ROMA INCLUSION ON THE GROUND
THE ROMACT APPROACH

DRAFT PROGRAMME

2-3 OCTOBER 2014, BRUSSELS

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Charlemagne building, rue de la Loi, 170 - Brussels

2 October 2014	
08h30	Registration & welcome coffee
09h30 Opening session	László Andor (confirmed) Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion Johannes Hahn (to be confirmed) Commissioner for Regional Policy and Urban Development Thorbjørn Jagland (to be confirmed) Secretary General, Council of Europe (to be confirmed) Minister, Italian Presidency Soraya Post (to be confirmed) Member of European Parliament
10h30	Coffee break Press conference
11h00 Plenary workshop I	**Getting committed** Building up political will and commitment to include Roma *About the reasons and motivations for being committed to include Roma* Lieve Fransen (confirmed) Director, Social inclusion policies DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission Gospodin Gospodinov (confirmed) Mayor, Maglizh, Bulgaria Szilvia Balogh (confirmed) Meséd project, Nagyecsed, Hungary Carlos Manuel Soares Miguel, Mayor (confirmed) Ana Umbelino, Councillor (confirmed) Torres Vedras, Portugal Giuliano Pisapia (tbc) Mayor, Milan, Italy
Moderator	Zeljko Jovanovic (invited) Director, Roma Initiative Office, Open Society Foundations
Q&A	
13h00	Lunch

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14h30 **Plenary** **workshop II**	**Agreeing on what to do** Assessing capacities and needs to address Roma exclusion *About the process through which are assessed needs and existing capacities.* Vittoria Alliata di Villafranca (invited) Director, Administrative Capacity Building & South-East Europe DG for Regional & Urban Policy, European Commission Lia Olguţa Vasilescu (invited) Mayor, Craiova, Romania Ivan Portnih (invited) Deputy Mayor, Varna, Bulgaria Georgi Georgiev (confirmed) Mayor, Tundzha, Bulgaria Gabriel Petrea (invited) Deputy Mayor, Bucharest, 6th sector, Romania
Moderator	Liliana Vasilescu (confirmed) Executive Director, Romanian Social Development Fund, Romania
Q&A	
16h00	Coffee break
16h30 **Plenary** **workshop III**	**Deciding how to do it** Designing measures to improve Roma living conditions *About the process through which measures to address identified needs and to improve the living conditions of Roma are decided.* Ulrich Bunjes (confirmed) Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma issues, Council of Europe (tbc) Lambros Michos (confirmed) former Mayor, Agia Varvara, Greece Teuta Arifi (confirmed) Mayor, Tetovo, FYROM Károlyné Dobos (confirmed) Mayor, Gyulaj, Hungary Mircea Dumitru (invited) Mayor, Toflea, Romania
Moderator	Florin Manole (confirmed) Local Councillor, Bucharest sector 5, Romania
Q&A	
19h00	Reception & dinner Autoworld Museum, Brussels
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8h30	Welcome coffee
9h30	**Getting it done**

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Plenary workshop IV	Obtaining local, national and EU funding for Roma inclusion *About the process through which local, national and EU resources are identified and accessed.*
	(to be confirmed) Member of European Parliament
	Daniel Termont (confirmed) Mayor, Ghent, Belgium
	Florián Giňa (confirmed) Mayor, Jarovnice, Slovakia
	(to be confirmed) Elected Member, Glasgow, UK
	Furio Honsell (confirmed) Mayor, Udine, Italy
Moderator	(to be confirmed)
Q&A	
11h00	Coffee break
11h30 Closing session	**Lessons learned and next steps** Herwig van Staa (confirmed) President, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe Françoise Le Bail (invited) Director-General, Justice, European Commission Michel Servoz (confirmed) Director General, Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission
12h30	Lunch
14h00	End

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