

# ROMA IN EUROPE, INTEGRATION THROUGH EDUCATION

Closing conference on the Project:

“STEP IN”

Studying Training and Educational Pathways for the Integration of young Roma



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**ROMA IN EUROPE, INTEGRATION THROUGH EDUCATION****Thursday 19 October 2006***1. Inaugural Session*

Time	Topic	Resource Person
9:00 - 10:00	Welcome by European Parliament Host Roma and travellers: Policy and Action at European Level  Questions	<b>Livia Járóka</b> MEP
10:00 - 10:15	Caritas Europa Welcomes Partners and Participants	<b>Marius Wanders</b> Secretary General, Caritas Europa
10:15 - 10:30	Introduction to Today's Programme	<b>Jacqueline Tordo</b> Social Policy Officer Caritas Europa
10:30 - 11:00	Key note speech: Education as an Integration Tool in a Wider Context  Questions	<b>Prof. Rumén Valcev</b> Burgas University, Director of Open Education Centre - Bulgaria
11:00 - 11:30	Coffee Break	
11:30 - 12:00	Presentation of STEP IN project (integrating Roma youngsters through formal and informal education)	<b>Sr. Claudia Biondi</b> Coordinator Roma Department, Project Manager, Caritas Ambrosiana
12:00 - 13:00	VIDEO Compilation of Project experience	
13:00 - 14:30	Lunch Break	

*2. Highlights and Shadow sides of Segregation, Integration and Assimilation*

Time	Topic	Resource Person
14:30 - 15:10	The situation of Roma in Eastern Europe and the situation for education of Roma in Romania	<b>Lect. Dr. Delia Grigore</b> University of Bucharest, President Roma Centre "Amare Rromentza"
15:10 - 15:50	The process of integration in Western European countries: the Problem of Identity	<b>Angela Sacco</b> STEP IN project Supervisor, Caritas Ambrosiana
15:50 - 16:15	Coffee Break	
16:15 - 16:55	Assimilation or Integration?	<b>Ronald Lucardie</b> Roma Expert CORDAID, The Netherlands
16:55 - 17:15	Questions / Debate	Convened by: <b>Jacqueline Tordo</b> Social Policy Officer Caritas Europa
17:15 - 17:35	How to reach the Roma Community? Sources of Inspiration	<b>Walter Wolf</b> DG Employment and Social Affairs European Commission
19:30	Dinner	

**ROMA IN EUROPE, INTEGRATION THROUGH EDUCATION****Friday 20 October 2006**

Time	Topic	Resource Person
9:15 - 9:30	Introduction to Today's programme	<b>Sabrina Ignazi</b> Roma Desk Officer, Roma department of Caritas Ambrosiana
9:30 - 10:45	ROUND TABLE What are the integrating activities / elements that each partner included in the project to support education?	The Project Manager from each Local Project Convened by <b>Daniela Varisco</b> , STEP IN trans-national Project coordinator, Caritas Ambrosiana
10:45 - 11:30	Working groups on the Recommendations for Integration of Roma youngsters into Education	
11:30 - 12:15	Coffee Break	
12:15 - 12:45	Audio-Visual Material for the Integration of Roma Youngsters	<b>Yvette Ajaj</b> National Officer for Roma at Secours Catholique's Head Office  Presented by <b>Martine Roché</b> , Volunteer Secours Catholique
12:45 - 13:15	Common reports on Conclusions of WG (report on the working groups)	Convened by: <b>Jacqueline Tordoir</b> Social Policy Officer Caritas Europa and <b>Daniela Varisco</b> , STEP IN trans-national Project coordinator, Caritas Ambrosiana
13:15 - 13:30	Closing session	<b>Jacqueline Tordoir</b> Social Policy Officer Caritas Europa
13:30 - 14:30	Lunch	