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**7th INTERNATIONAL ROMA WOMEN’S CONFERENCE**

**Roma and Traveller Women’s access to justice and rights**

**including taking stock of the Implementation of the**

**Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019)**

**and pointing the Way forward for the**

**post-2019 Strategic Policy document on Roma and Traveller Inclusion**

organised under the Finnish Presidency of the Committee of the Ministers

of the Council of Europe

**25-27 March 2019**

**HANAHOLMEN**

**Swedish-Finnish Cultural Centre**

**Hanasaarenranta 5**

**Espoo (Finland)**

**Room xx**

**DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**taking stock of the Implementation of the**

**Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019)**

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**post-2019 Strategic Policy document on Roma and Traveller Inclusion**

# ****Monday, 25 March 2019****

08.00 – 09.00 Registration of participants

Opening statements (order of speakers tbd)

Chair: Ms Sarita Friman,Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Finland (tbc)

09.00-09.45

Mrs Snežana Samardžic-Markovic, Director General of Democracy, Council of Europe

Ms Tarja Filatov, Member of the Social Democratic Party, Finland, and former Minister of Labour (tbc)

Ms Soraya Post, MEP, Sweden, Feminist party

*Truth and reconciliation commission at EU level*

Taking stock of the implementation of the thematic action plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019) concerning Roma and Traveller Women

09.45-11.00 Mr Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division for the Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

*Presentation of the Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019) and its implementation*

Mrs Miranda Vuolasranta, President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF) and the International Roma Women Network (IRWN/Phenjalipe)

Ms Manjola Veizi, Vice-President of the International Roma Women Network (IRWN/Phenjalipe)

*Overview of activities carried out for and with Roma and Traveller women by the International Romani Women’s Network (IRWN) and the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF)*

Discussion

*11.00-11.30 Tea / Coffee break*

Pointing the Way forward: Identitying and proposing priorities for the Council of Europe Post-2019 strategic policy document on Roma and Traveller Inclusion

11.30-13.00 First session of Working Groups

**Building for Success - Parallel Working groups**

***Expected Outcomes****: Participants will examine in working groups the implementation of the Council of Europe’s Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019) and identify and propose topics that should be included in the Council of Europe’s post-2019 Strategic Policy Document on Roma and Traveller inclusion.*

* Common reporting frame to follow: presentation, analysis, conclusions, recommendations

**WG 1: IRWN-Phenjalipe strategy document “Making early marriage in Roma communities a global concern”**

*Room xxx*

*Language(s): English/Finnish*

Moderator: Member of IRWN-Phenjalipe

Rapporteur:

**WG 2: Council of Europe Gender Equality Strategy 2018-2023 in relation to its strategic objective 3: Ensure the equal access of women to justice**

*Room xxx*

*Language(s): English/French/Romani*

Moderator: Anca Sandescu, Gender Equality Unit (tbc)

Rapporteur:

**WG 3: The role of national equality bodies and EQUINET in relation to monitoring and enforcing women’s equal access to justice and rights**

*Room xxx*

*Language(s): English/French*

Moderator:

Rapporteur:

Mr. Jukka Maarianvaara, Ombudsperson for Equality of Finland, EQUINET (European Equality Network) member (tbc)

**WG 4: Possibilities for Roma women networks of partnership or co-operation with CoE-EU joint programmes ROMACT and ROMACTED**

*Room xxx*

*Language(s): English/French*

Moderator: Ana Oprisan / Marcos Andrade

Rapporteur:

*13.00-14.30 Lunch offered by the Finnish authorities*

14.30-16.00 Continuation of the Working Group sessions

*Same rooms as in the morning*

16.10-17.00Conclusions and recommendations of the Working Groups

Presentations by the Working Group Rapporteurs

in plenary, r*oom xxx*

17.00 **End of first working day** *(free evening)*

**international conference: roma and Traveller Women’s access to justice and rights**

# Tuesday, 26 March 2019

Welcome address and introductory statements

Chair: Ms xxx,Ministry of Health and Social Affairs of Finland

09.00-09.30

Ms Linda Hofstad Helleland, Minister of Children and Equality, Norway [tbc]

Ms Michelle Bachelet,UN High Commissioner for Human Rights [tbc]

Ms Miranda Vuolasranta, President of European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF) and of the International Roma Women Network (IRWN) / Phenjalipe

**Follow-up given to the 6th international roma women conference on political participation and representation**

09.30-10.00 Mr Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

*Introduction of conclusions and recommendations of the 6th International Roma women conference on political participation and representation*

