



INVITATION

Hearing on the Future EU Roma Strategy Proposals for Action post-2020

Wednesday, 26 June 2019, 9:30 – 13:00
European Economic and Social Committee
Room TRE 7701
74 Rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels

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Eurodiaconia is pleased to invite you to the *Hearing on the Future EU Roma Strategy – Proposals for Action post-2020* at the European Economic and Social Committee.

Eurodiaconia is a network of 50 organisations in 32 European countries providing social and health care services and promoting social justice. Together with our members, we have been actively involved in the promotion of Roma inclusion across Europe and in supporting vulnerable EU mobile citizens, among whom many are Roma.

Eurodiaconia and its members firmly believe, that a follow-up strategy to the current EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 is needed to continue efforts in Roma Inclusion. In order to be effective in the long term, a new strategy should include capacity building at national and local levels, the allocation of national budgets to the implementation of NRIS, as well as a stronger focus on EU mobile Roma and on antigypsyism.

This event will bring together key stakeholders from civil society engaged in Roma inclusion and policy makers to debate the persistent obstacles to Roma integration and to identify common priorities and recommendations for more effective EU strategies to Roma integration post-2020. A special focus is given to synergies between Roma integration measures and existing legislation and frameworks that promote social inclusion, such as the Sustainable Development Goals.

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DRAFT AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30	<i>Registration</i>
09:30 – 09:45	Welcoming and Opening Remarks <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ákos Topolánszky, European Economic and Social Committee• Lukas Humer, Eurodiaconia
09:45 – 10:45	Panel 1: The state of play of Roma integration on the local level and strategies to overcome obstacles <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anca Enache, Helsinki Deaconess Institute (Member of Eurodiaconia)• Kriszta Naszádi, Reformed Church of Hungary (Member of Eurodiaconia)• Eurocities (tbc) Q&A with the audience
10:45 – 11:00	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:00 – 12:00	Panel 2: What priorities should the EU put forward to promote Roma inclusion across the EU? <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Jamen Gabriela Hrabanova, ERGO Network• Isabela Mihalache, European Network against Racism• European Public Health Alliance (tbc) Q&A with the audience
12:00 – 13:00	Concluding Panel <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ákos Topolánszky, European Economic and Social Committee• Szabolcs Schmidt, European Commission• Antero Kiviniemi, Permanent Representation of Finland to the EU
13.00	<i>End of meeting</i>

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