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ROM NETWORK
PANHellenic INTERMUNICIPAL NETWORK
FOR THE SUPPORT OF GREEK ROMA



2ND International Conference of Roma Women

"I AM A EUROPEAN ROMA WOMAN"

AGENDA

11-12 January 2010
ZAPPEION Conference and Exhibition centre, Athens



Monday, 11 January

08:30 - 09:00 Registration of the participants

09:25 Screening of the campaign spot "I am a European Roma woman"

09:30 - 10:30 **OPENING REMARKS**

Facilitator: **Mr Ioannis Zannetopoulos**, General Director of Development Programmes, Ministry of Interior, Decentralization & E- Government

- **Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquicchio**, Deputy Secretary General, Council of Europe
- **Mrs Theodora Tzakri**, Deputy Minister, Ministry of Interior, Decentralisation and E-Government, Greece
- **Mrs Nyamko Sabuni**, Minister of Integration and Gender Equality, Sweden
- **Mrs Maria Dimitriou**, Scientific Assistant of GRIN, Greece

10:30-11:30 Coffee break

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Press Conference

(Mrs Theodora Tzakri, Mrs Nyamko Sabuni, Mrs Maud de Boer-Buquicchio, Mr Michalis Tamilos, Mrs Maria Dimitriou, Mrs Miranda Vuolasranta, Mrs Isabela Mihalache)

SESSIONS

11:30 - 13:00 **CHANGING NEGATIVE PERCEPTIONS – ROMA WOMEN AND MEDIA**

"Rejected": Screening of the Council of Europe's short movie

Facilitator: **Mr Filios Stangos**, Journalist (Greece)

Keynote speakers:

- **Mrs Katalyn Barsony**, Editor in Chief of Mundi Romani at Duna TV; "Changing the negative image of Roma women in the media"
- **Mr Takis Kampylis**, Journalist (Greece)



- **Mr Marc Leyenberger**, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Member of the Working Group on Antigypsyism

Discussion

Reporting:

- **Mrs Anita Danka**, Officer on Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE/ODIHR, Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues

13:00 - 14:30 Lunch break

14:30 – 18:30 *CHANGING HARMFUL PRACTICES -EFFECTIVE USE OF HUMAN RIGHTS*

“Me, my Gypsy family and Woody Allen”: Screening of the movie in presence of the filmmaker Ms Laura Halilovic

Facilitator: Mr Giorgos Moschos, Child’s Ombudsman (Greece)

Keynote speakers - Topics:

“Promoting education for young Roma girls”

- **Mrs. Thaleia Dragona**, Secretary General of the Ministry of Education, Greece
- **Mrs Michaela Zatreanu**, Roma Education Expert, Romania
- **Mrs. Sabiha Souleiman**, NGO “Elpida”, Greece

Discussion

16.15-16.30 Coffee break

“Early marriages: key factors, harmful impacts and positive guidelines”

- **Mrs Enisa Eminovska**, Human Rights activist, European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF)
- **Mrs Elvira Kovacs**, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe - Rapporteur for the opinion on "The situation of Roma in Europe and relevant activities of the Council of Europe"

Discussion



“Forced Sterilisations”

- **Mrs Gwendolyn Albert**, Human Rights Expert
- **Mrs Elena Gorolova**, NGO “Women harmed by coercive sterilisations” (Czech Republic)

Discussion

Reporting: **Mrs Paroula Perraki**, Professor of International Law in the Department of International and European Studies, University of Macedonia

Tuesday 12 January

09:00 – 10:45 ENTREPRENEURSHIP– ECONOMIC EMPOWERMENT

Facilitator: **Mrs Eva Sobotka**, Fundamental Rights Agency of the European Union (FRA)

Keynote speakers:

- **Mrs Angela Kocze**, expert on Gender Mainstreaming in social policies; “Empowerment vs. Tradition/Romanipen – cultural barriers for economic empowerment”
- **Mrs Carmen Georghe**, “Impact of economic empowerment on women and households”
- **Mrs Annoula Magga**, President of the Association of Greek Roma Women, Dendropotamos (Greece)

Discussion

Reporting: **Mrs Karolina Mirga**, Poland
Mrs Claire Auzias, University of Barcelona

10:45 – 11:00 **Coffee break**



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11:00 – 12:30 *NETWORKING and FOLLOW -UP*

Key messages of the Conference: Roma Women building bridges – Platform of the European Roma Women – Declaration of Roma Women

- **Mrs Isabela Mihalache**, Deputy Director, European Roma Rights Centre

Follow-up

- **Mrs Eleni Tsetsekou**, Roma and Travellers Division, Council of Europe

Closure of the Conference

- **Mrs Maria Ochoa-Llidó**, Head of the Migration and Roma Department, Council of Europe
- **Mrs Miranda Vuolasranta**, Vice-President of the International Women's Network (Finland)
- **Mrs Maria Stratigaki**, Secretary General of Equality of the Ministry of Justice, Transparency and Human Rights (Greece)