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EU Accession Monitoring Program
Monitoring Minority Rights in the EU Accession countries

ROUNDTABLE DISCUSSION
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9:00 – 9:15 Welcome and presentation of project status

9:15 – 9:45 Issues revealed in first round of reports/ discussion of comparative overview

- Evaluating the EU accession process/ EU Assistance programs
- Framework for examining/monitoring minority rights /anti-discrimination
- Checklist of legal norms: minority rights/anti-discrimination
- Racial/Ethnic statistics – obstacles to gathering data
- Practical research methods/interviewing

DISCUSSION

9:45 – 11:15 **Monitoring the EU Accession process**

Evaluating minority rights protection as one of the EU's political criteria

Ina Zoon

Allocation and Monitoring of EU assistance in Slovakia

John Young

Ivana Skodova

The role of Roma in monitoring the EU accession process

Nicolae Gheorghe

DISCUSSION

11:15 – 11:30 Coffee Break

11:30 – 13:00 **Minority perspectives on the EU Accession Process**

Minority involvement in the evaluation of minority rights protection as part of the EU accession process (Roma)

Andrzej Mirga

Minority involvement in the evaluation of minority rights protection as part of the EU accession process (Russians)

Leonid Raihman

Minority involvement in monitoring the effectiveness of EU assistance for Roma in Romania

Florin Moisa

DISCUSSION

13:00 – 14:00

Buffet Lunch

14:00 – 15:30

Minority Rights and Anti-Discrimination: instruments and approaches

Protection from racial/ethnic discrimination

Jim Goldston

Non-discrimination and Minority Rights: Conflicting or Complementary Approaches?

Boris Tsilevich

Evaluating the Hungarian framework for minority protection: an integrated approach?

Lilla Farkas

DISCUSSION

15:30 – 15:45

Coffee Break

15:45 – 17:30

Techniques for conducting human rights research

Field research for human rights writing.

Dimitrina Petrova/ Claude Cahn

Criminal justice in Bulgaria

Yonko Grozev

Statistics in the Czech Republic

Eva Sobotka

DISCUSSION

17:30 – 18:00

Next steps (with authors)

Plan for national meetings

Timeline for updating the reports

Style Sheet

19:00

Dinner for participants – location to be announced.