



Management Committee Meeting Agenda

7th and 8th May 2009-Budapest, Hungary

Thursday, 7th May

15.00-16.30 h.	<p>Welcome address from host country members.</p> <p>National Development Agency and General Directorate of Roma Integration.</p> <p>Round of interventions for sharing information from those partners who have recent developments or updated information concerning the Network field of work, Roma issues and Structural Funds.</p> <p>Information from the European Commission.</p> <p>Representatives from the EC will provide Network partners with updated information on EU new developments, such as the launching of the new EU Roma Platform to be held in Prague 24th April or about new DG Regional Policy Pilot project for social inclusion of Roma.</p> <p>Information from the Working Groups sessions.</p> <p>Working Groups on Social Inclusion and Education will meet previous to the Management Committee; therefore, they will inform all partners about results of these sessions and which will be next steps in each Working Group. There will be also a proposal to be discussed for the WG on Employment.</p>
16.30-18.00 h.	<p>Presentation of the EC Joint Report on Social Inclusion and Social Protection and interventions from Member States.</p> <p>On March 9th, the EPSCO (Employment, Social Policy, Health and Consumer Affairs) Council and the Commission jointly adopted the 2009 Joint Report on Social Protection and Social Inclusion. This Report reviews Member States' national strategies on social inclusion, pensions, healthcare and long-term care and examines trends all over Europe.</p> <p>Representatives of the European Commission will present the Report and introduce the debate among partners on how each country deals with social inclusion of Roma within their respective Plans and Strategies, and how existing financial instruments such as the Structural Funds are used or could be used to enhance the Strategies.</p>



Friday, 8th May

This working session will take place in **Pesterzsébet**, a District municipality of Budapest, where we will have a **field visit**. See attached information on the project.

9.00-11.00 h.	<p>Host country monographic: Hungarian policies, measures and initiatives addressed to social inclusion of Roma.</p> <p>Hungary is a country with a long and extensive experience in the work with the Roma population. Pioneer in some initiatives, such as the recent anti-segregation clause, we could have a first-hand insight on how it is working in practice and what are the policies and projects been developed, mainly those supported by Structural Funds and within the Operational Programme Social Renewal.</p>
11.30-13.30 h.	<p>Thematic conference: Collection and management of ethnic data and its use for projects follow-up and monitoring.</p> <p>One of the main Network outputs agreed by all partners is the compilation and analysis of information on how the Structural Funds are been investing in the social inclusion of the Roma during the period 2007-2013, how much money, what kind of projects and fields of work, how many beneficiaries, results, etc., and we drafted for that purpose a project fiche to be filled in by partners according to new projects and initiatives.</p> <p>It is of course a sensitive topic which is dealt and solved in a different manner in each partner country; however, if we intend to have this disaggregated information in 2013, we should start by compiling this ethnic data.</p> <p>In order to launch the debate among partners and to have a broad view on the issue, we have planned a thematic conference with several short presentations of around 15 minutes and then to discuss it among partners.</p> <p>We propose two general presentations from an EU point of view, and therefore, we have invited the EU Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA), with extensive experience on data collection, research and analysis; and EUROSTAT, the EU Statistical Office; and two practical cases: the Hungarian National Development Agency and the Hungarian Statistical Office.</p>
13.30-14.00 h.	Summary and final agreements.

Participants:

- Network members
- European Commission delegation
- Technical Secretariat
- Invited country: Serbia, holding the Presidency of the Roma Decade