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Agenda

for the 4th Meeting of the Scientific Committee
of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies

Date: December 13-14, 2012

Venue: Brussels, Madou building (*Place Madou 1, 1210 - Saint-Josse-Ten-Noode*), room TBA

The main objectives of the meeting:

The 4th meeting of the Scientific Committee has the following purposes;

- a) To welcome the extended Scientific Committee including the two new members elected by the associated members;
- b) Present the Network to the invited officials and representatives of European Commission, and engage the SC members in dialogue with them;
- c) To oversee the progress of the network activities since the meeting in June 2012;
- d) To discuss and plan the activities for the second project cycle, starting in summer 2013.

The meeting is planned to last one and a half days. The first afternoon is planned to be dedicated to meetings with officials from relevant services of the European Commission (14:00-18:00), discussing interactivity and enhancing networking between the Academic Network and the EU. The second day will be dedicated to the projects' other key concerns and be organised in two work sessions (9:00-13:00, 14:00-17:00), divided by a lunch break.

Timetable

13 December 2012

14:00 Arrival and welcome of the Members of the Scientific Committee

14:15-16:45 The afternoon will be reserved for meetings and exchange with representatives of the services of the European Commission, European Parliament and NGO representatives.

- Short presentation of the network by László Fosztó, Secretary of the Network.

- Presentations by the officials of the European Commission:

- Axelle Cheney (DG Justice),
- Dora Husz (DG Employment);
- Alekos Tsolakakis, and Andor Urmos (DG REGIO);
- Frank Pierobon (DG Education and Culture)

Discussions on the possibility for cooperation with the Network in the implementation of the European Roma Strategy and the National Strategies (monitoring and evaluation etc.)

16:45 -17:00 Café Break

17:00-18:00 Presentations continued

- Presentation by Lívia Járóka (tbc), Member of the European Parliament;
- The message of Robert Rustem, European Roma and Traveller Forum;
- Presentation by Ivan Ivanov, European Roma Information Office;

Concluding discussions

19:00 Dinner organised in Restaurant Titanic, *Rue du Congrès 31*

(<http://www.titanicbrussels.be/>)

14 December 2012

9:00-10:30 Discussions on:

- Evaluating the proposals received for the implementation of a strategic plan to promote academic involvement of students and early career researchers of Romani background. The scheme is overseen by Yaron Matras.
- Other relevant issues regarding the participation of Roma in the academic domain and scientific debates.

11:45-13:00 Discussions continued on:

- Updates to the website and the use of the internet based discussion platforms to enhance the visibility of the existing knowledge and research results in Romani studies - László Fosztó will report on the development of the www.romanistudies.eu website and Facebook page (<http://www.facebook.com/romanistudies.eu>).
- Other issues related to communication and dissemination of the results and raising the visibility of the network activities.

13:00-14:00 Lunch

14:15-15:45 Discussions on:

- Plans for activities to be undertaken during the second phase of the Academic Network.
- The planning the Roma Academic Network event for 2013 in Marseille, Cultural Capital of Europe. Elena Marushiakova has been appointed as responsible for the content of the event dealing with “What is Roma Culture?”
- Kathrin Merkle will present the he project initiative on “Roma narratives in the Balkans”

15:45 -16:00 Café Break

16:00-17:00 Discussions continued

- Cooperation with the Roma projects of the Council of Europe, i.e. the Task Force of the Special Representative of the Secretary General on Roma issues.
- Future co-operation with NGOs active in the field of Roma policies and studies.
- Other issues and plans for 2013-15.

17:00-18:00 Conclusions of the meeting