

## Calendar of events January 2005 – December 2005

ACTIVITY / EVENT	DATE	PLACE	ORGANIZERS/ CONTACTS FOR FURTHER INFORMATION	ODIHR CPRSI OR /AND OSCE INSTITUTIONS INPUT	RELEVANT OSCE ACTION PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS
<b>January 2005</b>					
Slovenia holds the OSCE Chairmanship in 2005.					
Luxembourg starts officially the rotating Presidency of the EU					
Start of Roma internship of EC	Tbc				
Presidential elections in Croatia	2	Croatia			
Board Meeting ERRC		Budapest Hungary			
Meeting of the preparatory committee of the Congress of Roma in Croatia	9				
Beginning of Slovenian CiO of the OSCE for 2005	10		OSCE		
Inauguration of the 2005 OSCE Chairmanship at the Permanent Council	13-14	Vienna, Austria	OSCE		
Roma program Secretariat RUBW (Roma, Use Your Ballot Wisely!)	15-16	Novy Sad, Vojvodina, Serbia	RUBW		
Regional meeting of elected Roma representatives	tbc	Skopje, FYROM	ODIHR /DROM /CRISS		
Permanent Council	19	Vienna, Austria			
Meeting of "Roma Club" – Roma Contact Group	20				
Second Preparatory Seminar for the 13th OSCE Economic Forum: Migration from an economic, environmental and security perspective.	24-25	Almaty, Kazakhstan	OSCE		

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Roma Challenges – Education and Media	25	Brussels	European Parliament		
Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) - Plenary session,	24-28	Strasbourg, France	Council of Europe		
Presentation of the priorities of the EU Presidency	27	Vienna, Austria	OSCE		
Addressing Ethnic Profiling and Discrimination in Policing in Europe	27-28	Budapest, Hungary	Open Society Justice Initiative		
<b>FEBRUARY 2005</b>					
Launch of the Decade of Roma Inclusion (2005-2015)	2	Sofia, Bulgaria	World Bank, Secretariat of the Decade, Hungarian authorities		
Workshop: „Against Discrimination: Roma – Administration – Police: the experience of mutual cooperation”.	10-11	Wroclaw, Poland	Thesaurus Association-Wroclaw / Ministry of Internal Affairs, Lower Silesian Governor’s Office ODIHR /		
EU PSC/OSCE Troika	14	Vienna, Austria			
Meeting of the Government and Roma Congress to discuss the national strategy on Roma	14	Zagreb, Croatia			
Equal Access to Healthcare in Hungary	18	Budapest, Hungary	Hungarian Ministry of Health, Social and Family Affairs, European Roma Right Center, and Ratky and Partners		
Hearing -- Grand Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights-- Nachova vs Bulgaria case	23	Strasbourg, France.			
Winter Session of OSCE Parliamentary Assembly	24-25 confirmed	Vienna, Austria	OSCE		
Observation of parliamentary elections in Tajikistan	27 confirmed	Tajikistan	OSCE		
Observation of parliamentary elections in Tajikistan	27 confirmed	Kyrgyzstan	OSCE		
Alliance in Trafficking in Persons Conference: "Taking a Stand:	28 confirmed	Vienna, Austria	OSCE		

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Effective Victim Assistance and Protection of Victims of Trafficking					
UN Beijing + 10 year Review of the Implementation of the Platform for Action	28 Feb.-8 March	New York			
Launch of the Roma Decade in national countries	dates TBC				
Public hearing in BiH as part of the "Roma, use your ballot wisely!" project	Tbc	Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina	ODIHR /DROM		
Public hearing in Croatia as part of the "Roma, use your ballot wisely!" project	Tbc	Zagreb, Croatia	ODIHR /DROM		
Hearing on Romani women, hosted by the EU Parliament's Commission on Gender Equality	Tbc	Brussels, Belgium	Council Of Europe / Roma And Travellers Division		
<b>MARCH 2005</b>					
Hearing - Regular Chamber of the European Court of Human Rights – Ostrava vs. Czech Republic case	1	Strasbourg, France			
Parliamentary elections in Moldova	6 confirmed	Moldova			
Seminar: Anti-discrimination law for judges and lawyers in Croatia	7	Zagreb, Croatia			
Third Preparatory Seminar of the 13th OSCE Economic Forum "Integrating Persons belonging to National Minorities: Economic and other perspectives"	10-11	Kiev, Ukraine	OSCE		
Municipal elections in Macedonia	13 confirmed	FYROM			
Conference "Prioritizing Desegregation of Roma in Europe with regard to Education"	17-19	Budapest, Hungary	OSI Budapest MEP Victoria Mohacsi		

