



Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015  
Presidency of Montenegro

## ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT OF ROMA

17-18 June 2014  
Hotel Ramada, Podgorica, Montenegro

### AGENDA

16<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Monday

20<sup>00</sup> – ARRIVAL OF PARTICIPANTS AND WELCOME DINNER

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17<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Tuesday

08<sup>30</sup> – 09<sup>15</sup> REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS

09<sup>15</sup> – 09<sup>45</sup> OPENING SESSION

*Chair: Leon Gjokaj, National Coordinator of the Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015, Montenegro*

#### **Welcome note by the Decade Presidency of Montenegro**

*Suad Numanovic, Minister for Human and Minority Rights, Government of Montenegro  
Predrag Boskovic, Minister for Labor and Social Policy, Government of Montenegro*

09<sup>45</sup> – 11<sup>00</sup> SESSION I: BEST PRACTICES FROM IOS, DONORS AND PROGRAMS

*Chair: Jasmina Papa, Sub-regional Adviser on Social Inclusion, United Nations Development Program*

09<sup>45</sup> – 10<sup>00</sup> **Social Empowerment: towards increased Roma inclusion**  
*Celine Ferre, The World Bank*

10<sup>00</sup> – 10<sup>15</sup> **Multiple roads for increasing employment of Roma**  
*Adam Kullman, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations*

10<sup>15</sup> – 10<sup>30</sup> **Supporting entrepreneurs in Roma communities through a Roma Investment Fund**  
*Petrica Dulgheru, Roma Initiatives Office, Open Society Foundations*

10<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>00</sup> **Q&A**

11<sup>00</sup> – 11<sup>30</sup> **COFFEE BREAK**

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11<sup>30</sup> – 13<sup>00</sup> **SESSION II: BEST PRACTICES FROM NATIONAL PROGRAMS**

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*Chair: Adam Kullman, Co-acting Director, Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma, Open Society Foundations*

11<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>50</sup> **Employability and employment of Roma – Regional overview**  
*Jasmina Papa, United Nations Development Program*

11<sup>50</sup> – 12<sup>10</sup> **Roma Income Generation and Integration Association**  
*Georgi Georgiev, Land – Source of Income Foundation & Integro Association, Decade Focal Point Bulgaria*

12<sup>10</sup> – 12<sup>30</sup> **Project Finally – Financial Literacy for Roma**  
*Marjeta Gasparsic, Development and Education Center Novo Mesto, Slovenia*

12<sup>30</sup> – 13<sup>00</sup> **Q&A**

13<sup>00</sup> – 14<sup>30</sup> **LUNCH**

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14<sup>30</sup> – 16<sup>00</sup> **SESSION III: EMPOWERING ROMA YOUTH, TACKLING YOUTH EMPLOYMENT**

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*Chair: Orhan Usein, Program Manager, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation*

14<sup>30</sup> – 14<sup>45</sup> **ILO policy response and examples of good practices on youth employment**  
*Sofia Amaral De Oliveira, International Labor Organization*

14<sup>45</sup> – 15<sup>00</sup> **Youth Guarantee Program and Youth Employment Fund**  
European Commission (TBD)

15<sup>00</sup> – 15<sup>15</sup> **Youth Employment in Montenegro**  
*Elvis Berisha, Representative of Mladi Romi, Decade Focal Point Montenegro*

15<sup>15</sup> – 15<sup>30</sup> **Integrom: job offers for youngsters in Hungary**  
*Agnes Kelemen, Autonomia Foundation, Hungary*

15<sup>30</sup> – 16<sup>00</sup> **Q&A**

16<sup>00</sup> – 16<sup>30</sup> **COFFEE BREAK**

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16<sup>30</sup> – 18<sup>00</sup> **SESSION IV: COMMERCE & AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES**

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*Chair: Petrica Dulgheru, Advisory Board Member, Roma Initiatives Office, Open Society Foundations*

16<sup>30</sup> – 16<sup>50</sup> **Social Trade Peddling Project in Spain**  
*Fabian Sanchez, Presencia Gitana - Decade Focal Point Spain*

16<sup>50</sup> – 17<sup>10</sup> **Social inclusion and employment through bio-dynamic/organic food production**  
*Rusalka Majer, Autonomous Centre ACT, Croatia*

17<sup>10</sup> – 17<sup>30</sup>     **Social land program**  
*Ivan Soros, Government of Hungary*

17<sup>30</sup> – 18<sup>00</sup>     **Q&A**

20<sup>00</sup> –             **DINNER**

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18<sup>th</sup> June 2014, Wednesday

09<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>00</sup>     **SESSION V:     SOCIAL ENTERPRISES AND CORPORATE SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY**

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*Chair: Violeta Naydenova, Policy Analyst, Open Society Foundations*

09<sup>30</sup> – 09<sup>45</sup>     **Collectors of secondary raw materials for a more certain future**  
*Osman Balic, The League of Roma, Serbia*

09<sup>50</sup> – 10<sup>10</sup>     **Field social work**  
*Gabriela Verbovska, Slovak Government*

10<sup>10</sup> – 10<sup>30</sup>     **Housing rehabilitation and community development**  
*Mate Kertesz, Bagazs Public Benefit Association, Hungary*

10<sup>30</sup> – 11<sup>00</sup>     **Q&A**

11<sup>00</sup> – 11<sup>30</sup>     **COFFEE BREAK**

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11<sup>30</sup> – 12<sup>00</sup>     **CONCLUDING REMARKS**

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**Marton Rovid**, Research and Policy Officer, Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation

**Sanja Zugic**, Ministry for Human and Minority Rights, Montenegro

12<sup>00</sup> –             **LUNCH**

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