



**IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ACTION PLAN
ON IMPROVING THE SITUATION OF ROMA AND SINTI
(dedicated to the 10th Anniversary of the adoption of
the 2003 OSCE Action Plan)**

**7-8 November 2013
Hofburg, Vienna**

To civil society

Please find attached the agenda and general guidelines relating to the upcoming OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Implementation of the Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti. This Meeting will take place in Vienna from 7th to 8th of November 2013.

Additional information relevant to this Meeting can be found on ODIHR website at <http://www.osce.org/odihr/106276>.

This Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting (SHDM) will present ODIHR's 2013 Status Report on the Implementation of the Roma and Sinti 2003 OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti and its key findings. The SHDM will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the Action Plan and take stock of its implementation. Participants will be given opportunity to discuss the lessons learned from realized policies or initiatives and explore the further measures that are needed to improve the situation of Roma and Sinti and to combat persistent forms of racism and discrimination against them. Participants will be encouraged to offer recommendations on how to address more efficiently the existing gaps.

The meeting will address the topic through the following three sessions:

- ODIHR 2013 Status Report on the Implementation of the Roma and Sinti OSCE Action Plan: key findings and lessons learned;
- Ten years of implementing the Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti: key trends, developments and challenges;
- Integration of Roma and Sinti with a particular focus on women, youth and children: best practices and ways forward.

Civil society representatives whose activities directly relate to the topic of the SHDM and who wish to attend are requested to register on-line at <http://meetings.odihr.pl> by **Wednesday, 23 October 2013**. The registration will also be available online after the deadline and during the Meeting on the spot. Civil society representatives are invited to forward this information to other relevant actors in the given field.

Please note that registered participants can collect their badges for the SHDM as of Thursday, 7 November 2013, from 09:00 in the main entrance hall of the Hofburg Congress Centre.

Participants may display information materials on the tables in the lobby of the main meeting room. They may also distribute documents during the SHDM by giving one copy of each document (maximum 3 pages in length) to staff of the Document Distribution Centre. Participants are encouraged to intervene during the SHDM Working Sessions while limiting their statements to the specific issues at hand thereby contributing to a genuine discussion.

Unfortunately, the OSCE/ODIHR is not in a position to provide any financial assistance to participate in the SHDM. For your convenience, please find attached a list of hotels in Vienna. Participants are kindly requested to make their own hotel arrangements.

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