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# CONFERENCE ROMA INCLUSION CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL

European Parliament, Brussels,  
Altiero Spinelli Building - Room A3G-2  
Thursday 5 December 2013 - 09:00 - 12:30  
Interpretation in English, French, German, Spanish and Italian

## AGENDA

**MODERATOR:** Mark **ROGERSON**, Director, Grapevine Communications

### 09:00 - 09:20 OPENING REMARKS

1. **Hannes SWOBODA** - MEP, President S&D Group
2. **Sylvie GUILLAUME** - MEP, Vice-President S&D Group
3. **Roger STONE** - Council leader of Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council,  
CoR Rapporteur on Roma integration, United Kingdom

### 09:20 - 11:00 DEBATE: Good practices in Roma projects and financing opportunities at local, national and European level

1. **Andriana SUKOVA TOSHEVA** - Director of "Social Market Economy in Member states-I; ESF", DG Employment, in the European Commission
2. **Jean-François PLOQUIN** - Director General of the Forum Réfugiés-Cosi, Lyon, France
3. **Francisca PLEGUEZUELOS AGUILAR** – Head of the Andalusia Regional Delegation to the European Union
4. **Alekos TSOLAKIS** - Expert policy coordinator of the European Commission, DG REGIO, responsible for promoting local Roma integrated housing interventions
5. **Kinga GONCZ** - S&D MEP, Vice-Chair of the LIBE Committee

**11:00 - 12:30 DEBATE: Roma inclusion in a Europe without borders**

1. **Dilek KOLAT** - Berlin Senator for Labour, Integration and Women's Affairs, Germany
2. **Heinz SCHADEN** - Mayor of Salzburg, CoR Member, Austria
3. **Lili MAKAVEEVA** - Director Integro Association, Bulgaria
4. **Damian DRAGHICI** - Counsellor of the Prime Minister;  
Senator - Committee for Culture, Art and Mass Media, Romania
5. **Ioan ENCIU** - S&D MEP