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**Conference program, third draft as of May 2011**  
**ROMANI WOMEN FOR EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES**

June 30 – July 2, 2011

Organized within the project

“Equality through difference. Roma women’s access to the labor market”

**29 June 2011 Arrival of the participants**

**30 June 2011**

**10.00 – 10.40 Opening speeches on promoting projects for Roma**

*Invited speakers*

Philippe Hatt, Head of Unit F 5 (Romania, Bulgaria, Malta) in DG Employment, European Commission

Savelina Roussinova, Local Government and Public Service Reform Initiative, Open Society Institute Budapest, *to be confirmed*

Péter Eckstein-Kovács, Counselor of the President of Romania on Problems of National Minorities, *to be confirmed*

Vlad Rovințescu, POSDRU, Bucharest, *to be confirmed*

**10.40 – 11.40 Introducing the project “Equality through difference”**

Letiția Mark, president of the Roma Women’s Association for Our Children: *Mission and objectives*

Enikő Vincze, president Foundation Desire: *Research activities and publications*

Lazăr Theofild, assistant project manager: *Activities for social inclusion*

Leonard Bebi, president Association Parudimos, Timisoara: *Activities for social inclusion*

Anna Csongor, president Foundation Autonomía, Budapest: *Cross border learning within the project – the examples of Hungarian Roma initiatives*

*11.40 – 12.00 Coffee break*



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## 12.00 – 13.40 Setting the framework: Roma, women and equal opportunities

Ákos Topolánszky, rapporteur for the European Economic and Social Committee, Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, Budapest: *Roms – Societal empowerment and integration*

Anne-Marie Sigmund, rapporteur for the European Economic and Social Committee, Section for Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship, Vienna: *Intercultural dialogue and the Roma. The key role of women and education*

Violetta Zentai, Director CEU Central for Policy Studies, Budapest: *Intersectionality in policies for equal opportunities*

Juhász Borbála, president Hungarian Women's Lobby: Hungarian Women's Lobby: *The policy of equal opportunities in Hungary today: gender mainstreaming or family mainstreaming*

Discussions

*13.40 – 15.40 Lunch break*

## 16.00 – 18.00 Structural funds and projects for Roma

Philippe Hatt, Head of Unit F 5 (Romania, Bulgaria, Malta) in DG Employment, European Commission

Ilie Dincă, president of the National Agency for Roma: *Projects on employment and social economy implemented by the National Agency for Roma, Romania*

Magda Matache and Carmen Brici, organization Romani Criss, Bucharest: *Projects for improving the access to education of Roma children from Romania*

Teodora Krumova, Center Amalipe, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria: *Structural funds and projects for Roma. The Bulgarian example*

David Mark, president Civic Alliance of Roma from Romania: *Efforts to improve the access of Roma organizations to European structural funds*

Discussions

*19.00 Dinner and Romani cultural evening*



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1 July 2011

### 10.00 - 12.00 The social inclusion of Roma women: problems, strategies and results

Lídia Balogh, MONA – Foundation for the Women of Hungary, Budapest: *Current Issues in Europe Regarding the Social and Political Inclusion of Romani Women*

Isabela Mihalache, ERRC, Budapest: *title to be confirmed*

Marian Negrea, Directorate Equality between Women and Men, Romanian Ministry of Labor, Family and Social Protection: *The project FemRrom in Romania, to be confirmed*

Aroca Montserrat Sanchez, Drom Kotar, Barcelona: *Roma women's organizing in Spain*

Nadica Balog, Roma Heart Foundation, Croatia: *Good practices of social inclusion*

Discussions

12.00 – 12.20 Coffee break

### 12.20 – 14.20 Researches regarding the access of Roma to employment/ decent work/labor market

Gyula Kozák, researcher on the project Equality through difference. Roma women's access to the labor market, Foundation Desire, Cluj: *Local labor market recruitment and job opportunities for Roma*

Sebihana Skenderovska, National Roma Centrum, Kumanovo, Republic of Macedonia: *Access to labor market and inequalities faced by Romani women*

Maria Ionescu, National Agency for Roma, Bucharest: *title to be confirmed*

Carmen Gheorghe, Together Agency, Bucharest: *title to be confirmed*

Discussions

14.30 – 16.00 Lunch break

### 16.00 – 17.30 Roundtable discussion: Romani women and civic activism

Discussants: Letiția Mark, AFT, Timișoara; Isabela Mihalache, ERRC, Budapest; Crina Morteau, ERSTE Foundation, Bucharest; Rosemary Kostic Cisneros, Drom Kotar, Barcelona; Steluta Batir, The Association of Health Mediators from Romania, Bucharest; Dana Dumitrescu and Ioana Viorica Dumitru, Roma Women's Association Romania, Bucharest; Thereza Eriksson, International Roma Women, Sweden; Teodora Krumova, Center Amalipe, Veliko Turnovo, Bulgaria; Sebihana



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Skenderovska, National Roma Centrum, Kumanovo, Republic of Macedonia; Ostalinda Maya Ovalle, ERRC, Budapest (to be confirmed)

Moderator: Nicoleta Bițu, Bucharest

### 17.30 – 19.00 Cultural event

*Nevi Sara Kali. Roma Women's Journal* (Letiția Mark, AFT; Enikő Vincze, Foundation Desire; Anita Czinkóczi, Open Society Roma Initiatives, Budapest, *to be confirmed*; authors' talks)

Film screening: *Báriséj*, by Bódis Kriszta (film presentation by Kinga Kali, Budapest)

19.30 Dinner

## 2 July 2011

### 10.00 – 11.50 The promotion of equal opportunities

Raluca Popa, United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women, Bratislava: *United Nations and Women's Empowerment*

Nataša Kočić Rakočević, REF facilitator Belgrade, Serbia: *title to be confirmed*

Enikő Vincze, Foundation Desire, Cluj: *Obstacles in assuring equal opportunities for all*

Sorin Botezatu, DESFB, Ministry of Labor, Romania: *Romanian policies for equal opportunities, to be confirmed*

Mariana Buceanu, National Agency for Roma, Bucharest: *title to be confirmed*

Ostalinda Maya Ovalle, ERRC, Budapest: *title to be confirmed*

Discussions

11.50 - 12.10 Coffee break

### 12.10 – 13.00 Conclusions and conference closing

The organizing team

13.00 – Lunch



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