

PERSPECTIVES OF A EUROPEAN ROMA STRATEGY

PUBLIC HEARING OF THE EPP-ED GROUP

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Brussels, European Parliament, Room PHS 3C50

Thursday, 13th November 2008

15:00 – 18:30



Draft Programme

Meeting facilitator: *Ivan Ivanov*, Executive Director of European Roma Information Office (ERIO)

15:00 Welcome address

Viktor Orbán, Vice President of the European People's Party

Rodi Kratsa-Tsagaropoulou, Vice President of the European Parliament

Livia Járóka, MEP - Committee of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

15: 15 Keynote speech:

Valeriu Nicolae, Secretary General of European Roma Grassroots Organisation (ERGO)

15: 40 Interventions from stakeholders:

Géza Dúl, National Roma Referent of the Hungarian Catholic Church, Leader of Ceferino House

Graziano Halilovic, Intercultural Mediator of Xoraxané Rrom (Italy)

Rosario Lozano Fernández and *Angel Pérez Barandiarán* Fundación Secretariado Gitano (Spain)

Monica Rossi, Researcher of the University of Rome

Michael Stewart, Professor of Social Anthropology at the University College London

Lucian Cherata, Inspector for Minority Issues, County Inspectorate for Education, Romania

Marian Nedelica, Teacher of Romani (Romanes) Language, Craiova, Dolj County, Romania

16:40 Coffee break

17:00 Roundtable discussion - The Role of the EU institutions

Manfred Weber, EPP-ED Coordinator of the Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs Committee

Marie Keirle, French Department of Social Inclusion, Head of European and International Affairs

Gabriela Hrabáňová, Czech Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs

Jan Jařab, Member of the Cabinet of Commissioner Špidla, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities

Marian-Jean Marinescu, MEP - Committee of Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs

Katarina Mathernova, Deputy Director of Regional Policy, European Commission

18:00 Open debate

18:30 Closing remarks

Livia Járóka, MEP