Empowering Roma through participation:
After the EU elections, what’s next for Roma?

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EESC, 74 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels (Trèves Building, 7th floor, room TRE 7701)

AGENDA

09:00 – 09:30  Registration

Welcoming and opening remarks
09:30 – 09:45  Ákos Topolánszky, European Economic and Social Committee
               Ivan Ivanov, European Roma Information Office

Keynote speakers
09:45 – 10:30  Szabolcs Schmidt, Non-discrimination policies and Roma coordination Unit, DG
               Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality, European Commission
               Sarita Friman, Finnish EU Presidency of the European Council
               Presentation of ERIO short video “We are the change”

Panel 1: What does the result of the EU elections mean for Roma equality?

Moderator  Ivan Ivanov, ERIO
           Ákos Topolánszky, European Economic and Social Committee
           James Carver, Member of the European Parliament
           Mischa Thompson, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S.
               Helsinki Commission)
           Orhan Galjus, European Romani Union
10:30 – 11:30  Discussion

12:00 – 13:00  Lunch
### Panel 2: How Roma experience election processes

**Moderator** | Awa Ibrahim, ERIO  
Nadezhda Mouzykina, National Democratic Institute  
Rumyan Russinov, Public Policy Advocacy Centre, ERIO member  

**13:00 – 14:00** | Pedro Aguilera, Federation of Roma Associations of Catalonia (FAGiC), ERIO member  
Mélina Chaput, European Roma Information Office  

**14:00 – 14:30** | Discussion

### Panel 3: Representation and political participation

**Moderator** | Marta Pinto, ERIO  
Ilia Petrov, IRU  

**14:30 – 15:30** | Farkas Mihai, IRU  
Alexander Filipov, IRU - Latvia  

**15:30 – 16:00** | Discussion

### Conclusions and closing

**16:00 – 16:15** | Ákos Topolánszky, European Economic and Social Committee  
Ivan Ivanov, European Roma Information Office