



European Roma Summit

Brussels, 16 September 2008

Conference

10:30 – 18:30

Charlemagne Building, Rue de la loi 170 (Room S 3)

Dinner

20:00 – 23:00

Autoworld, Parc du 50naire

Draft Programme

Morning session

9:30 – 10:30 **Registration and Welcome Coffee**

10:30 – 10:40 **Opening**

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

10:40 – 10:50 **Key Note Address**

George Soros, Chairman of the Open Society Institute and Soros Foundations network

10:50 – 11:00 **Presentation of Roma video**

11:00 – 12:30 **Panel ‘Time to Act – Building a Strong Partnership for Roma Inclusion’**

Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social affairs and Equal opportunities

Ján Figel, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth

Christine Boutin, Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs (French Presidency)

Džamila Stehlíková, Minister without Portfolio, Czech Republic

Livia Járóka, Member of the European Parliament

Nicolae Gheorghe

Moderator: Shada Islam

12:30 – 12:45 **Opening of exhibition with paintings/objects by a Roma artist (CHAR S 3 Lobby)**

12:30 – 13:00 **Press conference (BERL Press Room)**

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch (CHAR S 3 Lobby)**

Afternoon session

14:00 – 14:10 **Key note address**

Bernard Kouchner, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs (French Presidency)

14:10 – 15:10 **Panel 'Global Responsibility'**

Chair: Mihnea Constantinescu, Special Envoyé of the Prime Minister on Roma Issues, Romania

Rapporteur: tbc

Nyamko Sabuni, Minister for Integration and Gender Equality

Božidar Djelic, Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia

Magda Kósáné Kovacs, Member of the European Parliament

Pedro Silva Pereira, Minister of the Presidency, Portugal (tbc)

Ms Soraya Post, European Roma and Travellers Forum

Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Rudko Kawczynski, President, European Roma and Travellers Forum

Discussion

15:10 – 15:20 **Key note address**

Shigeo Katsu, Worldbank

15:20 - 16:20 **Panel 'Policies that Work: A Can-Do-Approach to Inclusion'**

Chair: Lajos Korozs, Secretary of State, Hungary

Rapporteur: Gruia Bumbu, State secretary, National Agency for Roma, Romania

Danuta Hübner, Commissioner for Regional Policy

Andor Ürmös, Ministry for Social Affairs and Labour, Department of Roma Integration, Hungary

Isidro Rodríguez, Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Spain

Annemarie Sigmund, European Economic and Social Committee

Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director, European Roma Information Office

Ivan Gabal, Gabal, Analysis & Consulting, Czech Republic

Rumyan Russinow, Roma Education Fund

Discussion

16:20 – 16:35 **Coffee break**

16:35 – 16:45 **Key note address**

Romani Rose, Zentralrat der Sinti und Roma

16:45 – 17:45 **Panel 'Fundamental Rights'**

Chair: Minister/Secretary of State (tbc)

Rapporteur: Michael Guët, Council of Europe

Jacques Barrot, Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs

Anastasia Crickley, Fundamental Rights Agency

Juan de Dios Ramírez Heredia, former MEP

Mohammed Aziz, ENAR

Niall Crowley, Irish Equality Authority

Valeriu Nicolae, European Roma Grassroots Organisation

Mr. Alexander Filipov, Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Emergency Situations, Bulgaria (tbc)

Discussion

17:45 – 18:15 Closing panel 'The Way Forward – Towards Concrete Steps for Improvement'

Chair: Nikolaus G. van der Pas, Director-General for Employment, Social affairs and Equal opportunities, European Commission

Rapporteurs

Viktoria Mohácsi, Member of the European Parliament (tbc)

Andrzej Mirga, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

High-level representative of Member State Government

18:15 – 18:30 Conclusions

Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social affairs and Equal opportunities

Evening

20:00 – 23:00 Dinner and cultural event