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Invitation to High Level Events on the contribution of EU funds to the integration of Roma in Hungary, 13-15 October 2009

Dear Sir, Dear Madam,

The European institutions and Member States have a joint responsibility to improve the social inclusion of Roma by using all the instruments and policies for which they have the respective competence.

In the first EU Roma Summit held in Brussels on 16 September 2008, the European Commission undertook to organise High Level Events in the Member States to bring out the importance of making the best possible use of the resources of the Structural Funds to improve the situation of the Roma.

The overriding objective of these High-Level Events is to draw together the wide-ranging actions and initiatives taken by different governments and international organisations, as well as non-governmental organisations and Roma-support bodies, and to explore how best this wealth of experience can help to channel the Structural Funds' resources to improve the social and economic situation of the Roma in the most effective way. The first of these High Level Events will take place on 13, 14 and 15 October in Hungary.

The first event in Budapest will be followed by events in Debrecen, Miskolc, Pécs and Szeged, as well as project visits.

The European Commission would like to invite you to the High Level Event to be held in Sofitel Budapest Chain Bridge on 13 October from 9.am. You are also welcome to attend events in Debrecen, Miskolc, Pécs and Szeged. Programmes can be found at http://circa.europa.eu/Public/irc/empl/comite_fse/library?l=/20091013_contribution

Participation on the event is free but registration is mandatory. You can register on-line under the following link:

<http://ec.europa.eu/yourvoice/ipm/forms/dispatch?form=roma091013&lang=en>
or alternatively you can send us back the filled in registration form to the following fax number: **00-32-2-296.97.78**