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Showcase event on 'Policies for Roma inclusion: The contribution of academic research'

Back-to-back event with the 8th and final meeting of the Scientific Committee of the Network

Strasbourg, France, 22 April 2015

Venue: Council of Europe, European Youth Centre, 30 rue Pierre de Coubertin, F-67000 Strasbourg, room S 0.1 and S 0.4

PART 1

09:00-10:30 8th meeting of the Scientific Committee of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies

- Welcome and introduction from Kathrin MERKLE
- Overview of the progress in implementing the last Network activities (see the action plan adopted during the 7th Meeting of the SC)
- Review of the 4 years' project: Major challenges and achievements
- Exchange on the future of the Network and its development options
- Other issues

10:30-10:45 Coffee break

PART 2

10:45-11:00 Welcome address

- Ulrich BUNJES, CoE Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues
- Catherine MAGNANT, EC programme coordinator (tbc)
- Kathrin MERKLE, CoE programme coordinator

11:00-13:00 Panel discussion:

How can research benefit policy on Roma?
How can Roma empowerment benefit from research?

- Ms Ágnes DARÓCZI, Vice-president of the European Roma and Travellers Forum
- Representative of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (tbc)
- Mr Dominique BÉ, European Commission – DG Employment (tbc)

- Ms Angelina DIMITER-TAIKON, Roma Kulturklass, Hammarby School, Sweden
- Dr Eben FRIEDMAN, Senior Non-resident Research Associate, European Centre for Minority Issues, Flensburg, Germany
- Dr Martin KOVATS, Independent researcher, London, United Kingdom
- Professor Margaret GREENFIELDS, Institute for Diversity Research, Inclusivity, Communities and Society, Buckinghamshire New University, United Kingdom
- Dr Monica ROSSI, Istituto di Ricerche sulla Popolazione e la Politiche Sociali, Italy
- Mr Zeljko JOVANOVIC, Open Society Foundation (tbc)
- Moderator: Professor Yaron MATRAS, School of Arts, Languages and Cultures, The University of Manchester, United Kingdom

13:00-14:30 Lunch

PART 3

14:30-16:00 Presentation of case studies

- Have the Roma in Slovakia benefitted from the ESF? (Jan GRILL, Daniel SKOBLA, Jakob HURRELE)
- Roma Women and the School Inclusion of Roma: Findings and implications of the SEDRIN project (Loizos SYMEOU)
- European policy on Roma: Structures and ideologies (Professor Yaron MATRAS)

(More case studies will be added.)

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45 Workshop 'World café'

Table discussions with 'mixed' participant groups (academics and policy makers/ stakeholders), to address the following questions:

- 1) What are promising pathways to research/policy collaboration, and how can they be implemented in *your* organisation?
- 2) What obstacles stand in the way of research/policy collaboration, and how can they be overcome in *your* organisation?

Organised in 2 subsequent sessions with 2 groups each

Conclusion 'European Academic Network on Romani Studies - Principles and legacy' by Dr Elisabeth TAUBER, Chair of the Scientific Committee

18:00 Wine reception

Exhibition on the EANRS: 'Hard facts and soft data on the project' (tbd)
Interactive presentation of the database of expertise