Ms Katju Aro, Chair of the Feminist Party, Finland[tbc]

*Developments since the signature of the Pledge on political representation of Roma women at the 6th International Roma Women Conference*

*[order or speakers tbd]*

Keynote speeches

10.00-11.00 Mr Thomas Hammarberg, former Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights and human rights expert [tbc]

*Keynote speech [title to be added]*

Ms Kirsi Pimiä, Non-Discrimination Ombudsperson, Finland

*The efforts of the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman’s Office in preventing and tackling Roma discrimination and advancing Roma equality in Finland*

Commentary

Mr Michael O’Flaherty, Director of the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA) [tbc]

*11.00-11.30 Tea / coffee break*

Plenary session 1: Improving access to justice for Roma and traveller Women

11.30-13.00Ms Michèle Bergdoll, JUSTROM Programme Manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe: *Presentation of the EU-CoE Joint programme on Roma and Traveller women’s access to justice (JUSTROM)*

Ms Alexandra Karagianni (JUSTROM Greece)

Ms Teodora Krumova (JUSTROM Bulgaria)

Ms Argentina Dragutinovic (JUSTROM Italy)

*Presentation and discussion of their work*

Ms Henna Huttu, Ministerial Adviser, Advisory Board on Roma Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland, Finnish CAHROM member and CAHROM Rapporteur on Roma children*: Main conclusions and lessons learnt from the CAHROM thematic report on improving access to justice for Roma and Travellers in Europe*

Ms Mervi Sarimo, Ministerial Adviser, Ministry of Justice

*Victim Support as a step towards equal access to justice*

Discussion

*13.00-14.30 Lunch offered by the Finnish authorities*

Parallel workshops

14.30-16.30 WORKSHOP 1: Forced removal of Roma and Traveller children from their parents

Venue: Room xx

Languages: English and Finnish

Moderator:

**participants**

Mr Philip Brown, Professor of Social Change in the Sustainable Housing & Urban Studies Unit (SHUSU), School of Nursing, Midwifery, Social Work and Social Sciences at the University of Salford, UK

Ms Ingvill Thorson Plesner, former Head of Secretariat of the Tater/Romani Committee, Norwegian Ministry of Local Government and Modernisation [tbc]

Mr Willem B. Melief, Verwey-Jonker Instituut, the Netherlands [tbc]

Mr Dan Doghi, Chief of the ODIHR Contact Point for Roma and Sinti, OSCE-ODIHR [tbc]

Ms Rosita Grönfors, International Romnja and Travelling Women’s Center, Sweden

Ms Manjoli Veizi (or a representative) European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) – *comparative analysis on legislation framework and implementation*

Representative of UNICEF

Participants from Finland, Norway, Romania, Switzerland

Roma / Traveller women NGO

Testimony of a victim (parent or child or both)

Mr Anssi Pirttijärvi, Senior Officer at the Office of the Ombudsman for Children

### WORKSHOP 2: Forced and child marriages in Roma and Traveller communities

Venue: Room xx

Languages: English and Romani

Moderator: Mr David Myers, Forced Marriage Unit, UK [tbc]

Rapporteur: Ms Cristina Raducan, Gender and innovation expert

**participants**

Co-presentation by ERTF - IRWN/Phenjalipe *of their position paper on forced and early marriages*

Ms Béatrice Fresko-Rolfo (Monaco, ALDE). Rapporteur for the PACE report on forced marriage (Resolution 2233 (2018), General Rapporteur on Violence Against Women, member of the PACE Equality and Anti-Discrimination Committee

Ms Nataša Milenkovic, *Nowhere to turn - Gender-based violence against Roma women,* UNDP Europe and Central Asia [tbc]

Ms Saška Jovanović, Ternibori, Italy, *Marry when you are ready*

Diny Flierman, Manager Landelijk Knooppunt, Huwelijksdwang en Achterlating, the Netherlands

Anu Sivaganesan, President of the Swiss National Centre of Competence against Forced Marriage, Switzerland

Ms Najwa Duzdar, Orient Express, Vienna, Austria

Ms Teodora Krumova, Amalipe, Bulgaria

Ms Merete Bjerregaard, Head of Unit, Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH) [tbc]

Testimony of a victim of forced marriage

### WORKSHOP 3: Preventing and combatting violence against Roma and Traveller women and domestic violence, and protecting their reproductive rights

