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| ***Section on Employment, Social Affairs and Citizenship***  ***Permanent Study Group on Inclusion of the Roma*** |

**Public hearing on**

**Roma women's**

**participation in public life**

**Draft agenda**

**Friday 2 September 2016, 9.30 a.m. – 1 p.m.**

**EESC, meeting room VMA 1**

**9:00 a.m. | Registration**

**9:30 a.m. | Welcome and opening session**

* **Soraya Post**, European Parliament
* **Ákos Topolánszky,** European Economic and Social Committee
* **Jana Balazova**, European Commission, DG JUST

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| **9:45 a.m. |** | **PANEL 1 AND DEBATE**  ***The situation of Roma women: Looking at the causes of exclusion*** |

***Moderator: Erika Koller (EESC)***

Panellists:

* **Sheena Keller,** Fundamental Rights Agency
* **Isabela Mihalache**, Council of Europe
* **Marta Pinto**, European Roma Information Office (ERIO)

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| **11:15 a.m. |** | **PANEL 2 AND DEBATE**  ***Successful examples and practices for Roma women's participation*** |

***Moderator: Madi Sharma (EESC)***

Panellists:

* **Ágnes Daróczi**, vice-president European Roma and Travellers Forum
* **Sandra Heredia Fernández**,Fakali, Spain
* **Daniela Novac**, Key Roma Project, Belgium

Roundtable with ERIO, European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), Eurodiaconia, European Women Lobby

**12:30 a.m. | Concluding remarks**

* **Ákos Topolánszky**

**1 p.m. | End of the hearing**

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| **PRACTICAL INFORMATION**  ***Venue****:*  European Economic and Social Committee (EESC), Van Maerlant building, Room VMA 1,  Rue Van Maerlant, 2 - 1040 Brussels  ***Interpreting:***  Participants can   * **speak in French, English, Spanish, Italian, Dutch, Hungarian, Bulgarian, Sweden, Lithuanian** * **listen to** **English, Hungarian, Bulgarian**   Coffee/tea at disposal |