

#ROMABELONG WORKSHOP

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg, 10-11 October 2018

Wednesday 10 Oct

15.00-15.45

Welcome & overview of #RomaBelong project

Short presentations in plenary by project partners including overview of project, how key issues have been addressed at regional & national level so far and plans for future work.

- **Nina Murray**, European Network on Statelessness (moderator)
- **Đorđe Jovanović**, European Roma Rights Centre
- **Ivanka Kostic**, Praxis, Serbia
- **Raimonda Bozo**, Tirana Legal Aid Society, Albania
- **Yuliia Nosenko**, The 10th April, Ukraine

15.45-16.30

Context setting

Short presentations from external speakers giving an overview of the state of play on Roma rights and statelessness, including current opportunities and challenges from different perspectives.

- **Chris Nash**, European Network on Statelessness (moderator)
- **Michaël Guet**, Council of Europe Roma & Travellers Team, CAHROM
- **Françoise Kempf**, Adviser to the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights
- **Enrico Guida**, UNHCR
- **Michelle van Burik Bihari**, Activist, Representative of Roma Organisation Utrecht, The Netherlands

16.30-16.45

Coffee break

16.45-18.30

Connecting up the issues and advocacy opportunities

A series of parallel participatory workshops aiming to deepen understanding of the key issues and match these to upcoming opportunities for influencing policy and practice.

- EU Engagement:** including DG NEAR Enlargement & Neighbourhood policy, DG JUST Roma Integration Framework, the Roma Integration 2020 initiative, and the work of the European Parliament. Facilitated by **Andrea Spitalszky**, **Minority Rights Group** and **Ivanka Kostic**, **PRAXIS** with input from **Aleksandra Bojadjeva**, **Regional Cooperation Council**, **Jan Brulc**, **ENS**, and **Svetlana Novopolskaja**, **Roma Community Centre Vilnius**
- Council of Europe Engagement:** including the work of the Roma & Travellers' Team, CAHROM, ECRI and the work of the Human Rights Commissioner. Facilitated by **Nina Murray**, **ENS** and **Isabela Mihalache**, **Independent Expert** with **Michaël Guet**, **CAHROM**, **Zola Kundur**, **Council of Europe Action Plan with Ukraine**, **Wolfram**

Bechtel, ECRI and Françoise Kempf, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

- C. **UN and global human rights:** including the work of the UNHCR Representation in South East Europe, the UNHCR High-Level Event on Statelessness in 2019, human rights monitoring bodies, and the work of the UN Special Rapporteur on Minorities. Facilitated by **Nicole Garbin, ERRC** and **Chris Nash, ENS**, with **Mario Pavlovic, UNHCR SE Europe** and **Kati Jaaskelainen, OSCE ODIHR**.

18.30-19.00

Plenary: summary and reflections

Adam Weiss, European Roma Rights Centre and **Nina Murray, European Network on Statelessness**

19.00

Networking reception

Thursday 11 Oct

9.30-11.00

Strategies for achieving change

A series of parallel participatory workshops exploring different methods and strategies for achieving advocacy goals to best use and influence the opportunities identified on Wednesday.

- A. **Participation:** working with Roma civil society to effect change and communicate the issues with **Jan Brulc, ENS, Mila Van Burik Bihari, Activist, Representative of Roma Organisation Utrecht, Elvis Berisha, Phiren America** and **Senada Sali, European Roma Rights Centre**
- B. **Multi-stakeholder partnership working:** implementing effective multi-stakeholder programmes with **Nina Murray, ENS, Mario Pavlovic, UNHCR SE Europe, Zoran Drangovski, MYLA, and Kati Jaaskelainen, OSCE ODIHR**
- C. **Strategic litigation:** effecting change through targeted strategic litigation with **Adam Weiss, European Roma Rights Centre, Raimonda Bozo, Tirana Legal Aid Society, Ivanka Kostic, Praxis, and Manjola Veizi, Roma Women's Rights Center**

11.00-11.15

Coffee break

11.15-12.15

Action planning session

*Facilitated session to prioritise and identify commitments to be recorded and fed back during final plenary. Facilitated by **Nina Murray** and **Jan Brulc, ENS**.*

12.15-13.00

Final plenary – where next?

- **Adam Weiss, European Roma Rights Centre** and **Chris Nash, European Network on Statelessness** (Moderators)
- **Andrea Spítálszky, Minority Rights Group**
- **Aleksandra Bojadjieva, Regional Cooperation Council**
- **Manjola Veizi, Roma Women's Centre, Albania / Fatmira Dajlani, Roma Gate for Integration, Albania**
- **Svetlana Novopolskaja, Roma Community Centre, Lithuania**