

**European Roma Summit, 4 April 2014**  
**"EU Roma policy goes local"**

**Venue: Square Brussels Meeting Centre (Copper Room)**  
Rue Mont des Arts, B-1000 Brussels  
<http://www.squarebrussels.com>

**Agenda**

*Simultaneous interpretation will be provided in: Shqiptar, български, čeština, English, español, français, deutsch, ελληνικά, hrvatski<sup>1</sup>, magyar, italiano, македонски, polski, română, romanès, slovenčina, türk.*

8.00 Registration

8.45 – 10.15 **Opening**

Chair: Françoise Le Bail, Director General for Justice, European Commission

José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

Traian Băsescu, President of Romania

Zoni Weisz, Holocaust survivor

Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship, European Commission

Ioannis Michelakis, Minister of Interior and Chairman of the Inter-ministerial Committee for Roma Issues, for the Greek presidency of the Council of the EU

László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

10.15 - 10.30 *Coffee break / Video-message from Livia Jaroka, Member of the European Parliament*

10.30 - 12.30 **Panel 1 - Making policies inclusive for all Roma at the local level**

Moderator: Edit Bauer, Member of the European Parliament

Viviane Reding, Vice-President and Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship

Zinaida Zlatanova, Deputy Prime Minister, Bulgaria

Zoltán Balog, Minister for Human Resources, Hungary

Jiří Dienstbier, Minister for Human Rights and Equal Opportunities, Czech Republic

Pekka Haavisto, Minister for International Development, Finland

Damian Draghici, Senator and National Roma Contact Point, Romania

Nicoleta Bitu, Executive Director of Romano ButiQ Association

Olguta Vasilescu, Mayor of Craiova, Romania

Barbara Loth, Secretary of State, Senate Department for Labour, Integration and Women's Affairs of Berlin, Germany

***Debate - Questions and answers***

12.30 - 14.00 *Lunch*

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<sup>1</sup> In addition, speakers will be able to make their interventions in Bosnian, Serbian and Montenegrin.

14.00 – 16.00 **Panel 2 - Making EU funding reach the local and regional authorities to support Roma integration**

Moderator: Kinga Göncz, Member of the European Parliament

László Andor, Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion

Jan-Ove Jerrestål, Secretary of State for Integration, Ministry of Employment, Sweden

Peter Pollák, Member of the Slovak Parliament, Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for Roma communities

Klára Orgovánová, Director of the Roma Institute, Slovak Republic

Tsonko Tsonev, Mayor of Kavarna, Bulgaria

Maria Winberg-Nordström, Deputy Mayor of Helsingborg, Sweden

Morten Kjaerum, Director, European Agency for Fundamental Rights

***Debate - Questions and answers***

16.00 - 16.15 *Coffee break*

16.15 - 18.00 **Panel 3 – Making Roma integration a local reality in enlargement countries** *(this panel is subject to modifications by DG ELARG)*

*Moderator: Janez Lenarčič, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights*

George Soros, Chairman of Soros Fund Management and of Open Society Foundations

Suad Numanović, Minister for Human and Minority Rights Protection, Montenegro

Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Snežana Marković, Director General for Democracy of the Council of Europe

Nemanja Delić, Mayor of Sombor, Serbia

Elmas Arus, Chair of Zero Discrimination Association, Turkey

Christian Danielsson, Director General for Enlargement

***Debate - Questions and answers***

18.00 **Closing**

Chair: Michel Servoz, Director General for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission

Androulla Vassiliou, Commissioner for Education, Culture, Multilingualism and Youth, European Commission

Tonio Borg, Commissioner for Health and Consumer Policy, European Commission

Jens Geier, Member of the European Parliament

Martina Balogova, Country Association of Roma Initiatives, Slovakia, representative of the Roma Decade

Ambassador Stefano Sannino, Permanent representation of Italy to the European Union, for the forthcoming Italian presidency of the Council of the EU