

Conference on Promoting Roma Culture and Identity through Participation

“Recognition of Roma culture and identity, a way to eliminate prejudices and discrimination”

29 June 2018 Location: EESC, Rue Belliard 99, 1040 Brussels (Room JDE63)

AGENDA

09:00 - 09:30 Registration of participants

09:30 - 09:50 **Opening of the conference**

- Erika Koller, Representative European Economic and Social Committee
- Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of Unit Non-discrimination and Roma coordination, DG Justice and Consumers of the European Commission
- Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director, ERIO

09:50 – 10:45 **EU perspective on Roma participation in promoting their culture and identity. The European Year on Cultural heritage**

Moderator: Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director, ERIO

- Erika Koller, European Economic and Social Committee
- Szabolcs Schmidt, Head of Unit, Non-discrimination and Roma coordination, DG Justice and Consumers of the European Commission
- Julie Ward, MEP, Member of the Committee on Culture and Education

10:45 - 11:00 Discussion

11:00 – 11:45 **Political participation to promote Roma culture and identity**

Moderator: Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director, ERIO

- MEP Lívia Járóka, Vice President of the European Parliament
- Claude Cahn, Human Right Officer, UN Human Rights Office for Europe
- Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director ERIO

11:45 – 12:00 Discussion

12:00 - 13:30 Lunch



13:30 - 14:30 **Civic participation to promote Roma culture and identity**

Moderator: Ronald Lucardie, Board President, ERIO

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- Marianne Poncelet, Executive Vice President of IYMF
- Marie Pichault, Centre de Mediation des Gens du Voyage et des Roms en Wallonie

14:45 - 15:30 **Promoting Roma culture and identity to overcome negative perceptions and Discrimination**

Moderator: Ronald Lucardie, Board President, ERIO

- Orhan Galjus, Radio Patrin
- Lydia Chagoll, choreographer, film director, writer
- Santino Spinelli, President of the Thèm Roma Association

15:30 – 15:45 Discussion

15:45 - 16:00 Concluding remarks & closing