



Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Women as Agents of Change in Migrant, Minority and Roma and Sinti Communities in the OSCE Area

RATSAAL, HOFBURG, VIENNA

6-7 September 2012

Thursday, 6 September

14:30-15:00 **Registration of participants**

15:00-15:20 **Opening Session**

Ambassador Lamberto Zannier, OSCE Secretary General

Anastasia Crickley, Head of Department, Applied Social Studies, National University of Ireland Maynooth

15:20-16:00 **Keynote Speech: Women as Agents of Change**

Rita Izsák, United Nations Independent Expert on Minority Issues

Moderator: **Ambassador Miroslava Beham**, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Office of the Secretary General

Rapporteur: **Dr. Uwe Petry**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of Germany to the OSCE

16:00-16:30 **Coffee Break**

16:30-18:00 **Session I: The Current Landscape**

This panel will explore the current structural and socio-cultural context for addressing the needs of migrant and minority women. It will address international and national institutional and legal frameworks which guide our work on empowerment as well as the underlying political, social, cultural and economic challenges exist for integration.

Ambassador Knut Vollebaek, High Commissioner, OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities

Fotini Sianou, Director of the Centre for Research and Action on Peace, Greece

Moderator: **Renate Held**, Regional Director, IOM Regional Office for South-Eastern Europe, Eastern Europe and Central Asia

Rapporteur: **Tania Falierou**, First Secretary, Permanent Mission of Greece to the OSCE

Friday, 7 September

09:30-11:00 **Session II: Options for Inclusion**

This panel will explore the options and best practices for improved empowerment and inclusion of migrant and minority communities. It will focus on how we can cooperate to better integration and inclusion of migrant and minority women (at the national and international level)

Amandine Bach, Policy Officer, European Women's Lobby (EWL)

Jennifer Brush, Head of Mission, OSCE Mission to Moldova

Moderator: **Joanna Goodey**, Head of the Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Rapporteur: **Paul Welsh**, First Secretary, UK Delegation to the OSCE Vienna

11.00-11.30 **Coffee Break**

11:30-13:00 **Session III: Moving Forward**

This panel will explore examples and models of effective approaches to ensuring equal opportunity for participation in public life and political processes of migrant and minority women. It will examine specifically what has worked and what still needs to be done.

Elisabeth Møller-Jensen, Managing Director, The Danish Centre for Information on Gender, Equality and Ethnicity - KVINFO, Denmark

Vidhya Ramalingam, Programme Associate, Institute for Strategic Dialogue, United Kingdom

Moderator: **Ambassador Blanka Jamnič**, Permanent Representation of the Republic of Slovenia to United Nations, OSCE and other international organizations in Vienna

Rapporteur: **Katharina Stoffl**, Political Adviser, Swiss Delegation to the OSCE

13:00-14:30 **Lunch**

14:30-16:30 **Session IV: Engaging the Roma and Sinti Community**

The panel will explore the national level challenges for empowerment of Roma and Sinti women. It will explore the international and national institutional and legal frameworks for the inclusion and integration of Roma and Sinti women. As well as what are strategic options to address integration and inclusion of Roma and Sinti women.

Michelle Mila van Burik, Chair of Roma Triana Association, Netherlands

Angela Kocze, Hungarian Academy of Science, Hungary

Joanna Goodey, Head of the Freedoms and Justice Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (FRA)

Andrzej Mirga, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR)

Moderator: **Ambassador Timo Kantola**, Permanent Mission of Finland to the OSCE

Rapporteur: **Dea Hannust**, Counsellor, Permanent Mission of the Republic of Estonia to the OSCE

16:45 – 17:15

Conclusions from Sessions and Closing Remarks

Rapporteurs

Ambassador Miroslava Beham, Senior Adviser on Gender Issues, Office of the Secretary General