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ROMA INTEGRATION
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Albania

Invitations to the young Roma: join the police, become a policemen

“Creating effective partnerships between police and Roma and Egyptians” was the theme of the meeting at police headquarters where the director of the Shokdra county police Nexhi Saban was present.

Source: Shqiptarja – 10th of January 2014

<http://www.shqiptarja.com/news.php?IDNotizi a=195131&IDCategoria=1>

Veliaj: Many municipalities failed to deal properly with the Roma, the homeless and street children

Municipalities have failed in the case of housing, the removal of children from the street as well as in dealing with the problems of the Roma community.

Source: AMA News – 31st of January 2013

<http://www.ama-news.al/2014/01/veliajbashkia-e-tiranes-deshtoi-romet-te-pastrehet-e-femijet-e-rruges/>

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Living with four children in an improvised wooden barrack near Vrelo

The coming of the cold weather and the low temperatures are hardest for those without a roof above their heads, living in bad conditions, without heating, electricity or drinkable water supply. That's the situation faced also by all six members of a Roma family that lives in a improvised wooden barrack near Vrelo.

Source: Haber – 29th of January 2014

<http://www.haber.ba/vijesti/humanost/72969-sa-cetvero-djece-osam-godina-zive-u-baraci-uz-vile-na-vrelobosne.html>

Housing secured for 16 Roma families from Tuzla

Thanks to a project funded by the Austrian organization “Hilswerk”, 150 Roma families in 14 municipalities in Bosnia and Herzegovina should move into new or reconstructed housing units.

Source: Radio Slon – 22nd of January 2014

http://www.radioslon.ba/index.php?option=com_content&view=article&id=17378:16-rom-

skih-porodica-iz-tuzle-e-biti-stamebno-ob-
ezbijeeno&catid=1:vijesti&Itemid=5

Croatia

From the piles of garbage, the stench and especially the insults we cannot live! In the house opposite the building in the street Nr. 1, live Roma families which pile waste in their backyard. A total of 5.5 cubic meters were collected from a nearby meadow by the municipal guards.

Source: Vecernji list – 20th of January 2014

<http://www.vecernji.hr/sredisnja-hrvatska/od-gomile-smeca-smrada-ali-i-uvreda-ne-mozemo-zivjeti-916081>

Baldasar banned Kocani Orkestar “We do not want provincial fair”

Gypsy Mambo Kocani Orkestar will not perform at the so-called Split Riva, because the mayor of Split, Ivo Baldasar didn't wanted the fair to have “provincial character”.

Source: Portal OKO – 1st of January 2014

<http://www.portaloko.hr/clanak/smetajumu-romi-baldasar-zabranio-kocani-orkestar-ne-zelimo-palanacki-vasar/0/55612/>



Kosovo*

Minister Dalibor Jevtic and ambassador of Macedonia Ilija Strasevski discussed current projects for return of Roma from Macedonia and future cooperation

Minister for Communities and Returns, Dalibor Jevtic, met today with the Ambassador of Macedonia in Kosovo Ilija Strasevski. Minister Jevtic emphasized the good cooperation with the Government of Macedonia, especially on the return of Roma Ashkali and Egyptians who have been displaced from Kosovo and are in camps in Macedonia. The project was initiated last year by the European Union and by the Ministry of Communities and Returns. This whole process is very important for both Kosovo and the issue of return and for Macedonia because of its path towards European integration.

Source: Ministry for community and return – 24th of January 2014
<http://www.mkk-ks.org/?page=2,1>

Montenegro

School supplies for the children in Konik

The Red Cross of Montenegro tomorrow will deliver school supplies to children of Roma and Egyptian population in Camp Konik.

Source: RTCG – 28th of January 2014
<http://www.rtcg.me/vijesti/drustvo/39648/skolski-pribor-djeci-na-koniku.html>

Serbia

International Conference On

* This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244/99 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo declaration of independence.

Holocaust Held In Belgrade

Crimes committed against Serbs, Jews and Roma in World War II must not be forgotten, and the Holocaust must be remembered in order to prevent such mass exterminations from happening ever again, an international conference on the Holocaust said on Monday.

Source: InSerbia – 27th of January 2014
<http://inserbia.info/news/2014/01/international-conference-on-holocaust-held-in-belgrade/>

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Roma from Prilep legalize their houses

Who could have imagined that the Roma living in the settlements Trizla and Three Acacia would take such active role in the legalization of dwellings just a year ago?! Now, more than 200 Roma families legalized their houses.

Source: ALFA TV – 12th of January 2014
<http://www.alfa.mk/News.aspx?ID=69290#.UvZCUmJdWSp>

A growing number of unemployed Roma with university diploma

Bajram Bajramovski from Kumanovo is the first Master of Science from the Roma community. He is a volunteer in an NGO. 5 years ago he finished pedagogical university and two years later he got his Masters degree from the Institute for Social Policy. However, despite his high achievements in educa-

tion, all of his attempts to find a job so far failed.

Source: MRT – 5th of January 2014
<http://www.mrt.com.mk/node/1897>

