

Public Health in Macedonia and Roma: What Was Done and What Is Next?"

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DRAFT AGENDA

10:00 – 10:20 Opening

Slavica Indzevska, MSc, Foundation Open Society Institute
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10:20 – 10:30 Introduction

Neda Milevska – Kostova, MSc, MCPPM, Center for Regional
Policy Research and Cooperation "Studiorum", Skopje

10:30 – 11:45 Challenges in the implementation of laws, policies and plans related to health service provision for the Roma population in Macedonia

- Coordination of programs, projects and activities in the field of health care intended for the Roma community,
Representative from the Government of the Republic of Macedonia
- Practices and mechanisms on addressing health protection problems of marginalized groups
(Mjelma Mehmeti, MA, Chief of Cabinet of the Ministry of Health of the Republic of Macedonia)
- Submissions to the Ombudsman concerning health protection rights
(Ms. Nevenka Krusarovska, Ombudsman's Office of the Republic of Macedonia)
- Exercising health protection right: general overview of legal aspects and cases from the practice
(Borjan Pavlovski, MD, Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women "ESE", Skopje)
- Experience and results from the vaccination project
(Ms. Sarita Jasarova, Association for Promotion and Protection of the Rights of Women and Children "LIL", Skopje)
- Roma women health,
(Ms. Sebihana Skenderovska, National Roma Centre "NRC", Kumanovo)
- Health aspects of groups of special interest (CSW, IDUs, MSM, etc.),
(Ninoslav Mladenovic, MA, Ludwig Boltzmann Institute of Human Rights, Skopje)

Moderator: Ms. Jasminka Frischik,

Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women "ESE", Skopje)

11:45 – 12:00

Coffee break

12:00 – 12:30

Presentation of positive practices/programs

- The role of health mediators in resolving problems related to health protection access for the Roma community: from a non - governmental initiative to integral part of the health care system in Romania
(**Ms. Mariana Buceanu**, National Agency for Roma, Romania)
- Reproductive health of Roma women in Serbia, health education and preventive care
(**Mr. Marjan Muratovic**, Center for Education and Health "JAK – ER", Serbia)
- Institutionalization of addressing Roma issues and local government's involvement in the exercise of access to health services in the Municipality of Stip, Macedonia
(**Mr. Erol Ademov**, officer on resolving community members' issues, Municipality of Stip)

Moderator: Eben Friedman, PhD.

Independent Consultant

12:30 – 13:50

Discussion: Possibilities for Change: What Is Next and How to Proceed?

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13:50 – 14:00

Conclusions; recommendations

14:00

Lunch