The side-event will give an opportunity to share the findings and recommendations of the recent study prepared by the Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues on the human rights situation of Roma and to learn more about the activities of relevant regional organisations and NGOs in this field.

**Panellists**

**Rita Izsák**  
*UN Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues*

**Ulrich Bunjes**  
*Special Representative of the Secretary General of the Council of Europe for Roma issues*

**Ioannis Dimitrakopoulos**  
*Head of the Equality and Citizens’ Rights Department, European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights*

**Andrzej Mirga**  
*Chair of the Board of the Roma Education Fund*

**Jorge Bernal**  
*Presidente de la Asociación Identidad Cultural Romání de Argentina (AICRA)*

**Mirjam Karoly**  
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The debate will be moderated by **István Lakatos**, **Deputy Permanent Observer of the Council of Europe to the UN Office in Geneva**