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Institute of Ethnology, Slovak Academy of Sciences & Nansen Dialogue Network

organize a workshop on

Approach and Experience of Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue

When: March 2, 2016, 10:00 – 13:00

Where: “Podkrovná zasadačka SAV”, 5th floor, Klemensova 19, 81363 Bratislava

Steinar Bryn, Senior Advisor, Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue

Short introduction to the essence of Nansen Dialogue

- How did the Nansen Dialogue approach develop?
- The essence of Nansen Dialogue
- The growing need for dialogue in a multicultural Europe

Goran Lojančić, Roma project manager, Nansen Dialogue Center Bujanovac

The Word for the Man is Roma

- How and why we initiated Roma project in South Serbia?
- What elements of Nansen Dialogue we thought were important to be implemented?
- Choice of strategy
- Outcome and lessons learned

The workshop¹ will focus on project of the Nansen Dialogue Center Bujanovac which created dialogue between the Roma and other communities but also within the Roma community itself in one particular municipality in South Serbia. Institute of Ethnology invites organisations and individuals interested in learning more about the methods of Nansen Center of Peace and Dialogue and their potential in building bridges between Roma and non-Roma communities in Slovakia.

*The **Nansen Dialogue Network** gathers politicians, journalists, teachers, parents, and pupils for dialogue about their own conflict, exploring potential solutions and opening possibilities for institutional change, where the situation is no longer seen through ethnic or mono-cultural lenses, but with a view to joint understanding that benefit all. **Nansen Center for Peace and Dialogue** creates spaces for dialogue to improve communication and cooperation in divided communities. When successful, we build bridges of trust and understanding that enable the participants to work for a more inclusive society. To do this, we treat people as equals and with respect. That means to walk alongside them and strengthen them in their struggles. The precondition of this work is the belief that the good in man is stronger than the destructive forces.*

¹ If you are interested in participating in this workshop, please **respond by email to Tomas Hrustic** (tomas.hrustic@savba.sk).

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