



Annex to the AER Pécs Declaration Equal Opportunities for Ethnic Minorities: the Regions' Role

*Unanimously adopted by the AER General Assembly meeting in Udine (Friuli Venezia Giulia, I)
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Meeting in Udine at the occasion of the AER General Assembly on 8-9 November 2007,

In light of the events that took place in Italy in early November 2007 involving personal of Roma and of Romanian origin,

Following a proposal by Constantin Ostaficiuc, President of the AER Social Policy & Public Health Committee and President of Timis County Council (RO),

The participants to the AER General Assembly considered that the AER Pécs Declaration on Equal Opportunities for Ethnic Minorities should be applied in this context.

The AER General Assembly therefore unanimously decided that the following paragraph is added in Annex to the abovementioned declaration:

The events in Italy and Romania, in early November 2007, involving the Roma community illustrate both the importance of the principles enounced in this declaration and the urgent need for coordinated action among all levels of government. Many ethnic minorities are present in several European countries: Europe must therefore take a lead and encourage the cooperation between all countries and all levels.