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Field visit and local Round Table in Montenegro on Access of Roma to Employment	20-22	Podgorica, SCG	Montenegrine authorities, OSCE, CoE Office		
UN International Day of Fight Against Racism	21				
EU-OSCE ministerial Troika meeting	23	Brussels, Belgium	EU / OSCE		
Hearing on the situation of Romani Women	31-1 April	Vienna, Austria	Council of Europe		
Roma and Social Inclusion Conference	Tbc	Brussels	EC-DG Empl.		
<b>APRIL 2005</b>					
Workshop "Building the capacity of OSCE Field Officers in developing and implementing human rights education projects in formal education in the OSCE participating States"	5-6	Warsaw, Poland	OSCE / ODIHR		
19 <sup>th</sup> MSG-Rom meeting	7-8	Strasbourg, France	CoE		
International Roma Day	8	Europe			
Protest organized by Travellers in UK (title TBC)	9	London, UK			
Public Hearing in Parliament on Roma National Programme for Roma	12	Kiev, Ukraine	CoE, Ukrainian Parliament, Roma NGOs		
Decade of Roma Integration Program 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the International Steering Committee (ISC)	15	Budapest, Hungary	Decade Secretariat, World Bank, OSI, CoE		
Meeting of Roma focal points within OSCE in South Eastern Europe	15	Belgrade, Serbia	OSCE Mission in Belgrade (TBC)		

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Workshop on Recommendations of the EU Report in Situation of Roma in EU countries Report: "Roma in an enlarged EU"	18	Brussels, Belgium	EU / EC Directorate General Employment and Social Affairs		
Expanded Bureau Meeting of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly	18 confirmed	Copenhagen, Denmark	OSCE		
Meeting of the informal Contact Group on Roma and Sinti and Travellers	19	Brussels, Belgium	Council of Europe, Luxemburg EU Presidency, EC, OSCE/ODIHR		
Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting Topic: Challenges of Election Technologies And Procedures	21-22	Vienna, Austria	OSCE		
Regional Round Table on "Access to Employment for Roma"	25-26	Skopje, FYROM	Council of Europe, Project RSPSEE		
Expert Meeting on Violence against Women	28-29	Paris, France	OSCE		
<b>MAY 2005</b>					
Local elections in Croatian	Tba	Croatia			
Dissolving Barriers - Intercultural Dialogue In Europe	4-8	Rieti, Italy	Associazione Rieti Immigrant - Provincia (Italy) / Unione Italiana Sport Per Tutti (Italy) & Football Against Racism Europe (FARE) Red Cross Finland (Finland) / Universal Embassy (Belgium) /World Uyghur Congress (Germany) /Youth Human Rights Movement (Russia) /UNITED for Intercultural Action <a href="http://www.unitedagainstracism.org">http://www.unitedagainstracism.org</a>		
Donors' Briefing and Appeal	5	Mitrovice, FYROM	Office OF pRIme Minister, Ministry of Returns and Communities, Ministry of Environmental and Spatial Planning, Municipality of Mitrovice, UNMIK		
Meeting on the focus points on Roma and Sinti in the OSCE mission in South-Eastern countries	6	Belgrade, Serbia			

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Training in anti-discrimination law for lawyers from Czech Republic, Germany, Poland, Slovakia, and Sweden.	5-7	Budapest, Hungary			
International Colloquium entitled "Romania And The European Union In 2007".	6	Timisoara, Romania	<a href="http://www.geocities.com/sisec_uvt/conference2005.html">www.geocities.com/sisec_uvt/conference2005.html</a>		
OSCE ODIHR Human Dimension Seminar On Migration and Integration	11-13	Warsaw, Poland	OSCE ODIHR		
OSCE Fourth Sub-regional Conference of the Parliamentary Assembly	12-14	Tromso, Norway	OSCE		
Regional discussion on <i>Romani Politics Present and Future</i>	13-14	Sinaia, Romania	Project on Ethnic Relations Regional (Central, East and Southeast Europe.		
The Second International Romani Studies Conference in Istanbul	14-15	Istanbul, Turkey	IRSN- international Romani Studies Network irsn@mac.com; romanistudies@mac.com nerdilek@bilgi.edu.tr		
The 3rd Summit of Heads of State and Government of Council of Europe member states	16-17	Warsaw, Poland	Council of Europe		
International conference „Internal Market of the European Union and Roma Minorities in the New Member States and Candidate Countries	16-17	Bratislava, Slovakia	Friedrich Naumann Foundation and the Club of Roma Entrepreneurs of SR		
1 <sup>st</sup> meeting of the Working Group on Human Rights of Irregular Migrants	18-19	Strasbourg, France	Council of Europe		
OSCE Thirteenth meeting of the Economic Forum	23-27	Prague, Czech Republic	OSCE		
Roma Site event on OSCE Action Plan	24	Prague, Czech Republic	CPRSI		
Decade of Roma Integration Program	26	Prague, Czech Republic	Decade Secretariat, World Bank, OSI, CoE		
6 <sup>th</sup> meeting of the International					

