



**Structural Funds: Investing in Roma**

**EURoma meeting  
10<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup> November 2011, Budapest**

**Agenda**

**Meeting Venue:** Gerbeaud, 1051 Budapest Vörösmarty tér 7-8

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> November

9.00 - 9.30	<p>Welcoming words from host partners:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Mr. Tamás Palicz, Head of Human Resources Programme Managing Authority, National Development Agency, Hungary</li> <li>▪ Mrs Katalin Langerné Victor, Head of Department, State Secretariat for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Hungary</li> <li>▪ Representative of the National Roma Self-Government (tbc).</li> </ul>
9.30-9.40	<p>Presentation of the meeting programme. EURoma Technical Secretariat</p>
9.40-10.00	<p><b>Roma education: the role of the Structural Funds. Part I</b></p> <p><b>Policy framework:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Tackling early school leaving: a key contribution to the Europe 2020 Agenda</li> <li>▪ EU Cohesion Policy 2014-2020. EC Proposals for Regulations: the role of education</li> <li>▪ National Roma Integration Strategies' goals: Access to education</li> </ul> <p>Technical Secretariat</p>
10.00-12.30	<p><b>Roma education: the role of the Structural Funds. Part II</b></p> <p>Summary of the information gathered among Network partners on the use of the Structural Funds for Roma education. Technical Secretariat</p> <p><b>Practical experiences</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Desegregation programme: Mr Iván Sörös, State Secretariat for Social Inclusion, Ministry of Public Administration and Justice, Human Resources Development OP, Hungary</li> <li>▪ Promotion of inter-cultural education: Mrs Chrisoula Arcoudis, National and Kapodistrian University of Athens, Multi-cultural education OP, Greece</li> <li>▪ Tackling Roma early school leaving: Mr Humberto García, FSG. PROMOCIONA Programme, OP Fight against Discrimination, Spain.</li> <li>▪ School after School: Mr Florin Nasture, Roma Education Fund (REF), Human Resource Development OP, Romania</li> </ul>



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	<p>(11.00-11.30 Coffee break)</p> <p>15 minutes for each presentation on the main contents of the project followed by a round of questions on:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. impact of the project</li> <li>2. added value of the use of the Structural Funds for this project</li> <li>3. potential contribution to NRIS and EU2020 Strategy</li> </ol>
12.30-13.30	Debate and conclusions, which will be summarised in a document.
13.30-14.30	Lunch
14.30-15.15	<p><b>Evaluation of the use of the Structural Funds</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>Evaluation of ESF support for enhancing access to the labour market and the social inclusion of migrants and ethnic minorities</b>, European Commission. Dominique Be, Deputy Head of Unit, ESF Coordination, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion</li> <li>▪ <b>Evaluation of the use of the Structural Funds for Roma integration in Hungary (Inception Report)</b>. Pannon Elemző Iroda</li> </ul> <p>Questions or comments</p>
15.15-16.00	<p><b>EC Proposals for future Regulations</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ <b>General overview</b></li> <li>▪ <b>How Roma inclusion is approached? Opportunities and risks</b></li> </ul> <p>Enrica Chiozza, DG Regional Policy, European Commission</p> <p>Dominique Be, Deputy Head of Unit, ESF Coordination, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission</p>
16.00-17.00	Questions and debate.
17.00-17.30	Discussion on the future EUroma Practical Guide for OPs 2014-2020 (to be published in 2012). José Manuel Fresno, Advisor to the Technical Secretariat
19.00	Dinner and social event offered by host partners



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9.00-10.00	<p><b>Proposals for a more efficient use of the Structural Funds.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Creating poverty maps to target resources for disadvantaged micro-regions. Joost de Laat, World Bank</li> <li>▪ The Hungarian poverty mapping. Adam Kullman</li> <li>▪ Data collection and evaluation method and tools (based on the ECD Pilot Project). Joost de Laat, World Bank</li> </ul> <p>Questions or comments</p>
10.00 -11.00	<p><b>National Roma Integration Strategies. The contribution of the Structural Funds. Part I</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Round of interventions on the current stage of development of NRIS in EUroma partner countries (in terms of contents, procedure, etc.).</li> </ul> <p>Questions for debate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ At what stage is the process of the NRIS in your country?</li> <li>▪ How is the process of elaboration developing? Who is in charge of it? Who are the main stakeholders involved?</li> <li>▪ What kind of difficulties are you encountering for the elaboration of the NRIS?</li> <li>▪ Which are the main differences with regards to the previous Roma policy framework in your country?</li> </ul>
11.00-11.30	Coffee-break
11.30-12.30	<p><b>National Roma Integration Strategies. The contribution of the Structural Funds. Part II</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Review of the EUroma Position Paper: main proposals</li> <li>▪ Discussion and concrete proposals on three main topics (including some questions for debate):</li> </ul> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Incorporation of priorities and goals of the NRIS to current and future OPS.</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ To what extent Roma targeted projects are a priority now in your OPS? How this issue could be incorporated in the reprogramming or future programming of the OPS?</li> </ul> </li> </ol>



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Are the current investment priorities of the OPs in line with those established by the EC Communication on future NRIS (employment, education, housing, and health)?</li> <li>▪ What kind of measures you should incorporate to better adapt current OPs to the NRIS ´s goals? (for instance, for an integrated and targeted approach, for a better monitoring and evaluation, results-oriented projects, etc.)</li> </ul> <p><b>2. Cooperation mechanisms between MAs and bodies responsible for NRIS.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Has there been in your country any coordination mechanism between the Structural Funds MAs and the body responsible for Roma policies up to now?</li> <li>▪ Is there any coordination mechanism foreseen for the elaboration and implementation of the NRIS (specifically or within a broader coordination mechanism with other national stakeholders)?</li> <li>▪ How would be the optimal coordination mechanism for a more efficient use of the Structural Funds to achieving NRIS ´s goals?</li> <li>▪ Which are the difficulties to establish this coordination mechanism? And how these difficulties could be overcome?</li> </ul> <p><b>3. Use of the Technical Assistance for Roma inclusion.</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Have you up to now made use of the TA oriented to any Roma inclusion project? In what sense (for instance, capacity-building)?</li> <li>▪ What kind of activities under the TA you are supporting now that could be translated to the case of the Roma inclusion projects? Please, mention some examples on how you are using the TA.</li> <li>▪ How do you foresee the use of the TA for Roma inclusion projects? Is it feasible in your case? What specific activities could be financed by TA?</li> </ul>
12.30 -13.30	<p><b>Closing session.</b> Internal issues of the Network. Setting of the agenda for upcoming EURoma meetings and activities. Review of key decisions and agreements.</p>
13.30- 14.30	Lunch