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***“Networking as a tool for strenghtening participation –  
good practices, strategies and exchange of  
experiences between Roma NGOs and other Civil  
Society Organisations”***

**June 14-15, 2010**

**Office of the European Parliament and the European Commission in Barcelona  
Passeig de Gràcia, 90, 1st floor  
08008 Barcelona**

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between Roma Minorities and Civil Society Organizations*”, financed by the EACEA  
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**DAY 1**

**June 14, 2010**

**15:45. REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**16:00 – 16:30. OPENING REMARKS:**

**José Santos**, president of the Federation of Roma Organizations of Catalonia  
(FAGIC)

**Jose Vicente Muñoz**, member of the Spanish Congress, member of the Committee of Health, Social Affairs and Consumers  
Barcelona City Hall (*Ajuntament de Barcelona*)

**16:30 – 18:00. Session 1: Empowerment through networking – recommendations and challenges**

**Bashy Quraishy**, Chairman of the Advisory Council of the European Network Against Racism (ENAR)

**Roberto Ermanni**, Associazione Ricreativa e Culturale Italiana – ARCI Toscana

**Cristobal Laso Silva**, Vice-president of Politics and Media of FAGIC

**Emini Kenan**, Chairman Projekt Roma Center Gottingen e.V.

**Paola Moretti**, member of the Executive Board of Roma Onlus, member of the Federazione Romani

**Discussion**

*Chair: David Jimenez Castro, professor of civil law at the University of Cordoba, member of Union Romani Andalucía*

**18.00 -18:30. Coffee-break**

**18.30 - 20.00. Session 2: Fostering cooperation between Civil Society Organizations – exchange of good practices between Roma and non-Roma NGOs**

**Bernard Rorke**, Director of Roma Initiative of Open Society Institute (OSI)

**Marion Kurucz**, producer of the Mundi Romani Series, Romedia Foundation

**Valeriu Nicolae**, President of Policy Center for Roma and Minorities, Director of Advocacy of the European Roma Grassroots Organizations Network (ERGO Network)

**Pedro Aguilera**, European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) at the Council of Europe

**Ramon Flecha**, professor of sociology at the University of Barcelona, Doctor Honoris Causa of the West University of Timisiara, Romania

**Discussion**

*Chair: Montse Sanchez Aroca, member of the Roma Women Association Drom Kotar Mestipen*

**DAY 2**

**June 15, 2010**

**9:00 – 10:30. Session 3: Fostering cooperation between Civil Society and governmental and political parties' representatives**

**Rafael Lopez**, Partit Popular de Catalunya (PP)

**David Pérez Ibáñez**, Partit dels Socialistes de Catalunya (PSC)

**Jordi Guillot**, Senador i Vicepresident d'Iniciativa per Catalunya Verd – Esquerra Unida i Alternativa (ICV-EuiA)

**Joan Puigcercos**, Esquerra Republicana de Catalunya (ERC)

**Jose Antoni Duran i Lleida**, Convergencia i Unió (CiU) (to be confirmed)  
**Joan Fontcuberta**, Ciutadans – partido de la ciudadanía

#### **Discussion**

*Chair: Felix Santos Silva, Vice-president of Youth at FAGIC*

**10:30 – 11:00. Coffee-break**

**11:00 – 12:30. Session 4: The Roma situation at the EU level – progress and major challenges for the future**

**Ivan Ivanov**, Executive Director of the European Roma Information Office (ERIO)

**Juan de Dios Ramirez Heredia**, Presidente de la Unión Romani España, ex Eurodiputado

**Maria Dolores Ruiz Bautista**, Deputy Director of the Social Programs at the Ministry of Health and Public Affairs

**Manuela Fernandez Ruiz**, Decade of Roma Inclusion Watch, Spain

**Peter Vermeersch**, professor of Political Science at University of Leuven, Belgium

#### **Discussion**

*Chair: Pere García, vice-president of the Integrated Plan for Roma Population in Catalonia (Pla Integral del Poble Gitano)*

**12:30 – 14:00. Session 5: Economic crisis and its consequences on minorities' rights and civil society movement**

**Andrzej Mirga**, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues OSCE

**Panayote Dimitras**, Spokesperson for the Greek Helsinki Committee

**Fotis Filippou**, Campaigner (EU Team) Amnesty International, International Secretariat

**Dr. William Ejalu**, Board and Bureau Member of ENAR

**Ricardo Hernandez Jimenez**, Representative of the State Council for the Roma in Spain

#### **Discussion**

*Chair: Iñaki Santacruz, Professor of Sociology at the Universitat Autònoma de Barcelona*

**14:00 – 14:30. Closing remarks**

**Jose Santos Silva**, president of the Federation of Roma Organizations of Catalonia (FAGIC)

**Xavier Garriga**, Executive Director of the Department of Governance and Public Administration of *the Generalitat de Catalunya*

**Frederic Linaeres**, Counsellor of ADIGSA