



Communicable disease prevention among Roma

Vienna, 28-29 November 2011, Rainers hotel

Agenda

Sunday, 27 November

- 18:30 **Registration. Welcome address. Participants' expectations**
19:00 **Dinner**

Monday, 28 November

- 8:30 – 9:00 ***Participants registration***
- 9:00 – 9:20 **Session 1: Introduction to the meeting**
Challenges and opportunities to prevent and control communicable diseases in EU – Ülla-Karin Nurm, ECDC;
How are we going to work together to meet expectations – Tamsin Rose
- 9:20 – 10:45 **Session 2: Keynote speeches**
The Fundamental Rights Agency work on Roma – Ludovica Banfi, FRA
Why measles is still a threat to Europe? – Pier Luigi Lopalco, ECDC
What we know about MMR vaccination among subgroups in Europe – focus on Roma/traveller
VENICE survey 2010 – Suzanne Cotter, VENICE Project
Roma Health Mediators - Successes and challenges – Alina Covaci, Open Society Foundations
Presentation of the discussion paper – Irina Dinca, ECDC
- 10:45 – 11:15 ***Coffee break***
- 11:15 – 12:30 **Session 3: From policy to practice (I) - accessing preventive and healthcare services – plenary followed by group work**
Speakers:
Angel Kunchev, Ministry of Health, Bulgaria
Ricardo Hernandez Jimenez, Health Working Group of the State Council for Roma Population, Spain
Eva Csernus, District Public Health Authority Budapest, Hungary

12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 14:15	From policy to practice (II) – feedback from group work
14:15 – 15:30	Session 4: Successful experiences in providing childhood immunization to Roma (I) – plenary followed by group work Speakers: Anastasia Pantazopoulou, Ministry of Health and Social Solidarity, Greece Lubomira Slusna, The Association for Culture, Education and Communication, Slovak Republic Carmen Dinescu, District Public Health Authority Bihor, Romania Hana Orlikova, National Institute of Public Health, Czech Republic
15:30 – 16:00	Coffee break
16:00 – 17:15	Successful experiences in providing childhood immunization to Roma (II) – feedback from group work
17:15 – 17:30	Summary day 1
17:30 – 18:30	Session 5: Exhibition
19:00	Dinner

Tuesday, 29 November

9:00 – 9:15	Start day 2
9:15 – 10:30	Session 6: Discussion paper (I) – plenary followed by group work <i>Presentation of discussion points from the discussion paper</i> – Niklas Danielsson, ECDC
10:30 – 11:00	Coffee break
11:00 – 12:00	Discussion paper (II) – feedback from group work
12:00 – 12:25	Session 7: Joining efforts for sustainable change <i>Related WHO Regional Office for Europe activities</i> – Robb Butler, WHO-EURO <i>Roma Decade - perspective from Macedonian Presidency</i> – Mila Carovska, HERA

12:25 – 12:30 **Closure**
Tamsin Rose, Ülla-Karin Nurm

12:30 – 13:30 ***Lunch***

13:30 **Departure**

Scope

The meeting scope is two-fold:

- Share best practices and lessons learned in improving access of Roma population to public health programs to prevent communicable diseases, by bringing together key stakeholders with experience in working with and for Roma.
- Provide an opportunity of identifying ways of improving health seeking behaviour and empowering Roma people to take part in the processes affecting their health considering the social, historical, cultural and behavioural context.

Thus the overall aim of the meeting is to provide a forum for discussion on how knowledge and experiences could be used to stimulate the use of preventive services in the area of communicable diseases.

Expected meeting outputs

- Shared best practices and lessons learned in putting in place public health practices to prevent and control communicable diseases among Roma populations
- Develop a discussion paper focused on empowering of Roma people and improving their access to preventative services in the area of communicable diseases, including vaccination uptake.