



16th European Platform for Roma Inclusion

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Madrid Fine Arts Building (CBA). Calle Alcalá 42

AGENDA

Moderator: Jennifer Baker

08:30 - 09:30 Welcome coffee and registration

09:30 - 09:50 Opening of the 16th European Platform for Roma Inclusion

- Mr Pablo Bustinduy Amador, Spanish Minister for Social Rights, Consumer Affairs and Agenda 2030.
- Ms Helena Dalli, European Commissioner for Equality.

09:50 - 10:00 Presentation of the Council Conclusions on Measures to ensure equal access for Roma to adequate and desegregated housing

- Ms Patricia Bezunarte Barrio, General Director for Family Diversity and Social Services, Spain.

10:00 - 10:30 High-level discussion on Concrete steps towards ensuring equal access to adequate and desegregated housing for Roma

- Mr Peter Pollak, Member of the European Parliament.
- Ms Ana Gallego Torres, Director-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission.
- Ms Carmen Santiago Reyes. Second Vice-President of the Spanish National Roma Council, Spain.

10:30 - 11:00 Coffee break

11:00 - 12:30 Parallel participatory workshops

(5 workshops in total: 3 in EN, 2 in ES)

1 *How to tackle spatial segregation and actively engage in desegregation while ensuring access to adequate non-segregated housing for Roma people living in deprived settlements in the EU?*

(2 workshops: 1 in EN and 1 in ES)

- Ms Linda Greta Zsiga, Community Facilitator and Housing Advocate, Romania.
Kick off speaker for workshop 1 (EN)
- Mr Fernando Macías, University of Barcelona, Expert in the housing working group of the State Roma Council, Spain.
Kick-off speaker for workshop 2 (ES)
- Mr Gyorgy Sumeghy, Associate Director, Europe and the Middle East, Habitat for Humanity International.
Rapporteur for workshop 1 (EN)
- Mr Fabián Sánchez, Presencia Gitana, Member of the Spanish National Roma Council.
Rapporteur for workshop 2 (ES)



2 *How to improve the use of EU and national funding in enabling effective and equal access to housing for Roma people?*

(3 workshops: 2 in EN and 1 in ES)

- Ms Eva Nedomová, Housing Expert, Romodrom, Czechia.
Kick-off speaker for workshop 3 (EN)
- María Dolores Ruiz Bautista, Deputy Director for Social Programmes, Deputy Director for Social Programmes, Spain.
Kick-off speaker for workshop 4 (ES)
- Mr Marek Chomanič, Office of the Roma Plenipotentiary, Slovakia.
Kick-off speaker for workshop 5 (EN)
- Mr László Ulicska, National Roma Contact Point, Hungary.
Rapporteur for workshop 3 (EN)
- Mr Ismael Cortés, Member of the Advisory Board of the European Roma Institute of Arts and Culture.
Rapporteur for workshop 4 (ES)
- Mr Florin Botonogu, Policy centre for Roma and minorities, Romania.
Rapporteur for workshop 5 (EN)

12:30 - 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 - 15:15 **THEMATIC PANEL 1:**
The way forward in tackling spatial segregation and ensuring equal access of Roma to adequate and desegregated housing

Reporting from the workshops and discussion with the moderator

- Mr Gyorgy Sumeghy, Associate Director, Europe and the Middle East, Habitat for Humanity International.
Rapporteur for workshop 1 (EN)
- Mr Fabián Sánchez, Presencia Gitana, Member of the Spanish National Roma Council.
Rapporteur workshop 2 (ES)
- Ms Livia Járóka, Member of the European Parliament.
- Mr Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of Unit, Non Discrimination: Anti-Racism and Roma Coordination, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission.
- Mr Manuel Demougeot, Head of Cabinet, Inter-ministerial Delegation for Housing and Access to Housing, National Roma Contact Point, France.
- Ms Sara Giménez, President, Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Spain.

15:15 - 15:30 Coffee break

15:30 - 16:45 **THEMATIC PANEL 2:**
Towards efficient use of EU and national funds to enable Roma access to adequate and desegregated housing

Reporting from the workshops and discussion with the moderator

- Mr László Ulicska, National Roma Contact Point, Hungary.
Rapporteur for workshop 3 (EN)
- Mr Ismael Cortés, Member of the Advisory Board of the European Roma Institute of Arts and Culture, Spain.
Rapporteur for workshop 4 (ES)
- Mr Florin Botonogu, Policy centre for Roma and minorities, Romania.
Rapporteur for workshop 5 (EN)
- Ms Ruth Paserman, Director, Investment, DG Employment and Social Affairs, European Commission.
- Mr Angel García Frontelo, Managing Unit, Representative of the Spanish national authorities.



16:45 - 17:30 Political conclusions

- Mr Nicolas Schmit, European Commissioner for Jobs and Social Rights (video-message).
- Ms Ana Gallego Torres, Director-General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission.
- Ms Mónica Silvana González, Member of the European Parliament.
- Ms Gabriela Hrabáňová, ERGO Network.

17:30 Closing of the 16th European Platform for Roma Inclusion

- Representative of the Ministry for Housing and Urban Agenda, Spain

17:45 Cultural event. Flamenco Show

20:00 Dinner