

CHECK-LIST FOR ORGANIZERS OF SIDE EVENTS

Your name, organization. & website	Office of the Governmental Council for Roma Community Affairs Czech Government, www.vlada.cz ODHIR – CPRSI, www.osce.org/odihhr
Your preferences on date and time of the event	Wednesday., 1 Oct. from 18:00 to 20:00
Number of participants.	20-30
Room layout (pls. see the setting: roundtable, theatre).	Round table setting
Title of your event.	Harmonizing the European Approach towards Roma and Sinti: Role of National Governmental Mechanisms
Name of conveying organization(s).	The Office of the Government Council for Roma Community Affairs Czech Government and ODIHR/CPRSI
One, two paragraph description of your event – no more than half A4 page (<i>Please note, this text will be included into the Annotated Agenda of Side Events to be distributed among the participants of the HDIM</i>).	<p>The rise of intolerance and multiple forms of discrimination against Roma and Sinti populations has seen an increase recently. This is reflected in high level debates across the European Union. The institutions of the European Union and international organizations are presently debating how to effectively approach the integration of Roma and Sinti populations. Many governments have already adopted specific programs and strategies for Roma and Sinti as well as established consultative inter-ministerial bodies such as the National Agency for Roma in Romania, the Plenipotentiary of the Slovak Government for Roma Communities, the Office for Romani Affairs in Slovakia and the Governmental Council for Roma Community Affairs in the Czech Republic. The experiences of implementing the OSCE Action plan on Roma and Sinti will be used as platform for the discussion.</p> <p>The purpose of this side event is to focus on the role of governmental bodies and their influence in formulating and implementing national and local policies that impact Roma and Sinti communities. Participants will discuss the concept of full scale integration, which relies on a three-dimensional approach: 1) human rights and discrimination; 2) social and economic inclusion; and 3) a cultural and ethnic approach. The integrated approach has proved to be the most effective, and includes the participation of Roma and Sinti in the process.</p> <p>Positive practices, as well as challenges, will be presented. In addition, a definition of the role of governmental advisory bodies and agencies, and civil society will be discussed in order to find a way to use existing experiences and analysis. Conclusions from this side even will be used in the articulation of the preparatory phase of the EU Roma Policy and for a possible Roma Unit within the European Commission.</p>
Do you need technical equipment? If yes, please specify your needs.	No
Working languages.	English, Romanes
Do you need interpretation and related equipment.	No
Do you wish to offer refreshments. For how many people. Special catering.	Yes
Who will make necessary payments (if applicable)	CPRSI /Czech Republic

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