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Workshop

“Understanding Transnational Roma Migration: Challenges and Perspectives for Romania and Norway”

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Workshop Programme

28 September 2016: Arrival of Norwegian partners

29 September 2016: Workshop Day 1: “Health, Gender, and Aging of Migrant Communities”

In this workshop the participants will address questions related to the health status of Roma migrants, the barriers in their access to health care in host countries, the knowledge, use and assessment made by different Roma migrant groups (e.g. women, men, youth, older migrants) with respect to health care provision. A strong focus will be put on using an intersectional approach to the study of Roma migration in order to better capture the experiences and struggles of relevant Roma subgroups.

10:30–12:30 **Workshop, session 1**

Presentations

Ionela Vlase, *Lucian Blaga University of Sibiu*, “Situating Roma in Romanian Society: An Overview of Barriers to Social Inclusion”

Discussion

Topics of discussion:

- Drivers of Roma migration
- Mapping the diversity of Roma migrants’ destinations
- The quality of life of Roma in several domains: health, work, education, gender relations

12:30–13.45 Lunch

15:00–16:50 **Staff meeting**

16:50–17:10 Coffee break

17:10–18:50 **Workshop, session 2**

Presentations

Arild Schou, James Godbolt, and Lasse Sonne, *University College of Southeast Norway*,
“The Implementation of the Collective Right of the Roma People in Norway –
Contemporary and Historically”

Discussion

Topics of discussion:

- Individual and collective/group rights
- Health policies in Romania and Norway
- Access of ethnic groups to health care
- Knowledge and willingness of Roma to access health care services

30 September 2016: Workshop Day 2: “Roma Migration, Identity, and Memory”

Under this heading we are interested in finding out how do Roma migrant communities manage to preserve their belief system, values, and collective identities, if they manage to preserve them in the first place? Could we talk of a “diasporic memory” of the Roma migrant communities maintained through the use of oral tradition? How do Roma migrants remember their pre-migrant past, given their uneasy relationship with the Romanian statehood. Do they alienate themselves from the rich cultural traditions after they depart the milieu into which these traditions were rooted?

09.00–11.00 **Workshop, session 3**

Presentations

Cosima Rughiniş, *University of Bucharest*, “There’s No Past, No Explanation and No
Excuse: Remembering and Forgetting the Roma in Romanian History”

Melinda Dincă, *West University of Timișoara*, “Roma Beneficiaries Facing Public
Institutions on their Path to Labour Market”

Discussion

Topics of discussion:

- Cultural exclusion of ethnic minorities
- Mis/recognition of Roma qualifications beyond formal education
- Ethnic discrimination by employers
- Cultural norms and values in relation to work domain

12.15–13.30 Lunch

13.30–15.45 **Workshop, session 4**

Roundtable: Taking stock of Roma migration

16.00–17.30 **Workshop, session 5**

Roundtable: Horizon 2020 projects

17.45–18.45 Dinner

19.00–21.00 Social Programme: *Faust*

1 October 2016: Departure of Norwegian partners

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