

Statement
OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting 2015
Serbian Roma Youth Association
Republic of Serbia

**Working Session 16: Tolerance and non-discrimination I (continued), including:
Implementation of the OSCE Action Plan on Improving the Situation of Roma and Sinti**

In Serbia the greatest interest for the Roma community and problem is during the elections. They come to the settlement, giving a lot of promises but when the elections end no one come back to the settlement.

Lack of adequate information is reflected on the motivation of youth especially young Roma women to actively engage in the political life of the community, the invisibility of good practices and positive image of Roma youth. There is no any influence of young Roma on the questions and issues that affect them and for their solution. Lack of trust in local and state institutions, organizations dealing with youth, prevent the Roma youth to engage in social and political developments of modern society at local and state level.

Roma youth is very poorly informed about the possibilities of non-formal education, and i want to emphasize that programmes witch are dealing with Roma youth are also very rare and under-organized, and even less in line with the needs and interests of young Roma.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- Roma and Sinti youth need to be part of OSCE Action plan for Youth;
- Improving of cooperation between the local Office for Youth and Roma youth in Serbia;
- Including Roma Youth in preparation, monitoring and evaluation the policy which affect them on local, national, regional level, and in OSCE area.