CONGRESS OF MEDIATORS ROMED

Brussels, 17-18 January 2013



From the joint Council of Europe/ European Commission **ROMED TRAINING OF MEDIATORS PROGRAMME** Crowne Plaza Hotel, Rue Gineste 3, B-1210 Brussels

17 January 2013 PLENARY SESSION

10h00 OPENING

Chair: Mr Pierre Mairesse, Director, DG EAC/A, European Commission Political statement by Mrs Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism, Sport, Media and Youth

Video Message of Mr Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe Mrs Ingrid Schulerud, Ambassador, EEA and Norway Grants, Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs

10h45 testimonies from romed mediators and trainers

Mrs Sabire Ramadan, ROMED mediator, Bulgaria

Mr Bruno Gonçalves, ROMED mediator, Portugal

Mr Dominique Steinberger, ROMED trainer, France

Mrs Mihaela Zatreanu, ROMED trainer, Romania

Mr Ferdi Ismaili, Sonce Association, ROMED national focal point, "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"

11h15 COFFEE BREAK

11h45 mediation from the policy point of view

Chair Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, CoE

From the point of view of education, Mr Pierre Mairesse, Director DG EAC/A From the point of view of the integrated approach for the national Roma inclusion strategies, Mr Aurel Ciobanu-Dordea, DG Justice, European Commission

From the point of view of Human Rights and Citizenship,

Mrs Ólöf Ólafsdóttir, Director of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, CoE Mr Ian Naysmith, Chair, Ad hoc Committee of Experts on Roma Issues (CAHROM), CoE

12h30 LUNCH - INFORMAL EXCHANGES ON THE MARKET FOR MEDIATION PRACTICES (exhibition)

<u>PANEL I</u>

14h30 PANEL I - LESSONS LEARNED FROM THE ROMED PROGRAMME 2011-2012

Chair: Mrs Alexandra Raykova, ROMED trainer, Bulgaria Video on mediation (5 min) Mr Calin Rus, trainer of trainers, ROMED pedagogical coordinator Mrs Aurora Ailincai, ROMED programme coordinator (CoE) Mr Frank Pierobon, ROMED programme coordinator (DG EAC)

Testimonies and practices by mediators from the various ROMED countries Chair: Mrs Sarah Carmona, ROMED trainer, Spain Accounts, Field experiences and discussions

16h00 coffee break

16h30 PANEL I (continued)

Chair: Mr Frank Pierobon, ROMED coordinator (DG EAC) FEEDBACK FROM ROMED TRAINERS OF MEDIATORS Open Discussion with points of view of the Roma NGOs and mediators.

18h00 OPEN SPACE/FORUM THEATRE

Interactive role-play by a group of mediators based on a situation drawn from their practice. The audience is invited to participate and show what they would do in such a situation and discuss the lessons that can be learned from it.

19h00 cocktail-dinner

20h30 CONCERT

European Orchestra for Peace and Alexian Group Music by Alexian Santino Spinelli

18 January 2013 <u>PANEL II</u>

09h30 PANEL II - ROMED 2013-2014

Chair: Mrs Ana Oprisan, ROMED trainer, Turkey

Presentation of the new ROMED 2013-2014 Programme (CoE/UE), Mrs Aurora Ailincai & Mr Frank Pierobon

Filling the gap between Roma communities and local authorities, Mr Sixto Molina -Alliance of Cities (CoE), Mrs Irina Faion – MERI (OSF)

Mediation to reach out to mothers and girls (early school drop-out), Mrs Isabela Mihalache, consultant on Roma inclusion and gender equality

Beyond mediation – effective participation, Mr Zeljko Jovanovic, Director of the Roma Initiatives Office, OSF

Mediation and challenges in education, Mr Costel Bercus, President of the Board, REF Open Discussion with points of view of the Roma NGO's and mediators.

11h30 coffee break

12h00 CONCLUSIONS - CLOSING OF THE MEDIATORS CONGRESS

Chair: Mr Pierre Mairesse, Director, DG EAC/A

Rapporteurs' summaries from the two Panels, Mrs Jana Bacevic and Mr Calin Rus Representative from the Irish Presidency of the European Council Mr Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues (CoE)

Mr Jan Truszczyński, Director-General DG EAC, European Commission

- 13h00 LUNCH
- 14h30 departure of participants
- 14h30 17h30

TECHNICAL SESSION FOR THE ROMED REDUCED TEAM:

meeting of trainers and ROMED national focal points – Presentation of certificates to the second group of ROMED trainers

