

# SHARING BEST PRACTICES AND TOOLS IN ADDRESSING THE SEXUAL AND REPRODUCTIVE HEALTH AND RIGHTS OF ROMA

28-29 March 2007  
Hotel Devin, Bratislava, Slovakia



## CONFERENCE AGENDA

### Day 1

**08.30 REGISTRATION OF PARTICIPANTS**

**09.00 Start of the day**

#### **INTRODUCTORY SPEECHES**

- Vicky Claeys, Regional Director, IPPF European Network
- The Slovak Office for Roma Plenipotentiary
- European Policymaker (*to be confirmed*)

#### **TESTIMONY FROM A ROMA WOMAN**

- **Access to High-Quality SRHR: An Everyday Struggle for Roma**  
Viera Kroščenová, Slovakia

#### **ROMANI ACTIVISTS SPEAK OUT**

- **Challenges for Roma in View of Sexuality and Sexual Orientation**  
David Tišer, Romani activist, Czech Republic
- **Romani women's Rights Seen Through a Roma Lens**  
Ostalinda Ovalle Maya, Women's Rights Officer, ERRC, Budapest

**11.00 – 11.30 Coffee/ tea break**

#### **PRESENTATION**

- **SRHR Status and Needs of Roma across Europe**  
IPPF

### **PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

The aim of this session is to draft a conference statement on sexual and reproductive health and rights of Roma which could be a useful advocacy tool towards policymakers.

A working group consisting of conference participants will further refine the statement to be issued and endorsed at the end of the conference.

**13.00 - 14.30**      **Lunch**

### **PARALLEL GROUP DISCUSSIONS**

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- Mediators
- Working with media
- Community and primary stakeholder involvement
- Youth and peer education
- Social and cultural issues in working with Roma minorities (traditions, taboo, discrimination, gender issues, etc)
- SRHR services
- Partnerships
- Social inclusion of Roma minorities
- Roma Rights

Each group will be requested to come up with 2-3 programme recommendations on best practices regarding the topic discussed.

**16.00 – 16.30**      **Coffee/ tea break**

### **FINAL SESSION:**

- **SRHR for the marginalized groups in Central Europe including Roma**  
Impressions from the IPPF project

**17.00**      **Close of the day**

# Day 2

**9.00 Start of the day**

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**10.30 – 11.00 Coffee/ tea break**

## **FREE SESSION ON BURNING TOPICS**

Participants have the opportunity to share their best practices and tools on burning topics which were not covered in previous group discussions.

**12.30 – 14.00 Lunch**

## **PLENARY SESSION**

- **Programme recommendations:** reporting back on outcomes of group discussions; discussion on and endorsement of programme recommendations that came out of the group discussions

**15.30 – 16.00 Coffee/ tea break**

## **PLENARY SESSION**

- **Policy statement:** presentation of policy statement by conference working group; discussion and endorsement of the statement

**17.00 Closing of conference**