

Meeting of Minister Cristian David with European Commissioner Franco Frattini

Minister of Interior and Administrative Reform Cristian David met with the European Commissioner for Justice and Home Affairs Franco Frattini in Brussels on Thursday, the 8th of November.

During this meeting, Minister Cristian David addressed three main topics.

The Romanian minister informed the European Commissioner of the talks held between the Romanian and Italian Governments on Wednesday, as well as of the measures agreed by them.

At the same time, Minister Cristian David requested the European Commissioner to analyse and evaluate the Italian authorities' modalities of putting into practice and enforcing the European Directive No. 38/ 2004. He also presented the proposal put forth by Romanian and Italian PMs regarding European strategies on the Roma's social rehabilitation.

Minister Cristian David informed the Commissioner Franco Frattini of the main domains in which action has to be taken, as the Romanian and Italian Governments agreed: police, judiciary and consular cooperation; the matrix of social measures; and extensive public communication.

As regards police cooperation, Minister Cristian David informed the European official that there are already 20 policemen specialised in countering criminality carrying out missions in Italy, and 10 more Romanian border police are going to cooperate with the Italian authorities for countering illegal migration.

The minister of interior and administrative reform emphasised that, in order to counter criminality, beside the police actions - the adoption of some social measures is also necessary.

As regards the putting into practice of the Directive 38-2004, the minister of interior and administrative reform requested from the Commissioner Franco Frattini that the Italian authorities' mechanism of removing citizens respect the proportion principle, be reliable, and also justly and indiscriminately applied.

At the same time, Minister Cristian David informed the European Commissioner that he wants all the citizens who are subject to repatriation to be guaranteed the right to defend. To this end, Minister Cristian David demanded that the analysis for repatriation be made individually, not collectively.

As far as the European strategy on the Roma's social rehabilitation is concerned, the two officials agreed on the drafting of some projects financed by the European Commission. These projects are going to ensure the integration of the Romani citizens.