



DECADE AFTER 2015 WORKING GROUP METHODOLOGY

Rationale: The Decade of Roma Inclusion 2005-2015 is coming to the end of its originally defined term. The Decade initiated crucially important processes for Roma integration in Europe, and provided the impetus for an EU led effort covering similar subject matter, the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020. After seven years, however, it is clear that Roma integration has not been completed despite the fact that it has reached higher attention by a number of key policy makers. The Decade goal to eliminate discrimination against Roma and close the unacceptable gap between Roma and the rest of society is still relevant, as the gap remains, and in some cases appears to be growing. Approaching the end of the Decade term it is necessary to explore and assess options for the Decade after 2015. Croatian Decade Presidency, endorsed by the International Steering Committee at its 23rd meeting, established a Working Group to work on this issue.

Objective: To explore and assess options for the Decade after 2015 and present feasible plan in a form of policy options paper at the 24th International Steering Committee meeting in June 2013.

Working Group Composition:

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Important note: the Working Group is (its members are) representing the Decade Presidency, and by that the International Steering Committee, in the process of assessing the options for the Decade future after 2015 (not their own governments or organizations)

Options Assessment Methodology:

The first step of the process is to identify various options for the future of the Decade after 2015. For this purpose the Working Group will assess the opinions of the relevant stakeholders on various aspects of the Decade through semi-structured discussions at meetings and accompanying survey.

The relevant Decade stakeholders include: Governments of participating countries, Roma and wider civil society of participating countries, Government representatives of observing countries, International Partners, and representatives (Government and Roma civil society) of the potential participating countries.

Each meeting will be responsibility of at least one of the Working Group members (assisted by a person from the Decade Secretariat or another Working Group member as necessary).

The meetings will be organized by using the relevant contact persons of the Decade partners: National Coordinator in each country for the governments, regular Roma civil society partner for the civil society and responsible persons at each of the International Partners (to assist with logistics and inviting participants). National Coordinator's Cabinet/Office will be requested to provide meeting facilities (such as translation, meeting venue, etc.).

Meetings with the Governments of participating countries aim to involve the National Coordinator, responsible persons from each of the relevant ministries/agencies for the priority areas (education, employment, health and housing), the cross-cutting areas (poverty, non-discrimination and gender), and of the

Ministry of Finance, Government's body dealing with EU affairs, Office of the Prime Minister or President. Meetings with civil society from participating countries aim to involve at least 5 main Roma civil society organizations, other relevant civil society organizations and independent experts and/or academics.

Each of the meetings at the participating countries will involve 9-12 participants, and will last for approximately 3 hours.

Working Group member responsible for a meeting will lead on the organizing of the meeting and preparing for it, leading the meeting and preparing a detailed report from the discussion within two weeks from the meeting, and share it with the Working Group.

The meeting format is semi-structured discussion led by the Working Group member on the basis of discussion guidelines. At the end of each meeting participants will fill-in a questionnaire. Both tools are provided below. Meeting report should include as much details as possible from the discussion (best case is to provide transcription) and collection of filled-in questionnaires.

The individual country meetings will have to be completed by 15 April 2013.

Decade Secretariat will collect the discussion reports and the questionnaires and prepare the first draft of the analysis by early May to share with the Working Group. The Working Group will have a second meeting in Zagreb in May 2013 to discuss and finalize the options for the future of the Decade and to formulate the policy options paper.

Meeting Schedule:

Meeting at/with	Place	Time	WG responsible
I Working Group meeting	Zagreb, Croatia	26.11.2012	Mr Sočanac Mr Rorke Ms Buzetzky Ms. Bojadjjeva
Roma civil society participating in the Decade (1 representative per country usually participating at ISC meetings)	Zagreb, Croatia	13.12.2012	Mr Sočanac Mr Rorke Ms Buzetzky Ms. Bojadjjeva
Representatives of International Partners and EC (WB will provide video-conference facility) - Morning: other IPs (OSCE, WHO, UNICEF, ENAR, ERIO, etc.) - Afternoon: World Bank, OSF, EC, UNDP, CoE, USA	Brussels, Belgium	end of January 2013	Mr Sočanac Ms Buzetzky Mr Boeing Ms Jašarević
Albania - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Tirana, Albania	02.2013	Mr Rorke
Bulgaria - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Sofia, Bulgaria	02.2013	Mr Sočanac
Bosnia and Herzegovina - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Sarajevo, BiH	02.2013	Mr Balić
Croatia - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Zagreb, Croatia	03.2012	Mr Balić
Czech Republic - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Prague, Czech Republic	02.2013	Mr Rorke
Hungary - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Budapest, Hungary	02.2013	Ms Jašarević
Macedonia	Skopje,	03.2012	Mr Acković

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Montenegro - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Podgorica, Montenegro	03.2012	Mr Acković
Romania - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Bucharest, Romania	03.2012	Ms Jašarević
Serbia - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Belgrade, Serbia	03.2012	Mr Sztojka
Slovakia - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Bratislava, Slovakia	03.2012	Mr Sztojka
Spain - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Madrid, Spain	03.2012	Mr Sočanac
Slovenia - Morning meeting with government - Afternoon meeting with civil society	Ljubljana, Slovenia	02.2013	Mr Sočanac
Representatives of International Partners not present at Brussels meeting, representatives of potential countries (Kosovo ¹ , Turkey, Moldavia, Ukraine, Russia) and USA, Norway	(Decade event)	(Decade event)	Ms Buzetzky
II Working Group meeting	Zagreb, Croatia	05.2013	Mr Sočanac Mr Rorke Ms Buzetzky Ms. Bojadjieva

¹ This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSC 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence