

Agenda

First Thematic Roundtable on Housing

12-13 September 2012
Four Points by Sheraton Hotel, Zagreb, Croatia

Day 1 – Review of experience on housing legalization and improvement of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian settlements in the Western Balkans

Moderator: Milena Isakovic, Regional Co-ordinator, BPRI

- 09:00 – 09:30 Registration of participants
- 09:30 – 09:50 *Welcome note*
Judith Kiers, Project Manager, BPRI
Branko Socanac, Head of Office for National Minorities,
Government of Croatia
- 09:50 – 10:10 *Legalization of (Roma) Dwellings in Law and in Practice*
Zarko Hadzi-Zafirov, Macedonian Young Lawyers Association
- 10:10 – 10:30 *Social Housing Development in Montenegro*
Marko Canovic, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Tourism and
Sustainable Development, Government of Montenegro
- 10:30 – 10:50 Questions and Answers
- 10:50 – 11:00 Coffee break
- 11:00 – 11:20 *Challenges in Urban Development and Roma Integration:
Experience from Serbia*
Svetlana Ristic, Advisor, Ministry of Spatial Planning,
Government of Serbia
- 11:20 – 11:40 *Using IPA Funding to Upgrade Infrastructure in Roma
Settlements: the Example of Medjimurje*
Aleksa Djokic, Head of Department, Government Office for
National Minorities, Government of Croatia
- 11:40 – 12:00 *Co-operation with Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian civil society in
housing / resettlement programmes*
Arsim Nimanaj, Deputy Programme Director, the European Union-
Mitrovicë/a Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian Support Initiative (EU-
MRSI), Mercy Corps
- 12:00 – 12:30 *Presentation of the working groups*
Milena Isakovic, Regional Co-ordinator, BPRI

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12:30 – 13:30	Lunch break
13:30 – 15:00	Working Groups: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Legislative and policy solutions for legalization and improvement of Roma settlements (translation will be provided in Bosnian, Croatian, Serbian, Montenegrin) <p><i>Moderator and rapporteur:</i> Sanela Imamovic, Project Manager, Catholic Relief Services, Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p><i>Note taker:</i> Jasmina Viteskic, National Project Officer, BPRI</p> 2) Municipal initiatives for legalization and improvement of settlements (translation will be provided in Albanian and Macedonian) <p><i>Moderator and rapporteur:</i> Dritan Shutina, Executive Director, Co-plan NGO, Albania</p> <p><i>Note taker:</i> Aleksandar Lazovski, National Project Officer, BPRI</p>
15:00 – 16:00	Presentation of working groups to the plenary
16:00 – 16:30	Conclusion and logistical information for the field visits on Day 2

Day 2: Field visits to Cakovec and Sisak in Croatia, first meeting of the Self-Governance Working Group and announcement of the Small Grants Scheme within the BPRI project

08:15 – 08:30	Gathering in front of the hotel
08:30	Departure of buses for Cakovec and Sisak
08:30 – 10:00	Travelling to Cakovec (group 1 with translation in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Montenegrin) and Sisak (group 2 with translation in Macedonian and Albanian)
10:00 – 11:30	<i>Meeting with the Head of Medjmurje County / Mayor of Sisak and visiting the Roma settlements</i>
11:30 – 13:00	Travelling back to Zagreb
13:00 – 14:30	Lunch
14:30 – 14:50	<i>Opening of the first meeting of the Self-Governance Working Group on Roma Participation</i> Judith Kiers, Project Manager, BPRI
14:50 – 15:10	<i>Presentation of the BPRI Small Grants Scheme</i> Vladimir Rusic, Project Officer, BPRI
15:10 – 15:25	Coffee break
15:25 – 16:15	Question and Answers
16:15 – 16:30	Conclusions