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| **TAIEX/ LAF Seminar on  social inclusion policy and integration of Roma** |
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| **ETT 56397** |
| **organised in co-operation**  **European Training Foundation**  **and**  **Committee of the Regions** |

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| **Venue :** |
| **Brussels,** |
| **30 June -2 July 2014** |
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| **Aim of the meeting :** |
| The aim of this seminar is to present the EU Social Policy to local and regional authorities including:  - providing general information on the EU Social Policy, social inclusion and the reduction of poverty in the European Union the framework of the Europe 2020 Strategy;  - increasing knowledge on how the EU social policy works in a regional context with particular emphasis on Roma inclusion policies,  -giving representatives at the local level the opportunity to consult with colleagues from EU regions affected by similar difficulties.  The LAF event is organized in close cooperation with European Training Foundation - the EU agency that helps transition and developing countries to harness the potential of their human capital through the reform of education, training and labour market systems in the context of the EU's external relations policy.  In addition to general information on the functioning and decision-making of the EU, this study tour will also cover:  - European Parliament and Council Decision No. 1.672/2006/EC establishing a Community Programme for Employment and Social Solidarity;  - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions of 2 July 2008 - Renewed social agenda: Opportunities, access and solidarity in 21st century Europe COM(2008) 412 final;  - Communication from the Commission to the European Parliament, the Council, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Committee of the Regions: *An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020* (COM/2011/0173 final).  This study tour will be organised in cooperation with the Committee of the Regions (CoR). The participants will have the opportunity to meet with the staff and/or the members of the CoR.  The target audience of 35-40 participants will consist of elected representatives and staff from municipalities in the field of social affairs, as well as representatives from municipal interest organisations working in the field of European affairs and social services. |

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| **Beneficiary :** |

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| Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo², Montenegro, Serbia, Turkey, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia³ |

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| **Day 1 : Monday 30 June 2014** |
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| **Chair : -** | |
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| 09:15 | *Arrival and registration of participants* | |
| 09:30 | **Round of table**: brief verbal presentation and country presentations (5-7 minutes for each country) | |
| 11:00 | *Coffee break* | |
| 11:30 | The **EU institutions** and decision-making process  *(tbc)* | |
| 12:15 | Questions & Answers | |
| 12:30 | *Lunch break* | |
| 14:00 | The overview of social inclusion policies and framework in the EU  Unit of social protection, DG Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion, European Commission  *(tbc)* | |
| 14:45 | Questions & Answers | |
| 15:00 | An EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020  , Non-discrimination policies and Roma coordination Unit, DG Justice, European Commission  *(tbc)* | |
| 15:45 | Questions & Answers | |
| 16:00 | *Coffee break* | |
| 16:30 | World Bank promoting Roma Inclusion in Eastern Europe  *(tbc)* | |
| 17:15 | Questions & Answers | |
| 17:30 | Closing of Day 1 | |

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| **Day 2 : Tuesday 1 July 2014** |
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| **Chair : -** | | |
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| 09:00 | Danube Strategy activities with focus on Roma inclusion  Mr Jörg Mirtl, Project Manager |
| 09:45 | Questions & Answers |
| 10:00 | Education and employment – key drivers for social inclusion  • Vocational Education and Training for Social Inclusion – main conclusions of an ETF’s recent research  Mrs Lida KITA, Specialist in Public Policy Management, VET and Social Inclusion, European Training Foundation  *(tbc)* |
| 10:45 | Questions & Answers |
| 11:00 | *Coffee break* |
| 11:30 | INCLUD-ED: successful actions for social inclusion  Mr Ramon FLECHA, University of Barcelona  *(tbc)* |
| 12:15 | Questions & Answers |
| 12:30 | *Lunch break* |
| 14:00 | Promoting employment equality of Roma population through Structural Funds and effective partnerships at local level in Spain.  Mrs Belén SÁNCHEZ-RUBIO, Fundación Secretariado Gitano (FSG), Spain  *(tbc)* |
| 14:45 | *Questions & Answers* |
| 15:15 | Visit to EUROCITIES Brussels Office (Roma inclusion Task Force)  *(tbc)* |
| 17:00 | Closing of Day 2 |

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| **Day 3 : Wednesday 2 July 2014** |
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| **Chair : -** | | |
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| 09:00 | Work and functioning of the CoR  Mr Klaus Hullmann, Committee of the Regions  *(tbc)* |
| 09:45 | Questions & Answers |
| 10:00 | The EU Social Investment Package to tackle poverty and social exclusion  Mrs Doreen HUDDART, member of Committee of the Regions  *(tbc)* |
| 10:45 | Questions & Answers |
| 11:00 | *Coffee break* |
| 11:30 | **TBD** |
| 12:15 | Questions & Answers |
| 12:30 | *Lunch break* |
| 14:00 | What’s left of the EU Social Inclusion Process?  Mr Bart VANHERCKE, Co-Director, European Social Observatory (OSE), Belgium  *(tbc)* |
| 14:45 | Questions & Answers |
| 15:00 | Feedback and closing session of the event |
| 15:30 | End of seminar |

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