culture, Youth best practices
Brussels 10- 11 March 2010
DRAFT 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 I. 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 (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, Dzhevid and Violeta

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 of 2 participants including R. Rustem (CoE/ERTF) plus project promoters:

Presentation: 2 projects

The Forgotten Roma Holocaust (Civil Society)

Roma TV Project (Youth)

2) *Lifelong learning for Roma - equity and quality*

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

Panel of 2 participants including M. Pitorak (U.S.S. Kosice) plus project promoters:

Presentation: 2 projects

INSETROM: Teacher In-Service Training for Roma Inclusion (Comenius)
MODEL – Motivating the Disadvantaged through Empowering Learners
(Grundtvig)

3) Social inclusion through community involvement and housing

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

Panel of 2 participants including A. Urmos (DG REGIO) plus project promoters:

Presentation: 2 projects

Reunion 2009: Young Europeans in Southeast Europe (Youth)
Renovation of the SVET Roma Cultural Centre (ERDF)

4) Parallel seminar of experts on Roma culture

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

Participants: 40 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)
Together on the Road (Youth)
 - 2) Lifelong learning for Roma – equity and quality
Presentation: 2 projects
Training Roma Women in Traditional Fashion (Leonardo da Vinci)
Acceder (ESF)
 - 3) Social inclusion through community involvement and housing
Presentation: 2 projects
EU-ROMA: European Roma Mapping (Culture)
Roma-Gadje Dialogue Through Service (Youth)
 - 4) Parallel seminar of experts on Roma culture
- 11.00** **Coffee break**
- 11.30** **Round table** animated by Director-General O. Quintin with 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 Zsuzsanna Ardó.