

CONFRONTING ANTI-GYPSYISM
THE ROLE OF POLITICAL LEADERS IN COUNTERING DISCRIMINATION,
RACISM, HATE CRIMES AND VIOLENCE AGAINST ROMA AND SINTI
COMMUNITIES

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Agenda

10:00 – 10:15

Welcome and opening remarks

Michael Roth, Minister of State for Europe, German Federal Foreign Office

10:15 – 11:15

Opening panel

Moderator: Anastasia Crickley, Chairperson of the UN Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination

Thorbjørn Jagland, Secretary General of the Council of Europe

Michael Georg Link, Director of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights

Romani Rose, Chairperson of the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma

Discussion

11:15 – 11:30

Break: Connect, talk, act

11:30 – 12:45

Panel debate: Anti-Gypsyism in political discourse - challenges and trends

Moderator: Valeriu Nicolae, Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Roma Issues

Isabel Santos, Vice-President of the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Péter Niedermüller, Member of the European Parliament

Gabriela Hrabáňová, Policy Coordinator, European Roma Grassroots Organizations Network, Alliance against Anti-Gypsyism

Tobias Zech, Member of the German Bundestag and the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, Rapporteur of the Committee on Equality and Non-discrimination on Promoting Roma Inclusion

Discussion

12:45 – 14:00

Lunch break: Connect, talk, act

14:00 – 15:15

Panel debate: The role of political leaders in countering discrimination, racism and hate crimes against Roma and Sinti communities – existing initiatives and coalition building

Moderator: Željko Jovanović, Director of the Open Society Roma Initiatives Office

Milena Santerini, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, General Rapporteur on Combating Racism and Intolerance, Co-ordinator of the No Hate Alliance

Mischa Thompson, Commission on Security and Cooperation in Europe (U.S. Helsinki Commission)

Soraya Post, Member of the European Parliament, Co-President of the Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI)

Doris Barnett, Member of the German Bundestag and the OSCE Parliamentary Assembly

Ciprian Necula, State Secretary, Ministry of European Funds of Romania

Discussion

15:15 – 16:00

Closing panel: Reflection and conclusions

Moderator: Roland Ferkovics, Political Scientist, Researcher

Thomas Hammarberg, President of the Swedish Commission against Anti-Gypsyism

Nicoleta Bițu, President, Democratic Federation for Roma

16:00 – 16:30

Closing

Claudia Roth, Vice-President of the German Bundestag