









Conference agenda ROMANI WOMEN FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

June 30 – July 2, 2011

Organized within the project

"Equality through difference. Roma women's access to the labor market"

29 June 2011 Arrival of the participants

30 June 2011

10.00 - 10.40 Opening speeches on promoting projects for Roma

Philippe Hatt, Head of Unit F 5 (Romania, Bulgaria, Malta) in DG Employment, European Commission

Adriana Toma, OIRPOSDRU Timisoara

Moderator: Letiția Mark, Roma Women's Association for Our Children, Timisoara

10.40 – 11.50 Introducing the project "Equality through difference"

Letiția Mark, president of the Roma Women's Association for Our Children: Mission and objectives

Enikő Vincze, president Foundation Desire: Research activities and publications

Theofild Lazăr, assistant project manager: Activities for social inclusion

Leonard Bebi, president Association Parudimos, Timisoara: Activities for social inclusion

Ilie Dincă, president National Agency for Roma

Anna Csongor, president Foundation Autonómia, Budapest: Cross border learning within the project – the examples of Hungarian Roma initiatives

Moderator: Hajnalka Harbula, project coordinator, Foundation Desire, Cluj

11.50 – 12.10 Coffee break

















12.10 – 13.40 Setting the framework: Roma, women and equal opportunities

Ákos Topolánszky, rapporteur for the European Economic and Social Committee, Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, Budapest: *Roms – Societal empowerment and integration*

Crina Morteanu, ERSTE Foundation, Bucharest: Early marriages and Roma women

Enikő Vincze, Foundation Desire, Cluj: Culture, rights, and Roma women for equal opportunities

Discussions

Moderator: Theofild Lazăr, Roma Women's Association for Our Children

13.40 - 15.40 Lunch break

16.00 - 18.00 Structural funds and projects for Roma

Oana Ciurea DG Employment, European Commission: European Social Fund and Roma projects

Ilie Dincă, president of the National Agency for Roma: Projects on employment and social economy implemented by the National Agency for Roma, Romania

Carmen Brici, organization Romani Criss, Bucharest: *Projects for improving the access to education of Roma children from Romania*

Teodora Krumova, Center Amalipe, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria: Structural funds and projects for Roma. The Bulgarian example

David Mark, president Civic Alliance of Roma from Romania: *The project "Equality through difference. Roma women's access to the labor market" in the context of Romanian projects funded by the European Social Funds*

Discussions

Moderator: Gyula Kozák, ISPMN, Cluj

19.00 Dinner and Romani cultural evening

Towards recognition through fashion, Romani Design Budapest Hungary

Coordinator: Leonard Bebi, Association Parudimos, Timisoara

















1 July 2011

10.30 - 12.00 The social inclusion of Roma women: problems, strategies and results

Lídia Balogh, MONA – Foundation for the Women of Hungary, Budapest: Current Issues in Europe Regarding the Social and Political Inclusion of Romani Women

Kitti Baracsi, Colorful Pearls Association, Pécs: Women's empowerment through networking

Montserrat Sanchez Aroca, Drom Kotar Mestipen, Barcelona: Roma women's organizing in Spain

Discussions

Moderator: Carmen Gheorghe, Together Agency, Bucharest

12.00 – 12.20 Coffee break

12.20 - 13.50 Researches regarding the access of Roma to employment/ decent work/ labor market

Gyula Kozák, researcher on the project Equality through difference. Roma women's access to the labor market, Foundation Desire, Cluj: Local labor market recruitment and job opportunities for Roma

Sebihana Skenderovska, National Roma Centrum, Kumanovo, Republic of Macedonia: Access to labor market and inequalities faced by Romani women

Carmen Gheorghe, Together Agency, Bucharest: Forms of representation of the rights of Roma women on labor market

Discussions

Moderator: Raluca Popa, UN Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women

14.00 - 16.00 Lunch break

16.00 - 17.30 Roundtable discussion: Romani women and civic activism

Discussants: Letiţia Mark, AFT, Timişoara; Crina Morteanu, ERSTE Foundation, Bucharest; Rosemary Kostic Cisneros, Drom Kotar Mestipen, Barcelona; Teodora Krumova, Center Amalipe, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria; Sebihana Skenderovska, National Roma Centrum, Kumanovo, Republic of Macedonia; Violetta Zentai, CEU CPS Budapest Hungary.

Moderator: Enikő Vincze, Foundation Desire, Cluj

















17.30 - 19.00 Cultural event

Nevi Sara Kali. Roma Women's Journal (Letiţia Mark, AFT; Enikő Vincze, Foundation Desire; Anita Czinkóczi, Open Society Roma Initiatives, Budapest; authors' talks)

Film screening: *Luptând pentru demnitate* (Striving for dignity), film of the project, 2010 *19.30 Dinner*

2 July 2011

10.00 – 11.50 The promotion of equal opportunities

Violetta Zentai, Director CEU Center for Policy Studies, Budapest: Intersectionality in policies for equal opportunities

Raluca Popa, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Bratislava: *United Nations and Women's Empowerment*

Natasha Lamoreux, Masters of Arts Candidate, Human Rights and Humanitarian Assistance

Center for Global Affairs, New York University

Selena Vasile, MMFPS, Bucharest: The Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection, the Directorate Equal Opportunities between Women and Men: activities and results

Discussions

Moderator: Crina Morteanu, ERSTE Foundation, Bucharest

11.50 - 12.10 Coffee break

12.10 - 13.00 Conclusions and conference closing

The organizing team

13.00 – Lunch





