

## Agenda

### Second Thematic Roundtable on Housing

26-27 February 2014

Hotel, Tirana International, Tirana, Albania

Arrival in the evening of 25 February 2014

19:00 Reception and dinner for participants

#### *Day 1 – Launch of the Regional Report on Legalization and Upgrading of Roma Settlements and Access to Social Housing*

*Moderator:* Milena Isakovic, BPRI Regional Co-ordinator, OSCE/ODIHR

08:30 – 09:00 Registration of participants

09:00 – 09:45 *Welcome note*

H.E. Ms. Eglantina Gjermeni, Minister of Urban Planning and Tourism

H.E. Mr. Erjon Veliaj, Minister of Social Welfare and Youth

H.E. Ambassador Ettore Sequi, EU Delegation to Albania

H.E. Ambassador Florian Raunig, OSCE Presence in Albania

Judith Kiers, BPRI Project Manager, OSCE/ODIHR

09:45 – 10:15 Press Availability – Project Manager and experts

Coffee break

10:15 – 10:30 *Introduction the Regional Report on Legalization and Upgrading of Roma Settlements and Access to Social Housing*

Alonso Ayala, Regional Report Co-ordinator, Institute for Housing and Urban Development Studies (IHS)

10:30 – 10:45 *Regional perspective on the housing of Roma using the human rights based approach*

Jan Jařab, Regional Representative for Europe, Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR)

10:45 – 11:00 Questions and answers

11:00 – 12:30 Working Groups (3):

- **Legalisation** – moderated by Paul Rabe, IHS Legalization Expert, and Erol Ademov, Officer for Minority Communities at the municipality of Stip – with translation into English and Macedonian
- **Participation of Roma in planning processes** – moderated by Vladimir Macura, Association for Upgrading of Roma Settlements, Serbia – with translation into BCMS and English
- **Social Housing** – moderated by Nora Teller, Sociologist, Metropolitan Research Institute (Budapest), and Idaver

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Memedov, Officer on Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE/ODIHR –  
with translation into Albanian and English

- 12:30 – 14:00 Lunch
- 14:00 – 14:15 Feedback from the Legalisation Working Group, with the example of Stip – presented by Erol Ademov, Officer for Minority Communities at the municipality of Stip
- 14:15 – 14:30 Feedback from the Participation Working Group – presented by Vladimir Macura Association for Upgrading of Roma Settlements, Serbia
- 14:30 – 14:45 Feedback from the Social Housing Working Group – Nora Teller Sociologist, Metropolitan Research Institute
- 14:45 – 15:00 Question & Answers
- 15:00 – 15:20 Coffee break
- 15:20 – 15:40 *Report on Legalization of Roma Settlements in Bosnia and Herzegovina*  
Hajro Poskovic, Legal Advisor, OSCE Mission to Bosnia and Herzegovina
- 15:40 – 16:00 *Assessment of the Capacities of the State to Deal with the Negative Effects of the Legalization Process in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia*  
Aleksandar Lazovski, BPRI National Project Officer, OSCE/ODIHR
- 16:00 – 16:20 *Council of Europe’s work on the Alliance of Cities and Regions, ROMACT/ROMED*  
Marius JITEA, ROMACT/ROMED Programme Adviser
- 16:20 – 16:40 *Status of Roma settlements in Albania (as introduction for the field visits)*  
Aida Seseri, Directory of Urban Services and Housing, Ministry of Urban Development and Tourism, Albania
- 16:40 – 17:00 Logistical information about the field visit on Day 2

***Day 2: Field visits to Lezha municipality and Lushnje municipality and in the afternoon continuation of the Housing Conference***

- 08:15 – 08:30 Gathering in front of the hotel
- 08:30 Departure of buses
- 08:30 – 10:00 Travelling to Lezha (group 1 with translation in Bosnian/Croatian/Serbian/Montenegrin and English) and Lushnje (group 2 with translation in Macedonian and English)
- 10:00 – 11:30 *Meeting with the Mayor and Roma focal point*
- 11:30 – 13:00 Travelling back to the hotel in Tirana
- 13:00 – 14:20 Lunch at the hotel

- 14:20 – 14:50 Reports from the field visits, discussion
- 14:50 – 15:10 *Dweller-Driven Upgrading of Roma Settlements*  
Leo Meyer, HEKS-EPER, Switzerland, and Sladjana Jovanovic,  
NGO EHO, Serbia
- 15:10 – 15:30 *Results of the BPRI small grants programme*  
Milena Isakovic, BPRI Regional Co-ordinator, OSCE/ODIHR  
Presenting the Photo Exhibit on Small Grants
- 15:30 – 15:50 Coffee break (voting for the best small grant photo)
- 15:50 – 16:10 *Mainstreaming of Roma issues in the new Law on Social Housing*  
Maja Remikovic, Ministry of Tourism and Sustainable  
Development, Government of Montenegro
- 16:10 – 16:30 *Local action planning for housing in eight pilot municipalities*  
Merita Dalipi, Head of Housing Unit at the Directory for Housing  
and Construction, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning,  
Kosovo\*
- 16:30 – 16:45 *Conclusions & presenting the Best Practice Photo participants  
with a certificate*  
Judith Kiers, BPRI Project Manager, OSCE/ODIHR

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