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Setting up an active network of independent non judicial human rights structures

**The protection of the rights of Roma people by  
the national human rights structures**

### **DRAFT PROGRAMME**

**Workshop for specialised staff of national human rights structures  
Budapest, 24-25 February 2009 (European Youth Centre)**

organised by  
the Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights  
and  
the Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples of  
the University of Padua

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Monday, 23 February 2009

*Arrival of participants at the European Youth Centre (Zivatar u. 1-3, 1024 Budapest)*

20.30            *Buffet-dinner at the European Youth Centre*

Tuesday, 24 February 2009

9.30 – 12.00    **OPENING SESSION**

**Issues addressed by the workshop**

by Stefano VALENTI, P2P Project manager, Interdepartmental Centre on Human Rights and the Rights of Peoples of the University of Padua

**The Commissioner's work on the issues addressed by the workshop**

by Markus JAEGER, Head of the National Human Rights Structures Unit, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights

10.30 - 11.00    *Coffee break*

**Discussion**

12.00 - 13.30    *Lunch at the European Youth Centre*

13.30 – 17.30    **WORKING SESSION 1: ROMA "INVISIBILITY"**

Lack of personal documents/statelessness/irregular residence and low level of political participation

**The perspective at international level: problems and solutions**

by Robert RUSTEM, European Forum for Roma and Travellers, Directorate General of Social Cohesion, Council of Europe

**The perspective at national level: problems and solutions**

By Marco BRAZZODURO, Professor of Social Policy at the Faculty of Statistics, University of Rome "La Sapienza" (Italy)

15.30 - 16.00    *Coffee break*

**Difficulties and possibilities for intervention by NHRs**

Exchange of experiences with contributions from NHRs, namely from Greece and ... (tbc)

**Discussion**

17.30            Close of first day's work

20.00            *Dinner at Margitkert Restaurant*

Wednesday 25 February 2009

09.00 -13.00 **WORKING SESSION 2: HOUSING RIGHTS**

Eviction, access to (social) housing, failure to provide public utilities

**Standards and protection mechanisms at international level**

by Claude CAHN, Independent expert on housing rights, Thoiry (France)

**Discussion on implementation of standards at national level**

10. 30 -11.00 *Coffee break*

**Difficulties and possibilities for intervention by NHRs**

Exchange of experiences with contributions from NHRs, namely from Sweden and ... (tbc)

**Discussion**

12.30 -14.00 *Lunch at the European Youth Centre*

14.00 – 17.30 **WORKING SESSION 3: RIGHT TO EDUCATION**

Discrimination and segregation in the school system

**Standards and protection mechanisms at international level**

by Geraldine SCULLION, independent expert on equality and human rights, Belfast, Northern Ireland (UK)

**Discussion on implementation of standards at national level**

15. 30 -16.00 *Coffee break*

**Difficulties and possibilities for intervention by NHRs**

Exchange of experiences with contributions from NHRs, namely from Vojvodina (Serbia) and (tbc)

**Discussion**

17.30 - 18.00 **Winding-up of the workshop**

Markus JAEGER and Stefano VALENTI

20.00 *Dinner at “Porcellino Grasso” Restaurant*

Thursday, 26 February 2009

*Departure from the European Youth Centre*