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Steering Committee (ISC)					
11th session of the working group on minorities	30 May-3 June	Geneva, Switzerland	United Nations Office of High Commissioner for Human Rights <a href="mailto:sejran1@yahoo.com">sejran1@yahoo.com</a> .		
<b>JUNE 2005</b>					
Conference on "The Helsinki Process and the Demise of Communism"	5-7	Prague, Czech Republic	OSCE		
RAXI (Racism, Antisemitism, Xenophobia, Intolerance) campaign	5-12	Strasbourg, France	FERYP - the Forum of European Roma Young People <a href="http://www.youthforum.org/en/courier/documents/April/FERYP.doc">www.youthforum.org/en/courier/documents/April/FERYP.doc</a>		
OSCE Conference on Anti-Semitism and on Other Forms of Intolerance	8-9	Cordoba, Spain	OSCE		
3 <sup>rd</sup> Amsterdam Internet Conference	17-18	Amsterdam, the Netherlands	OSCE		
Parliamentary Elections in Bulgaria	25	Bulgaria			
Hearing on repatriation of Roma, Askhalie, Egyptians from the UE countries to Serbia/Kosovo	27	Brussels, Belgium	Contact: M. Demirovski		
EU European Parliament: debate within EP MPs Group "Roma Forum" on situation of the Roma women	28		Contact: Isabela Mihalache		
<b>JULY 2005</b>					
OSCE 14th Annual Session of the Parliamentary Assembly	1-5	Washington, DC	OSCE		
Meeting of IRU Parliament	2	Belgrade, Serbia			
Parliamentary Elections in Albania	3	Albania			

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Roma Rights Summer Workshop	3-12	Budapest	European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) Info: SummerWorkshop@errc.org,		
2nd Ad Hoc Group on a Curriculum Framework for Romani	4-5	Strasbourg, France	CoE		
Meeting ODIHR and the British Embassy on education of Roma children in Poland	7	Warsaw, Poland	ODIHR/OSCE / British Embassy, Ministry of Internal Affairs		
Meeting of the Coordination Group OSCE-CoE	8	Strasbourg, CoE			
Meeting of OSCE and CoE senior officers	8-9	Strasbourg, France			
Roma Diplomacy Training Programme	9-11	Bucharest, Romania	CoE, Roma trainees, Romanian Authorities, ERIO		
Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting. Topic: Human Rights and the Fight against Terrorism	14-15	Vienna, Austria	OSCE		
Lecture to the course on Public Diplomacy	14-16	Bucharest, Romania	Contact: Valeriu Nicolae		
Conference on NDI program on Roma Political Participation in Central and Eastern Europe	14-17	Ohrid, Macedonia	ODIHR CPRSI ORSI		
Consultation meeting on the issue of early marriages within Roma communities in Romania	17	Bucharest, Romania	Romani CRISS / ODIHR CPRSI		
Meeting organized by the EC "Roma and the Structural Funds"	19	Bucharest, Romania	Ministry of Labour, Social Solidarity and Family, European Commission		
30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Helsinki Final Act	31 Jul-1 Aug	Helsinki, Finland	OSCE		
<b>AUGUST 2005</b>					
Commemoration of extermination of Sinti and Roma deportees in Auschwitz -Birkenau	2-3	Oswiecim, Poland			
Cultural festival in Stara Zagora	10-13	Stara Zagora, Bulgaria			



