



Agenda

Roma and non-custodial sanctions

A multi-stakeholder roundtable¹

Date & time: Tuesday, 7 March 2023; 10:00am to 5:00pm

Location: Comics Art Museum, Brussels, Belgium

Programme

Moderator: Tanja Dejanova, Project Coordinator Alternatives to Imprisonment in Europe, Penal Reform International

Arrival and sign-in

09:45-10:00

Welcome and tour de table

Olivia Rope, Executive Director, Penal Reform International

10:00 – 10:45

Discrimination against Roma across criminal justice systems

Senada Sali, Legal Director, European Roma Rights Centre & Bruno Min, Legal Director, Fair Trials

10:45 – 11:30

Break – 11:30 – 11:45

Roma and non-custodial sanctions: findings and recommendations from early scoping research

Rob Allen, Researcher and international probation expert, associate of Penal Reform International

11:45 – 12:30

Lunch – 12:30-14:00

EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation 2030

Ms Marcela Adamova, Policy Officer, Non-discrimination and Roma coordination Unit, DG Justice, European Commission

14:00 – 14:10

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Break-out sessions – 14:10 – 14:40

- **Group 1:**
Assessing the extent and nature of the problems faced by Roma in criminal justice systems
Facilitated by Olivia Rope, Executive Director, Penal Reform International
- **Group 2:**
Identifying specific challenges vis-à-vis Roma and alternatives to imprisonment and ways in which criminal justice actors can address them
Facilitated by Rob Allen, Researcher and international probation expert, associate of Penal Reform International

Break-out sessions debrief – 14:40 – 14:55

A practitioner's viewpoint: a promising practice in supporting Roma during probation supervision

Vesna Zelić Ferenčić, Croatian Prison System and Probation Directorate

14:55 – 15:10

Break – 15:10 – 15:30

Roma and non-custodial sanctions: what we know, what we don't and next steps,

Roundtable discussion facilitated by Penal Reform International

15:30 – 16:45

Conclusions and wrap-up

Olivia Rope, Executive Director, Penal Reform International

16:45 – 17:00



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