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HEARING

The EU strategy on Roma inclusion

LIBE Rapporteur - Livia Járóka

EMPL Rapporteur - Kinga Göncz

(associated following the art. 50 of the EP Rules of Procedure)

Tuesday 30 November 2010, 15.00 – 18.30

Wednesday 1 December, 9.00 – 11.00

Brussels

Room: PHS 4 B 001

INTRODUCTION

The European Parliament's Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs is currently preparing an Initiative Report on the **EU Strategy on Roma inclusion - 2010/2276(INI)**, and in this framework organising a public hearing on this topic seems more than appropriate.

The ROMA Issue has been dealt with several times in recent years and the most recent resolution adopted by the European Parliament on 9 September 2010 on the situation of Roma and freedom of movement in the European Union¹, has been met with a high degree of consensus on the shared responsibility of the EU and the Member States for the promotion of Roma inclusion.

This hearing is also an occasion to give feedback on the conclusions of the second European Summit on Roma inclusion (Córdoba, 8-9 April 2010) and it mainly aims at strengthening interinstitutional cooperation and initiating a constructive dialogue with the civil society.

The hearing will provide the Commission with the opportunity to present to the Parliament and the general public its considerations, which will be the basis for the report of the Roma Task Force, expected for the end of the year.

The commitment at EU level is confirmed by the high interest of the current Belgian Presidency and of the forthcoming Hungarian Presidency, foreseeing the Roma inclusion as one of the priority issues.

The success of a Roma strategy is conditioned by the participation of the civil society and of organisations active in this field, which have an experience on the ground and can therefore provide valuable expertise.

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¹ [P7_TA\(2010\)0312](#).

15.00 -15.30 *Opening and Introduction*

15.00 - 15.05 **Mrs Kinga GÁL (EPP)**, *1st Vice-President* of the Committee on Civil Liberties, Justice and Home Affairs of the European Parliament and **Mrs Pervenche BERÈS (S&D)**, *Chairwoman* of the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs

15.05 - 15.15 **Mrs Lívia JÁRÓKA (EPP)**, *Rapporteur* for the Report on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion

15.15 - 15.20 **Mrs Kinga GÖNCZ (S&D)**, *Draftswoman* of the Opinion on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion in the Committee on Employment and Social Affairs (associated Committee under Rule 50)

15.20 - 15.25 **Mr Hannu TAKKULA (ALDE)**, *Draftsman* of the Opinion on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion in the Committee on Culture and Education

15.25 -15.30 **Mr Andrey KOVATCHEV (EPP)**, *Draftsman* of the Opinion on the EU strategy on Roma inclusion in the Committee on Regional Development

15.30 -16.00

15.30 - 15.40 **Mrs Viviane REDING**, *Vice-President of the European Commission*, Commissioner for Justice, Fundamental Rights and Citizenship and Member of the Roma Task Force

15.40 - 15.50 **Mrs Joëlle MILQUET**, Belgian Presidency, *Minister for Employment and Equal Opportunities*

15.50 - 16.00 **Mr Zoltán BALOG**, forthcoming Hungarian Presidency, *Junior Minister for Social Inclusion*

16.00 -16.30 *Questions & answers*

16.30-16.50

16.30 - 16.40 **Mr Morten KJÆRUM**, *Director of the European Agency for Fundamental Rights*

16.40 - 16.50 **Mr Bernard RORKE**, *International Research and Advocacy Director Open Society Foundations Roma Initiative*

16.50-17.40 Questions & answers

17.40 - 17.50 **Mr Valeriu NICOLAE**, *President of the Policy Center for Roma and Minorities; Advocacy Director of the European Roma Grassroots Organisation (ERGO)*

17.50 - 18.00 **Mr Ivan IVANOV**, *Director of the European Roma Information Office*

18.00 -18.30 Questions & answers and Concluding remarks

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09.00 - 09.10 Resuming of the works

09.10 - 09.40

09.10 - 09.20 **Mr László ANDOR**, *Commissioner for Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion and Member of the Roma Task Force*

09.20 - 09.30 **Mr Henry SCICLUNA**, *Council of Europe Coordinator for Roma Issues*

09.30 - 09.40 **Mr Andrey IVANOV**, *UNDP Bratislava Regional Centre*

09.40 - 10.10 Questions & answers

10.10 - 10.20 **Mrs Isabela MIHALACHE**, *Deputy Director of European Roma Rights Centre*

10.20 - 10.30 **Mrs Andriani PAPADOPOULOU**, *Office of the Greek Ombudsman*

10.30 - 10.40 **Mr Pierre BARGE**, *President of AEDH (Association Européenne pour la défense des Droits de l'Homme)*

10.40 -11.00 Questions & answers and Concluding remarks

ANNEX I

PRACTICAL GUIDELINES FOR THE DEBATE

- *During the discussion, so as to make it possible for the highest number of parliamentarians to intervene, speaking time will be limited to **two minutes** per contribution or question.*
- *Members requesting the floor are kindly asked to inform the chair indicating their name and parliament on a special sheet. The floor will be given to Members in the order in which requests are received, and in turn to two Members of national parliaments, followed by one Member of the European Parliament, and so forth.*
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