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## Invitation to ERIO's seminar:

### *“Roma integration: the Role of Local Authorities”*

**Brussels, 24 October 2013**

The European Roma Information Office (ERIO) invites you to attend a seminar with European local authorities which will be held on **24 October at the EESC, room TRE 7701 (7th floor), 74 rue de Trèves, 1040 Brussels from 09:00-17:00.**

Roma in Europe face constant discrimination. Segregation in education, poor housing, violence and forced evictions are some of the types of discrimination they face daily. As a way to improve the integration of the 10-12 million Roma across Europe, in 2011 the European Commission adopted an EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020. Following the Framework, member states committed themselves to ensure equality and improve the socio-economic situation of Roma by delivering their National Roma Integration Strategies (NRIS). It is now up to national governments to involve local authorities in implementing the NRIS.

Against this backdrop, this seminar aims to provide a platform where representatives of different local authorities in Europe will exchange ideas and concerns and inform each other about the barriers they face and jointly find solutions to overcome them when it comes to the implementation of the NRIS at local level.

Within the topic of this seminar, later in the day we are organising in partnership with Bruxelles Laïque asbl, Médecins du Monde, LDH and CIRÉ a documentary screening about local policies targeting Roma in Nantes and Indre (France) followed by a debate at the Festival des Libertés<sup>1</sup>.

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### Registration

You can register by email or phone by giving your name, surname, title and the organisation you are working for. The deadline is **22.10.2013**. For registration or any other queries, please contact:

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<sup>1</sup> <http://festivaldeslibertes.be/2013/fase6.php?event=746>