



European Roma Summit

Brussels, 16 September 2008

Conference

10:30 – 19:30

**Charlemagne Building (CHAR), Rue de la loi 170, Brussels
Room 'Alcide de Gaspari' (S 3)**

Dinner

20:30 – 23:30

Autoworld, Parc du 50naire, Brussels

Programme

Morning session

9:30 – 10:30 **Registration (CHAR Ground floor) and Welcome Coffee (CHAR S 3 Lobby)**

10:30 – 10:40 **Opening**
José Manuel Barroso, President of the European Commission

10:40 – 10:50 **Key Note Address**
George Soros, Chairman of the Open Society Institute and Soros Foundations network

10:50 – 11:00 **Presentation of Roma video**

11:00 – 12:20 **Panel 'Time to Act – Building a Strong Partnership for Roma Inclusion'**
Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social affairs and Equal opportunities
Ján Figel, Commissioner for Education, Training, Culture and Youth
Christine Boutin, Minister for Housing and Urban Affairs (Presidency of the EU), France
Džamila Stehlíková, Minister for Human Rights and Minorities, Czech Republic
Livia Járóka, Member of the European Parliament
Viktória Mohácsi, Member of the European Parliament
Nicolae Gheorghe

Moderator: Shada Islam, journalist, Senior programme executive, European Policy Centre

Lunch Break

12:30 – 12:45 **Opening of exhibition with paintings by Kasum Cana, Croatia (*CHAR S 3 Lobby*)**

12:45 – 14:00 **Lunch (*CHAR S 3 Lobby*)**

Afternoon session

14:00 – 14:10 **Key note address**

Bernard Kouchner, Minister of Foreign and European Affairs (Presidency of the EU), France

14:10 – 15:25 **Policy Panel 'Global Responsibility'**

Chair: Mihnea Constantinescu, Special Envoyé of the Prime Minister on Roma Issues, Romania

Rapporteur: David Mark, Coordinator European Roma Policy Coalition

Nyamko Sabuni, Minister for Integration and Gender Equality, Sweden

Božidar Djelic, Deputy Prime Minister, Serbia

Magda Kósáné Kovacs, Member of the European Parliament

Soraya Post, President, International Roma Women's Network

Nezdet Mustafa, Minister without Portfolio, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Rudko Kawczynski, President, European Roma and Travellers Forum

Discussion

15:30 – 15:40 **Key note address**

Shigeo Katsu, Worldbank

15:40 - 16:40 **Policy Panel 'Policies that Work: A Can-Do-Approach to Inclusion'**

Chair: Lajos Korozs, Secretary of State, Hungary

Rapporteur: Gruia Bumbu, State secretary, National Agency for Roma, Romania

Andor Ürmös, Ministry for Social Affairs and Labour, Dept. of Roma Integration, Hungary

Isidro Rodríguez, Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Spain

Annemarie Sigmund, European Economic and Social Committee

Ivan Gabal, Gabal - Analysis & Consulting, Czech Republic

Eugenia Maria Roccella, Undersecretary of State for Employment, Health and Social Policies, Italy

Rumyan Russinov, Roma Education Fund

Discussion

16:40 – 17:10 **Coffee break (*CHAR S 3 Lobby*)**

17:10 – 17:20 **Key note address**

Romani Rose, Zentralrat der Sinti und Roma

17:20 – 18:35 Policy Panel 'Rights Based Perspective'

Chair: Ivan Ivanov, Executive Director, European Roma Information Office

Rapporteur: Michael Guët, Council of Europe

Jacques Barrot, Vice-president of the European Commission, Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs

Anastasia Crickley, Fundamental Rights Agency

Juan de Dios Ramírez Heredia, former MEP

Mohammed Aziz, ENAR

Valeriu Nicolae, European Roma Grassroots Organisation

Alexander Filipov, Deputy Minister in the Ministry of Emergency Situations, Bulgaria

Discussion

18:40 – 19:10 Closing panel 'The Way Forward – Towards Concrete Steps for Improvement'

Chair: Nikolaus G. van der Pas, Director-General for Employment, Social affairs and Equal opportunities, European Commission

Rapporteurs

Andrzej Mirga, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights, Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe

Amparo Valcarce García, Secretary of State, Spain

19:15 – 19:30 Conclusions

Vladimír Špidla, Commissioner for Employment, Social affairs and Equal opportunities

Evening

20:30 – 23:30 Dinner and cultural event (*Autoworld*)