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Cities driving Roma inclusion in Europe

High level panel debate

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The situation of Europe's largest minority remains critical. Roma people face a higher risk of poverty and social exclusion, and the pandemic crisis has hit them the hardest. To improve their situation, the European Commission launched on 7 October a new EU Roma strategic framework equality, inclusion and participation. This high-level panel debate will be an opportunity to discuss the key role of cities in delivering this framework at local level.

09.30 – 10.00 **Connection of participants and welcome**

10.00 – 10.30 **Keynote speech by Helena Dalli, European Commissioner for Equality**

10.30 – 11.30 **High-level political panel debate: 'What role for cities in the new EU strategic framework for Roma equality, inclusion and participation?'**

Moderation: Bianca Faragau, Senior policy advisor, Eurocities

- **Sedat Arif**, Eurocities Social Affairs Forum chair and deputy mayor from Malmö
- **Daniel Tietze**, State secretary for Integration from Berlin
- **Sonia Fuertes**, Barcelona Commissioner for social action and integration
- **Jamen Gabriela Hrabanova**, Director of the European Roma Grassroots Organisations network (ERGO)

Q&A with audience



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