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First European Roma Congress "Europe, Balkans, Macedonia, the Roma"	19-20	Skopje, FYROM	Association "Romano Ilo", Institute for Folklor, History Institute, Institute for Sociological and Political Sciences		
Elections of Mayor in Shuto Orizari, Macedonia	21	Shuto Orizari, FYROM			
First European Roma Congress "Europe, Balkans, Macedonia, the Roma"	22-24	Skopje, FYROM			
<b>SEPTEMBER 2005</b>					
Hearing between Language Charter Experts' Committee and ERTF on Romani Language	tbc	Strasbourg, France	CoE, DGI Language Charter (A. Bultrini) ERTF, Ruth Amar		
Visit to Turkish Ministries and Roma NGOs	tbc	Ankara, Turkey	CoE, Turkish Authorities, EC in Turkey		
Meeting of the informal Contact Group on Roma UK EU Presidency, Sinti and Travellers between international org.	tbc	Brussels, Belgium	CoE, UK EU Presidency, OSCE- ODIHR		
UNHCR Seminar on Standards of Treatment of Asylum seekers and access to social rights	tbd	Skopje, FYROM	CoE, UNHCR		
Visit to Ukrainian Ministries and Roma NGOs on the National Programme for Roma	tbd	Kiev, Ukraine	CoE, State authorities and Roma NGOs, MG-S-ROM		
Visit to Ukrainian Ministries and Roma NGOs on the National Programme for Roma	tbc	Kiev, Ukraine	State authorities and Roma NGOs MG-S-ROM		
UNHCR Workshop n Access to Social and Implementation of the Programme for Roma	tbc	Zlatibor, Serbia	CoE, UNHCR, Albanian Authorities		
OSCE / Sweden Conference on Women in Peace-keeping	4-5	Stockholm, Sweden	OSCE		
35th Annual Conference and 10th Research Conference: Past and Future Enlargements	5-7	Zagreb, Croatia	EU <a href="http://www.uaces.org/zagreb.htm">http://www.uaces.org/zagreb.htm</a>		

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Meeting organized by France on trafficking in human beings in SEE countries	8-9	Bucharest, Romania			
Meeting of the Coordination Group OSCE-CoE	12	Strasbourg, France	CoE, OSCE		
OSCE meeting of police experts: Improving The Effectiveness of Law Enforcement In Preventing and Combating Hate Crimes	12-13	Vienna, Austria	OSCE		
60th Session of UN General Assembly	12-18	New York, USA	UN		
OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting	19-30	Warsaw, Poland	ODIHR / OSCE		
Parliamentary elections in Poland	25	Poland			
Seminar on the Framework Convention and Implementation of the National Programme for Roma	27-28 tbc	Tirana, Albania	DG II-Minorities Division, Albanian Authorities		
Seminar: New Governance of Immigration, Refugee Protection and Minority Politics in a New Europe: the EU enlargement as a challenge to the European Union migration regime"	29 Sept-2 Oct	Valetta, Malta	European Migration Centre, Germany mailto: conferences@emz-berlin.de		
<b>OCTOBER 2005</b>					
Ad Hoc Working Group on Draft Rec. on National Policies towards Roma and Travellers	3-4	Madrid, Spain	CoE, MG-S-ROM members, experts		
Presidential elections in Poland	9	Poland			
Meeting on Roma organized by the EU EP Liberal group	13-14	Bucharest, Romania			
International Conference on Roma and Sinti, "Implementing the OSCE Action Plan for Improvement of the Situation of the Roma and Sinti"	20-21 Tbc	Warsaw, Poland (tbc-maybe in Romania)	OSCE/ODIHR, Slovenian OSCE Presidency, Polish authorities, CoE		

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<b>NOVEMBER 2005</b>					
Joint DG1/DG3 Seminar on Romani Language	Tbc		CoE DG1, ERTF		
Parliamentary elections in Azerbaijan		Azerbaijan			
OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting Topic: Role of defense lawyers in guaranteeing a fair trial	3-4	Tbilisi, Georgia	OSCE		
20th MG-S-ROM meeting	20-23	Sinaia (tbc), Romania	CoE, MG-S-ROM members, experts		
<b>DECEMBER 2005</b>					
OSCE Ministerial Council	5-6	Slovenia	OSCE		
First Plenary Assembly Meeting of the European Roma and Travellers Forum	13-15 tbc	Strasbourg	ERTF, CoE		
<b>EVENTS TO BE FIXED IN 2005 and 2006</b>					
Round table on national strategy for Roma, Education and minorities policies	tbc	Chisinau, Moldova	State authorities and Roma NGOs DGIV (Education), DGII (Minorities)		
Conference on Reproductive Rights and Trafficking of Romani women	Postponed 2006	Stockholm, Sweden	CoE, Swedish and Norwegian authorities IRWN, FERYP		
Seminar on Roma and the Police		Strasbourg, France	CoE, RrAJE, OSCE-ODIHR		
Meeting on Trafficking Issues		Athens, Greece	Greek and Albanian authorities		