

WEEKLY UPDATE

28 March - 1 April 2016

Week 14

General

If you had plans to meet with Bram, Emma or Neil the week of 4-8 April, think again, they are on holiday. Read more to find out what the rest of us are up to.

Updates (28 March - 1 April)

- Organisational activities

Sadly, Anna "OSIFE" Defour, is leaving us! But we are happy to report that this is not a definitive goodbye. She may be leaving the Brussels office, but she won't be moving far, as she will start soon as Program Specialist within OSIFE's Civil Liberties Unit in Budapest. We will give her a proper send-off Tuesday 5 April...

Neil submitted our 2017 Strategy to the Strategy Unit on 30 March. Congrats to everyone for their work so far! Neil will present it to the Board in New York on 19 April and we'll continue our internal consultations before it is finalised in the summer.

Hub

4&5 April: We are hosting the board meeting of Publish What You Pay and meetings of the Open Government Partnership Support Unit.

Upcoming OSEPI Events

5&6 April: Ahead of the International Roma Day on 8 April, the European Parliament and NGOs have organised "[Roma Week](#)." Violeta, in support of OSF colleagues, organised two events: 1) an exhibition on Roma culture and heritage of the Roma painter Sead Kazanxhiu and the unveiling of a sculpture of emblematic Roma individuals to mark the 45th anniversary since the 1st World Roma Congress; and 2) the movie screening "[Judgment in Hungary - The Trial for the Serial Killing Against Roma](#)," followed by a debate between the producer and two Roma experts.

7 April: Srdjan is hosting the [European Forum on Armed Drones \(EFAD\)](#) meeting. EFAD is an informal interest group for NGO professionals concerned about issues relating to armed drones.

Upcoming Events of Interest

4 April: The European Policy Centre event "[Reception and integration of refugees - Cities on the frontline](#)"

5 April: The European Economic and Social Committee (EESC) event "[Anti-gypsyism: possible responses](#)" which will feed into the work of the EESC permanent study group on Roma inclusion monitoring the implementation of the EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies.

5 April: The Centre for European Policy Studies events "[EU-Turkey relations in the light of the refugee crisis](#)"

6 April: An awareness raising event on the [2016 Revision of the Financial Regulation](#) organised by Kristalina Georgieva (Vice-President of the European Commission) and hosted by Nadia Calvino (Director-General, Budget, European Commission). Anca will participate.

6 April: The Foundation for European Progressive Studies event "[Fostering a Sustainable Future for Africa: the Significance of Local Governance](#)."

6&7 April: [European Migration Forum \(2nd meeting\)](#), hosted by EESC. The meeting will focus on labour migration and successful integration and will gather CSO, practitioners, Member States' representatives and EESC members. Loica will participate.

Media Update

Tweet away! The hashtag for the Roma week is #EURomaweek. Feel free to join us in raising awareness about anti-gypsyism and promoting the positive image of Roma in Europe.



Happy Belated Easter!

As always we encourage you to share your feedback with ellen.mulder@opensocietyfoundations.org.