

**Ensuring adequate and effective regional, national and local funds
for Roma equality, inclusion and participation
– past, present and future challenges –**

18 May 2022

**Venue: European Parliament, Brussels, József Antall (JAN) building, room 6Q2
14h00 - 16h25**

**Co-hosts: MEP Anna Júlia Donáth, Renew, Hungary
and MEP Romeo Franz, Greens/EFA, Germany**

Draft agenda

14:00 **Introductory remarks**

Moderation: Marius Tudor, Senior Adviser, European Parliament

14:00 **Anna Júlia Donáth**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew, Hungary, member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE), substitute Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL)

14:05 **Romeo Franz**, Member of the European Parliament, Greens/EFA, Germany, Chair ARDI Intergroup, member of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT)

14:10 **Normunds Popens**, Deputy Director-General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) (to be confirmed)

14:15 **Gabriela Hrabaňová**, Director, ERGO Network

14:20 **Ways to improve funding for Roma equality, inclusion and participation**

Moderation: Daniel Grebeldinger, Director, Nevo Parudimos Association, Romania

14:25 **Marko Pecak** – Presentation of the main findings of ERGO Network's report on "Funding for bottom-up approaches to Roma inclusion – ways forward to support Roma inclusion"

14:35 **Zuzana Havířová**, Director, Roma Advocacy and Research Centre, Slovakia & **Marek Hojsík**, Policy Officer, Democratic Institute, Central European University, on desegregation conditionality for EU funding



14:50 **Isabela Mihalache**, Senior Policy Officer, ERGO Network, on the upcoming Greens/EFA "Guide on EU funds for Roma equality, and inclusion 2021-2027" (to be launched at the event)

15:00 -15:15 *Questions & Answers*

15:15 **Monitoring the effectiveness of national and EU funds for Roma under the National Roma Strategic Frameworks: the case of Roma Civil Monitoring (RCM)**

Moderation: Belén Sánchez-Rubio, Head of International Department, Fundación Secretariado Gitano (FSG), Spain, member of the RCM consortium

15:15 **Michal Miko**, RomanoNet, RCM Coordinator Czech Republic

15:25 **Guillermo Ruiz**, Central Council for German Sinti and Roma, RCM Coordinator Germany

15:35 **Elzbieta Mirga-Wójtowicz**, Art Foundation Jaw Dikh, RCM Coordinator Poland

15:45 **Patricia Bezunartea Barrio**, National Roma Contact Point (NRCP), Spain (video)

15:55 **Szabolcs Schmidt**, Head of Unit, Non-Discrimination and Roma Coordination, Directorate General for Justice and Consumers, European Commission, on the importance of independent monitoring and data collection

16:06 - 16:20 *Questions & Answers*

16:20 **Concluding remarks**

16:20 **Lucia Ďuriš Nicholsonová**, Member of the European Parliament, Renew Europe Group, Slovakia, member of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (EMPL), Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs (LIBE) and substitute of the Committee on Culture and Education (CULT)

Rasmus Andresen, Member of the European Parliament, GREENS/EFA, Germany, member of the Committee on Budgets (BUDG), Committee on Economic and Monetary Affairs (ECON), Subcommittee on Tax Matters (FISC), Delegation for relations with Canada (D-CA)

