



**Nomination of Community Representatives to the Consultative Council for Communities:
Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian training workshop, Prishtinë/Priština**

4 November 2009

On 4 November 2009, the Secretariat of the Consultative Council for Communities (CCC) and the European Centre for Minority Issues Kosovo (ECMI Kosovo) organised a training workshop in Prishtinë/Priština with members of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities, with the aim of providing technical support for the nomination of community membership to the CCC.

Present at the meeting were 14 representatives from Roma, Egyptian and Ashkali civil society; the General Secretary of the CCC, Ms Nafiye Gas; ECMI Kosovo Director Mr Adrian Zeqiri; and ECMI Kosovo representatives Mr Gazmen Salijević, Ms Zihnie Gurmani and Ms Katherine Nobbs.

After a welcome by Mr Salijević, Ms Nobbs gave a short introduction summarizing the mandate and functions of the CCC, and outlining the four major steps in the nominations process, as follows:

1. Selection by community representatives of a community representative organisation (CRO) for accreditation;
2. Accreditation of that CRO by the Office of the President (OP);
3. Selection of candidates for CCC membership by community representatives; and
4. Submission to the OP of the final list of nominees, through the accredited CRO.

Ms Nobbs clarified that the purpose of the current session was for community representatives to select the form of organisation that they wished to put forward for accreditation. Participants were presented with three main options: to select an existing NGO, to create an association of existing NGOs through memoranda of understanding, or to create a new 'umbrella' CRO. It was noted that these were only the most desirable options, and that other possibilities were also available in the event that no agreement could be reached. A question and answer session followed, during which members sought to clarify technical issues relating to CROs, accreditation and nominations.

Community representatives then held a closed session, in which they discussed how they wished to proceed. It was decided that representation of the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian communities at the meeting was insufficient, and that further consultation was needed before a decision could be made. It was agreed that all participants would consult with colleagues from other NGOs and with other representatives from their respective communities, to share information and discuss possible options.

Ms Nobbs explained that the third and final session, scheduled for early December, would be the most important, as community representatives would be required to select both the form of CRO for accreditation, and the Roma, Ashkali and Egyptian nominees for the Council. She therefore encouraged participants to speak to colleagues from other NGOs, to ensure maximum possible inclusivity. It was also suggested that the session be held on a weekend, to encourage maximum attendance.

ANNEX: List of Invitees/Participants*Prishtinë/Priština, 4 November 2009***Ashkali community**

Invitees	Organization	Present
Xhafer Ademi	OJQ – Qendrimi	Yes
Muhamet Arifi	Balkan Sunflowers (BSF)	Yes
Ferdane Asllani	BSF	Yes
Muharrem Asllani	Health for All	Yes
Feride Hajra	EDONA	
Gëzim Hoti	Health for All	
Kadrije Krasniqi	Sunshine	
Shani Kopili	QHZHIA	
Muhamet Qyqaka	BDA	Yes
Bekim Syla	RADC	

Egyptian community

Invitees	Organization	Present
Muharrem Asllani	Health for All	Yes
Petrit Berisha	Hiroglife	
Veton Berisha	Piramida	Yes
Burim Çelaj	Vision 02	
Bashkim Kurti	LCO	Yes
Rexhë Mulaj	Vision 02	
Mahorrem Prizreni	Fahri Vrani	Yes
Ergit Qeli	Prosperities	
Lendrit Qeli	Prosperities	Yes
Diana Shalea	RROGRAEK	Yes
Rrahmon Stollaku	BSF-FKLC	Yes
Burim Vraniqi	Shpresa Rinore	

Roma community

Invitees	Organization	Present
Shpresa Agushi	Women Network Association – RROGRAEK	
Seljatin Emini	Romano Anglunipe	
Kujtim Gashi	Foleja	Yes
Mimoza Govrani	RROGRAEK	Yes
Bashkim Ibishi	RAE Forum networking organization	
Mehmet Jasari	Roma from Ferizaj	
Nexhip Menekshe	Durmish Asllano	
Avni-Dai-Mustafa	Romano Resaibe	
Osman Osmani	Iniciativa 6	
Kujtim Paçaku	Rromani Baxt	
Gazmen Salijević	Eyes of the Future	Yes
Gjyzele Shaljani	Foleja	Yes