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2nd Roma Forum Meeting: Cooperation Strategies and Social Inclusion

On Tuesday, November 19, 2024, the 2nd meeting of the Roma Forum took place within the context of the National Strategy for the Social Inclusion of Roma 2021 – 2030. The meeting addressed key issues regarding the enhancement of communication and cooperation among Forum members, the inclusion of new members, and the promotion of social programs to support vulnerable social groups, such as the Roma.

The majority of the appointed members attended the meeting, including representatives from the Panhellenic Confederation of Greek Roma "ELLAN PASSE", the Association of Greek Roma Mediators and Associates, the Federation of Macedonia "Alexander the Great", the Educational and Cultural Creative Association of Greek Gypsy Roma Destitute and Homeless Gypsy Women, AMKE REVMA, the Educational Association of Greek Gypsies, the Confederation of Greek Roma, the Cultural Association of Muslims of the Fero Region and the Alysos Alert Association.

Following an invitation from the Forum, a representative from DYPA (Public Employment Service) participated in the meeting, presenting the current and upcoming employment and training programs that focus on enhancing participation in the labor market among Roma citizens or communities. The discussion centered on ways to further disseminate information about these programs among all stakeholders. Additionally, the meeting examined the existing communication processes among Forum members with the aim to improve cooperation and increase participation of all members in key initiatives. The need for attracting new members was also mentioned. Integration of new members that would enhance Forum's outreach could be achieved through information campaigns and other supporting mechanisms. The meeting concluded with a commitment from the members to take up more actions and enhance cooperation, as well as to actively participate in the implementation of the Forum's objectives.

The Roma Forum will continue to operate, submitting collective policy proposals with the aim to promote the social inclusion of Greek Roma. Moreover, the Forum supports the General Secretariat for Social Solidarity and Fight Against Poverty of the Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs in its role as the National Contact Point of the E.U. for the Social Inclusion of Roma within the framework of the project of the European program "Development of the National Platform for Consultation and Dialogue on Roma Issues of the National Contact Point for Roma", RomaPlatformEL—CERV-2022-NRCP (GA NO:101095343).



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