

ORAL QUESTION WITH DEBATE O-0118/08

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Subject: Call for EU Roma Policy

In October 2007 MEPs sent a proposal to the Presidency of the EU (Slovenian Presidency) suggesting a new method of addressing Roma issues at EU level. This included the introduction of an annual EU conference on Roma issues to discuss ideas, facilitate exchange of best practice and information and align cooperation at EU level.

The European Commission held the first EU Roma Summit in Brussels in September 2008, during which a large majority of the Roma participants called for the adoption of an EU Roma policy.

A majority in the European Parliament supported a Resolution (P6_TA(2008)0035) calling for an EU Roma Strategy in January 2008.

Will the French Presidency pledge to call for an EU Roma policy at the next Council Summit in December 2008?

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