

**Pre-defined project “Strengthening anti-discriminatory measures at national level  
through large participation of professionals and civil society”**

**Programme RO10 “Children and Youth at risk and Local and Regional Initiatives to reduce  
national inequalities and to promote social inclusion”**

**Study visit to the Council of Europe**

**Dates:** 22 - 23 September 2015

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4. Istvan Haller - NCCD
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8. Gălan Marius Ionel - Judge
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12. Mihalaş Turcuş Ramona - Judge
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18. Mihaela Mocanu - Judge
19. Elena Bogatu - Judge

### **Objectives:**

- To get to know directly Council of Europe structures and their work
- To provide with a wider European perspective and increase motivation and commitment for quality local interventions
- To facilitate the exchange of ideas and improve knowledge related to tools, procedures and practical measures to promote human rights and equality of opportunities developing a promotion campaign (including social media) regarding the issue of discrimination in Romania

### **Proposed activities:**

- Guided tour of the Council of Europe , information session
- Presentations of the activities done and of the resources produced by different structures and departments of the Council of Europe, including:
  - o Court of the Human Rights
  - o European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)
  - o Education for Democratic Citizenship and Human Rights Education
  - o Roma policy
  - o CoE campaigns

### **Draft programme:**

#### **Day 1: 22 September, Tuesday**

*Place of the morning meetings on 22 September: Avenue de l'Europe, Agora, Room G02. Please, come 20 minutes before the meeting and bring the passports/ IDs with photo.*

#### **9.30 – 10.30 Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation, Directorate General of Democracy (DGII)**

Mr Villano QIRIAZI, Head of Education Policy Division

*The overall mandate of the DGII is to support the implementation of the Council of Europe action promoting democratic governance, and to implement its programme of activities strengthening sustainable democratic societies and democratic responses to crisis situations, promoting social cohesion and the social defences against discrimination, cultural diversity, intercultural dialogue, democratic citizenship and participation of all, including that of children, minorities and young people*

#### **10.30 – 11.00 Coffee break**

#### **11.00 – 12.00 European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)**

Meeting with Mr. Pierre MASSON - Programme adviser

*ECRI is a human rights body of the Council of Europe, composed of independent experts, which monitors problems of racism, xenophobia, antisemitism, intolerance and discrimination*

on grounds such as "race", national/ethnic origin, colour, citizenship, religion and language (racial discrimination); it prepares reports and issues recommendations to member States.

For information about ECRI's work, please note that all of its publications are available for free consultation and download on its website: <http://www.coe.int/ecri>

**12.00 – 14.00** Lunch

Place of the afternoon meeting on 22 September: Court of Human Rights, Avenue de l'Europe. Please, take the badges received in the morning and the passports/IDs with photo.

**14.00 – 16.30** Visit to the European Court of Human Rights

*The European Court of Human Rights is an international court set up in 1959. It rules on individual or State applications alleging violations of the civil and political rights set out in the European Convention on Human Rights. Since 1998 it has sat as a full-time court and individuals can apply to it directly.*

*In almost fifty years the Court has delivered more than 10,000 judgments. These are binding on the countries concerned and have led governments to alter their legislation and administrative practice in a wide range of areas. The Court's case-law makes the Convention a powerful living instrument for meeting new challenges and consolidating the rule of law and democracy in Europe.*

**14.30- 15.30** Meeting with Ms. Iulia Motoc, Judge elected in respect of Romania

**15.30-16.30** Meeting with Ms. Carmela Apostol, Romanian lawyer in the Court's Registry

**16.30** End of programme at the Court

**Day 2: 23 September, Wednesday**

Place of the morning meeting on 23 September: Main entrance of the Palais de l'Europe, Avenue de l'Europe at 9.15. Please, take the badges and passports/ IDs with photo.

**9.45 – 10.15** Informative introduction on the Council of Europe and visit of the Debating Chamber of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe

*The introduction will give an insight into the work of members of parliament, diplomats, experts and other representatives from members states who come to the Palais de l'Europe to work together and to find common solutions to today's major problems.*

**10.15 – 11.30** Lecture given by Mr. Daniel POPESCU, Head of Good Governance Division in DGII, on "The role of the Council of Europe in the European political landscape"- **Room 3** (second floor of the Palais)

*The conference will be held in Romanian.*

**12.30 – 14.00** *Lunch*

**14.00– 15.00** **Council of Europe Roma policy –Room 10 Palais de l'Europe**

Ms. Isabela MIHALACHE, member of the Support team of the Special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues

*The Council of Europe began its involvement with the Roma in 1969 by adopting the first official text on the "situation of Gypsies and other Travellers in Europe". In 1983 the Council organised the first training seminar for teachers working with Roma children. In 1993 the Roma population was declared a European minority.*

**15.00 – 16.00** *CoE campaigns (tbc)*

**16.00 – 16.30** **Conclusions of the Study visit**

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