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**THEMATIC WORKSHOP:**

**The minority Roma community in the European Union**

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<p><b>Issues</b> <i>In brief</i></p>	<p>The Roma community, which represents between 10 and 12 million people in Europe (according to the Council of Europe) is the largest minority group in Europe in statistical terms. The Roma hold European nationality and are therefore entitled to certain rights in law on the same basis as every other European citizen.</p> <p>However, the reality is quite different; it is undeniable that the Roma in fact remain an excluded and rejected community and do not enjoy proper recognition of their rights as European citizens.</p> <p>Their citizenship must be made a meaningful concept via a proper guarantee of their rights and it is essential to implement more effective measures to improve their living conditions and integration.</p>
<p><b>What is the European Union doing, or failing to do, in this area?</b></p>	<p>The situation of the Roma community has been a source of concern to European institutions and Member States for several years, leading to the introduction of a number of measures to integrate the Roma into European society.</p> <p>Despite this approach, European initiatives have been hampered by the lack of effectiveness of these measures at a national level.</p>
<p><b>Current regulations or laws in this area</b> <i>(where relevant)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- General measures under European law, in particular freedom of movement and the right to reside (2004/38/CE of 29 April 2004).</li> <li>- European Parliament resolution on the social situation of the Roma (2009)</li> <li>- EU Roma Summits on the inclusion of the Roma community (2008, 2010)</li> <li>- European Commission communication: “The social and economic integration of the Roma in Europe” (2010)</li> <li>- European framework for national strategies to integrate the Roma (2011)</li> <li>- European Commission evaluation of national strategies (2012)</li> </ul>

<b>Questions, focal points</b>	<p><b>Defining status: foreign residents or European citizens?</b>  How does mobility within the community affect Roma European citizens?  What is the place of Roma culture in a diverse Europe?  What effective measures is the European Union taking on behalf of the Roma community? When will effective integration take place?</p>

**Animation framework of the workshop:**

- Individual presentation of participants.
  - Debating on the way on how is treated the actual situation of Roma at European level. [facilitator].
  - Presentation of the video “Citizenship” Roma and Travellers.
  - Discussion and testimonies on “good practices” in favour of Roma citizens in the European societies and safeguard of their romani culture (Amare Romentza Romania et Caritas Bucarest), including testimonies of each Roma participant which recounts the way the European process influence their lives and the difficulties that they could encounter etc. What is the place of romani culture in the European diversity? What common point between all the different tsigane cultures?
  - Conclusion :
- Elaboration of a final paper starting from the next questioning: what are the demands and approaches which had to be communicated to European deputies in the framework of European elections? This document aims to be an advocacy tool in other arenas.

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