



June 2012

MEETING

of European Cities and Regions Île- de-France, Brussels, Barcelona and Berlin

in cooperation with EUROCITIES

Involvement of Cities in the EU Framework for National Roma-Integration Strategies

28th June 2012 in Brussels Venue: Office of the Land Berlin to the EU Avenue Michel-Ange 71 B-1000 Brussels

The European Commission urged for closer co-operation with local authorities in the recently published first assessment of the national Roma strategies. This meeting will provide insight into successful policies for Roma inclusion in four European cities and regions with special emphasis on the role of civil society, the implementation of inclusion policies and the allocation of financial resources (funding national budgets and EU funding).

Date Thursday, 28th June 2012

10:00 a.m. Welcome

Volker Löwe, Head of Office of the Land Berlin to the EU **Paul Bevan**, Secretary General of Eurocities

Presentations

Dilek Kolat, Berlin Senator for Labour, Integration and Women's issues

Carlota Pallas Torruella, Officer for International Affairs, Barcelona Provincial Government

Francoise Chotard. Director of Liason Office Île-de-France

Janna Moonens and Koen Geurt, Unit for Health and Ethnic and Cultural

Minorities, Flemish Community Brussels

Commentary

Massimo Serpieri, European Commission, DG Justice, Deputy Head of Unit Non Discrimination Policies and Roma Coordination

Cornelia Ernst, MEP, Committee of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Moderation

Robin Schneider, Head of Unit, Horizontal Issues of Integration Politics, Senate Administration for Labour, Integration and Women

12:00 p.m. Snacks

Simultaneous interpretation German-English will be provided. Please register by email only (<u>berlinoffice@senatskanzlei.berlin.de</u>) by 26th June 2012.

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