

## WESTERN BALKANS REGIONAL SEMINAR

### Roma youth: from Education to Employment

19 June 2019, Skopje, North Macedonia

#### AGENDA

08:30-09:00	<b>Registration</b>
	<b>Welcoming and Opening Remarks</b>
	Welcoming remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Andrzej Mirga, Chair, Roma Education Fund Board</li> </ul>
09:00-09:30	Opening remarks by <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Muzafer BAJRAM, Minister without portfolio responsible for the implementation of the Strategy for Improving of the Situation of Roma, Government of North Macedonia</li> <li>Ms Katarína MATHERNOVÁ, Deputy Director-General for Neighbourhood Policy and Enlargement (video message)</li> <li>H.E. Mr Samuel ŽBOGAR, Head of the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of North Macedonia</li> </ul>
	<i>Press statements</i>
<b>Session I</b>	<b>Access to Quality Education for Roma Children: Perspectives from the Ground</b>
	Moderator: Mr. RedjepAli CUPI, Network Coordinator, REF
09:30-11:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Marash DUKAJ, Director General, Directorate for Education of Members of Minorities and other National Communities, Ministry of Education of Montenegro</li> <li>Ms Majlinda MEHMETAJ, Education Specialist at the Ministry of Education, Sport and Youth, Government of Albania</li> <li>Mr Dalibor NAKIĆ, President, National Council of Roma National Minority of Serbia</li> <li>Mr Mujo FAFULIĆ, Chairman, Board of Roma Support Center Romalen Kakanj</li> </ul> <i>Discussion</i>
11:00-11:30	Coffee break
<b>Session II</b>	<b>Roma Youth from Education to Employment: Human Capital Investment Agenda for the Next Decade</b>
	Moderator: Mr. Adi SINANI, Project Officer on Education, Employment and Labour Policy, REF
11:30-13:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Veljka JURAN, Head of the Department for Employment Services, Employment Agency of North Macedonia</li> <li>Mr Serkan BAYSAN, Country Facilitator for Turkey</li> <li>Mr Asib ZEKIR, Roma Entrepreneurship Development Initiative (REDI)</li> <li>Mr Zoran SIMIĆ, Director, IMMO CLEAN Belgrade (Roma entrepreneur)</li> </ul> <i>Discussion</i>
13:00-14:00	Lunch break
<b>Session III</b>	<b>Structural and Policy Changes for Roma in Western Balkans: what works and what does not work in the Western Balkans region</b>
	Moderator: Mr. Daut QULANGJI, journalist, Yekhiye - RTK
14:00-15:30	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ms Jovana TRENCEVSKA, State Secretary at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies of North Macedonia</li> <li>Mr Isak SKENDERI, Executive Director, Voice of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian</li> <li>Mr Orhan USEIN, Team Leader of the Regional Cooperation Council's Roma Integration project</li> <li>Ms Aurora AILINCAI, Deputy Head of Division, Council of Europe and ROMACTED Programme</li> </ul> <i>Discussion</i>
15:30-16:00	Coffee break
16:00-17:00	<b>Concluding remarks and follow-up actions</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Mr Nadir REDZEPI, Executive Director, REF</li> <li>Ms Marta GARCIA FIDALGO, Coordination of Roma Policy, DG NEAR</li> </ul>

