

EWRC Side Event – Online Workshop

#NoTaboos - What is for the communities in extreme poverty in the EU?

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Title of the event: #NoTaboos - What is for the communities in extreme poverty in the EU?

Organizer: Harghita County Council, Romania

Date of the event: 28th of October 2021, 12:00 – 13:30 CET

Meeting platform:

<https://euconf-eu.zoom.us/j/95890971871?pwd=WDUwdDVqaFliaktHa2s2V2gvc3hxUT09>

Meeting ID: 958 9097 1871 Passcode: 458123

Moderator: Mr. László CSÁK, PhD, senior lecturer - Babeş-Bolyai University; Faculty of Political, Administrative and Communication Sciences; Department of Public Administration and Management

Host: Mr. Csaba BORBOLY, Member of the Committee of the Regions (RO/EPP) and President of Harghita County Council (RO)

Draft programme:

- **Opening of the event** – Moderator
- **Welcome:** Mr. Csaba BORBOLY, Member of the Committee of the Regions (RO/EPP) and President of Harghita County Council (RO)
- **1st Panel:**
 - o **Situation in Harghita County, Dream Road Project and of the Working Group on Deep Poverty** – Mr. Lóránd ANDRÁS, Project Manager
 - o **Experience and lessons: Fire disaster of Roma quarter in Miercurea Ciuc in 2021** – Mr. Attila KORODI, Mayor of Miercurea Ciuc, Harghita County
- **2nd Panel:**
 - o **Social exclusion:** Mrs. RAT Cristina, “Babeş- Bolyai” University of Cluj Napoca, Romania
 - o **Education:** Mr. Attila KARI, Inspector, School Inspectorate, Harghita County
 - o **Children rights:** Mr. Jari Andersson, Chairman of Sastamala City Council, Member of European Committee of the Regions (Finland) and Rapporteur on European Child Guarantee
 - o **Human Rights:** Mr. Lóránt VINCZE, Member of the European Parliament, President of FUEN – Federal Union of European Minorities - *Videopresentation*
 - o **Exclusion/stratification:** Mr. Tamás KISS, researcher, Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities
 - o **Housing:** Mrs. Vincze Enikő, Babeş- Bolyai” University of Cluj Napoca, Romania



3rd Panel: Question and Answers

- 4th Panel: Conclusions and elaboration of common necessities based on the proposed solutions.
More on EU measures on social issues: <https://ec.europa.eu/social/main.jsp?catId=751&langId=en>

Further information:

- Registration on the following [link](#)
- Question & Answers: [SLI.DO](#) application during the event – code: #NoTaboos
- Platform: Zoom online platform – the event will be webstreamed online
- Translation: English, Romanian, Hungarian

Further description:

Harghita County Council from Romania has several objectives related to local support, including social assistance, EU projects management and eradication of poverty, among other activities, having as subordinated institution the Directorate for Social Assistance and Child Protection. Also, we are dealing with several EU projects, including the Interreg Project entitled Dream Road- *Danube REgion for improved Access and eMpowerment of ROmA Development*.

The year 2020 was a significant transition for all levels of society. Not only the COVID 19 pandemic changed the daily dynamics and future functioning capacities of institutions, hospitals, schools, employees and employers, youth, elder and so on, but also the transition toward digitalization, green economy, as well as to the new EU financial cycle of 2021-2027. We welcome the European Pillar of Social Rights and our event aims to raise the attention of EU decision makers on the local realities and challenges that the future EU funding must also focus on. And this is the issue of extreme poverty, exclusion and the current lack of possibilities of families, children and youth of this social segment. The subject touches several approaches and all must be taken in consideration with an integrated approach: sociology, human rights, housing, social workers, cultural anthropology, ethnography, education, economy, and health to name a few.

The workshop aims to approach this sensitive subject not only in several EU member states, but also on EU level: the issue of extreme poverty, especially the questions and solutions for Roma communities. We would like to gather all proposals, based on stakeholders' experiences and specialists' approach, that are very much needed for an efficient and integrated action plan on such matter. The main objective is to elaborate and guarantee financial support and expertise to all member states, localities and regions in order to find sustainable solutions on long term.

