



ROMA INCLUSION NETWORK MEETING 2024

7-8 November, Budapest, Hungary

AGENDA

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We are pleased to welcome you to our 2024 Roma Inclusion Network Meeting organised in cooperation with our member **the Reformed Church in Hungary (RCH)** set to take place in Budapest, Hungary, from **November 7th to 8th, 2024.**

The RCH extend their mission and social outreach beyond the walls of the church, aiming to create an inclusive community, actively advocating and supporting marginalised groups and persons in situation of vulnerability, as well as committing to social transformation and mutual solidarity. Through their Roma Ministry and national coordination, the RCH supports congregations who work with Roma to advance on national reconciliation and social inclusion. The RCH contributes to the improvement of Roma's quality of life, particularly in the social, ecological and infrastructural realms.

Despite access to quality and inclusive education being a decisive element for transcending poverty and fostering social development, less than half of Roma children participate in early education and care, and only a quarter of those aged 20-24 have completed upper secondary education. Roma learners face a substantial gap in educational achievement and accessibility when compared to the broader population.

Indeed, inclusive educational systems are still far from becoming a reality for all students in Europe. Particularly, this is the case for many Roma, who are subject to the effects of structural anti-gypsyism, as well as spatial and educational segregation. The former creates the ground for inequality, exclusion, and lack of trust of Roma families with educational institutions, hindering future civic engagement and participation in society.



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In the view of this background, this year's Network Meeting will delve into the following topics:

- the opportunities of Roma to access inclusive education (on which the RCH has first-hand experience through their educational institutions)
- the role of social service providers on tackling anti-gypsyism and building trust within communities through inclusive educational environments.

In addressing these issues, the meeting will serve as a key platform to reinforce the existing network of faith-based organisations working for and with Roma communities, in addition to facilitating the creation of partnerships and aligning Eurodiaconia's advocacy at EU level with your national realities.

AGENDA | THURSDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2024

9:00 – 9:30	Registration
9:30 – 10:15	<p>Welcome and opening</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Welcome by host and devotional • Presentation of the agenda and introduction of participants
10:15 – 10:45	<p>Keynote speech - Theory and practice of inclusive pedagogy</p> <p><i>Bettina Baranyi, School Principal of the Magyarcsanád Reformed Primary School, Mentor of the Inclusive School Program</i></p>
10:45 - 11:15	<i>Coffee break</i>
11:15 – 12:30	<p>Presentation of the Reformed Church in Hungary & the Roma Ministry</p> <p><i>Rev. Szabina Pena-Sztojka, Leader of Roma Ministry</i> <i>Andrea Milák-Ignác, Leader of Congregational Programs</i></p> <p>Inclusive Schools: Training for teachers working for Roma Inclusion</p> <p><i>Margit Ignác, Trainer of the Inclusive School Program</i></p>
12:30-13:30	<i>Lunch break</i>
13:30-15:00	<p>Sharing best practices - Inclusive education & Community building</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Ioana Modi, Project Officer, HEKS/EPER Romania</i> • <i>Sladjana Jovanović, Project Coordinator & Slavica Petrović, Project Assistant Roma Inclusion, Ecumenical Humanitarian Organization, Serbia</i> • tbc <p><i>Discussion with members</i></p>
15:00-17:30	<p>Study visit: Morning Star After School Program (Tanoda) - Kecskemét</p> <p>The Tanoda Program started informally from Church funds and later joined the state funded after school system in 2019. The afterschool is located in the area of the city where many families in vulnerable situation.</p> <p>The program focuses on developing social skills for children and offering school support, including tutoring, orientation, homework support, etc. The members of the Roma team provide this service from a diaconal perspective, founded on equality and partnership.</p>
20:00	<i>Dinner offered by Eurodiaconia</i>

AGENDA | FRIDAY, 8 NOVEMBER 2024

9:00 – 9:40	<p>Social Europe Academy I - EU Policy & Funding Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Establishment of the new European Commission◦ Assessment on the implementation of the NRSFs <p><i>(Facilitated by Eurodiaconia)</i></p>
9:40-10:40	<p>Social Europe Academy I - Capacity-building workshop “Tackling anti-gypsyism in diaconal service provision”</p> <p><i>Bianca Irina Cristea, Kirkens Bymisjon, Norway</i> <i>Daniel Tesfa Salole, Kirkens Bymisjon, Norway</i></p>
10:40-11:00	<p><i>Coffee break</i></p>
11:00-13:00	<p>Co-creating recommendations & future priorities of the Roma Network</p> <p>Based on the debates of the meeting and members’ expertise, participants will work in groups on how to move forward on addressing anti-gypsyism and the role of diaconal organisations in fostering inclusive communities. This will serve as a basis to update ‘Eurodiaconia Guidelines on tackling Anti-Gypsyism’.</p> <p>We will also discuss about the policy priorities for the Roma Network in the upcoming year.</p> <p><i>(Facilitated by Eurodiaconia)</i></p>



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