Venue: tbc

Language: English and Romani

**Moderator**: Ms Iris Luarasi, Head of Board and Manager, Counseling Line for Women and Girls, Expert of the Group of Experts on Action against Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (GREVIO)

**Rapporteur**: Ms Gwendolyn Albert, journalist,Romea.CZ

**Participants**

Ms Vanda Durbakova, Lawyer, Slovak Centre for Civil and Human rights,

Testimony by Ms Elena Gorolová, NGO Group of Women Harmed by Forced Sterilization in the Czech Republic and victim of forced sterilisation

Ensi- ja turvakotien liitto (Finnish network of shelters for the victims of domestic violence)

Naisten Linja (Women’s Line telephone services for the victims of domestic violence), Finland

Mr Ciprian Ionita, Romania

### WORKSHOP 4: Pogroms and evictions motivated by anti-Gypsyism and anti-Nomadism and their effects on Roma and Traveller women and communities

Venue: tbc

Languages: English and French

Moderator: Ms Michèle Akip, Executive Secretary of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) (tbc)

Rapporteur: tbc

**participants**

Ms Miriam Attias, Specialist in mediating inter-group conflict and polarization

*Finnish model for inter-group conflict resolution*- *winner of the European Crime Prevention Prize 2018 (ECPA)*

European Roma Rights Center (ERRC)

European Roma Grassroots Organizations (ERGO) Network

Ms Yulia Kondur, Roma Women Fund "Chiricli", Ukraine

Mr Alessandro Pistecchia, CAHROM substitute, Università La Sapienza - Rome / Ufficio Nazionale Antidiscriminazioni Razziali - U.N.A.R., Dipartimento per le Pari Opportunità, Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

Mr Jan Malinowski, Head of Department, European Social Charter (tbc)

Mr Ahmed Ahkim, Directeur, Centre de Médiation des Gens du Voyage et des Roms, Namur, Belgium

Milan Antonijević, Director, Lawyers Committee for Human Rights (YUCOM) [tbc]

Ms Martine Serlinger, member of IRWN-Phenjalipe, France

Ms Tessa Collins, Pavee Point, Ireland

*16.30-17.00 Tea / coffee break*

Plenary session 2: Conclusions and recommendations of the workshops

Moderator: [tbc]

17.00-18.00 Working Group 1 Rapporteur

Working Group 2 Rapporteur

Working Group 3 Rapporteur

Working Group 4 Rapporteur

18.00 **End of second working day**

Time [tbc] European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC) [tbc]

Cultural event and dinner at Hanasaari (Hissu/ Caravan/ Tia Svart/ Hannu Friman Stand-up in English?

# Wednesday, 27 March 2019

Plenary session 3: New technologies and digitalisation- potential equalizers or threats to Roma and Travellers

Moderator: [tbc]

09.00-10.30 Ms Elise Lassus, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

*Big Data, algorithms and Roma discrimination* [tbc]

Ms Carmen Santiago Reyes, Spain, [tbc]:

SOS Kamira *smartphone application lowering the threshold for reporting discrimination cases*

? Yvonne MacNamara, CEO of the Traveller Movement Traveller woman representative, The Traveller Movement, United Kingdom,

#Operationreporthate [tbc]

? Sherrie Smith for GATE Herts:*A third party hate crime reporting website feeding into True Vision*

Ms Jenita Rauta, POLAMK: *Digital database research on hate crime against Roma in Finland*

***Visual interlude***

Ms Carmen Baltzar, documentarist, tittelit

*Public Images of Roma and Traveller Women in Media - reflection on unbalanced and distorted representations*

Ms Katriina Haikala, Visual Artist

*Artist Talk- Lupta Femeilor- Women’s Fight*

Discussion

*10.30-11.00 Tea / Coffee break*

11.00-11.30 Contribution of the 7th International Roma Women Conference to the CoE-Finnish CM Presidency Conference on “Gender stereotypes and sexism” on 28-29 March 2019

Päivi Yli-Pietilä, Ministerial Adviser, The Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

Plenary session 4: Conclusions, Recommendations and closing remarks

Moderator: Ms Valerie Poppe-Muess, Project Manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

11.30-13.00 Ms Mirjam Karoly, General Rapporteur [tbc]

*Conclusions and recommendations*

Ms Ágnes Daróczi, Roma woman activist

*The perspective of Roma and Traveller women*

***Concluding statements***

Mr Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

Ms Henna Huttu, Ministerial Adviser, Advisory Board on Roma Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, Finland

13.00 **End of the Conference**