



I AM ROMA: CHANGING MINDSETS

Final Dissemination Conference



Date: Tue. 29 January 2013

Time: 09:30-17:00

Venue: Committee of Regions, Room JDE 51
Rue Belliard 99-101, B – 1040 Brussels

Programme

08:45 – 09:30 Registration

09:30: Welcome and introduction

09:40: Setting the context

The EU Framework for national Roma integration strategies- an update on current state of play and development- Ms Jana Balazova, Policy Officer DG JUSTICE, Unit D4 - Non discrimination policies and Roma coordination

10:10: Setting the context: An overview of the Project I AM ROMA - Dr. Haroon Saad, Director, LUDEN

10:30 Coffee break

11:00 – 13:00: case studies from partners

13:00 – 14:00: Lunch

14:15: Reflections with Mr. Juan De Dios Ramirez-Heredia, President of Union Romani, former MEP (from 1986 to 1999) and Mrs. Paula Simões, Counsellor for Social Affairs, Municipality of Sintra

14:45 – 15:35: Case studies from partners

15:35: Campaigning to change negative mindsets. Interactive session with Ian Poitier, external expert, who will introduce the toolkit that the project has developed

16:30 Conclusions

16:45 End of workshop

If you want to participate, please send an e mail to f.centolas@ludenet.org by indicating your name, your organisation and your function.

The Project

“I AM ROMA: Changing mindsets” established a partnership of 9 partners convinced of the paramount importance of challenging stereotypes against Roma community and willing to campaign and take action locally.

The Project's aims

- to build up capacity and know-how of local actors engaged in anti-discrimination work relating to Roma in general and Roma children in particular
- support them in developing local/regional campaigns to challenge stereotypes and highlight good practices through a transnational exchange programme.

Outcomes

- Capacity building programme for key workers
- Local Campaigns
- Campaigning toolkit

The partners

1. Municipality of Sintra, Lead Partner (PT)
2. Local Urban Development European Network, LUDEN (BE)
3. Belfast Health and Social Care Trust (UK)
4. Heraklion Municipality (GR)
5. European Development Agency (CZ)
6. Intercultural Institute of Timisoara (RO)
7. European Roma Employment Agency (SK)
8. Roma Centre for Social Intervention and Studies (RO)
9. Municipality of Dobrich (BG)

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