ERRC WELCOMES NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

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The European Roma Rights Centre is pleased to announce that Andras Ujlaky will assume the position of Executive Director, starting on October 1. Andras began his career in the finance sector and for many years headed the Hungarian International Bank in London. In 2003, he joined the Hungarian Ministry of Education to head up its EU-funded efforts to improve inclusive education opportunities for Romani children. During that period, he learned first-hand about the reality in Romani communities.

His experience in the Ministry inspired him to start the <u>Chance for Children Foundation</u> (CFCF) in 2004, as an organisation dedicated to fighting for equal rights in education for Romani and marginalised children, focusing on school desegregation. As founder and first Board Chair of CFCF, he was intimately involved with all aspects of the organisation's work, from program strategy and implementation to fundraising and administration.

Today, CFCF is the premier legal advocacy organisation in Europe working on a national level to address the exclusion of Roma from school. Andras has a good appreciation of the problems affecting Roma throughout the region, having worked on the problem of segregation in several countries.

Andras brings to the ERRC outstanding skills and experience in the use of legal advocacy to change the political calculus and help dismantle segregating structures. He also brings a passionate belief in equality and a deep commitment to Roma participation.

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