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**Public hearing**

**on**

***Anti-gypsyism – possible responses***

**Draft agenda**

**Tuesday 5 April 2016, 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**EESC, meeting room JDE 51**

**9:00 | Registration**

**9:30 | Welcome and opening session**

* **Pavel Trantina**, European economic and Social Committee
* **Ákos Topolánszky,** European economic and Social Committee

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| **9:45 |** | **PANEL 1 AND DEBATE*****The nature of anti-gypsyism, xenophobia and racism*** |

 ***Moderator: Ákos Topolánszky (EESC)***

Panellists:

* **Cristian Pîrvulescu**, EESC permanent study group "Immigration and Integration" (IMI)
* **Julie Pascoet,** European Network Against Racism (ENAR)
* **Ilvia Bajrami**, European Roma Grassroots org. network (ERGO Network)
* **Marta Pinto**, European Roma Information Office (Erio)

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| **11:15 |** | **PANEL 2 AND DEBATE*****Instruments to combat anti-gypsyism, xenophobia and racism*** |

 ***Moderator: Ákos Topolánszky (EESC)***

Panellists:

* **Christel Mercade Piqueras and Pia Lindholm**, European Commission, DG Justice
* **Miranda Vuolasranta**, Roma Expert
* **Anna Striethorst,** Open Society Foundations (OSF)
* **Isabela Mihalache,** CoE

**12:30 | Concluding remarks**

* **Ákos Topolánszky**

**13:00 | End of the hearing**

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| **PRACTICAL INFORMATION*****Venue****:* European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), building Jacques Delors, salle JDE 51, rue Belliard 99 - 1040 Brussels***Interpreting:***Participants can* **speak in** French, English, Italian, Spanish, Swedish, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Bulgarian
* **listen to** French, English, Hungarian, Lithuanian, Bulgarian

Coffee/tea at disposal |