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Study session

“Remembering, Resisting and Rebuilding: Combating Together Antigypsyism for Inclusive Societies”

Study session organised within the [Youth for Democracy programme](#) in cooperation with the [Youth Express Network](#), in partnership with [Youth of European Nationalities](#) and in collaboration with [ternype International Roma Youth Network](#)

European Youth Centre Strasbourg, room 0.1
7-11 October 2024

Draft Programme

Sunday, 6 October 2024

Arrival of participants
19:00 Dinner
21:00 Welcome evening

Monday, 7 October 2024

09:30 Opening with Introduction to Study Session, with Rui GOMES, Head of Education, Training and Cooperation Division, Youth Department of the Council of Europe
Intro of aims & objectives of the Study Session / Expectations & programme
11:00 Break
11:30 Team Building activity – *to get to know each other*
13:00 Lunch
14:30 Opening the box - key concepts around the topic
16:00 Break
16:30 Stereotypes and Prejudices - are we aware of ourselves?
18:00 Reflection groups
19:00 Dinner
21:00 Free evening

Tuesday, 8 October 2024

09:30 Roma history and culture I - to familiarise participants with historical facts and Romani culture
11:00 Break
11:30 Roma history and culture II - to familiarise participants with historical facts and Romani culture
13:00 Lunch break
14:30 Historical context of antigypsyism I - what is antigypsyism and how it manifests in the past and today
16:00 Break
16:30 Historical context of antigypsyism II - mechanisms that support antigypsyism, ways to tackle it by empowering young Roma and flipping the dominant narrative
18:00 Reflection groups
19:00 Dinner
21:00 Game night

Wednesday, 9 October 2024

09:30 Roma movement - civil rights movement
11:00 Walk to the Council of Europe Palais de l'Europe
11:45 Welcome by the Council of Europe Visitor's service
Visit of the Debating Chamber and group photo
12:00 Video about the Council of Europe

- 12:20 Council of Europe work on Roma youth participation, remembrance and combating antigypsyism, with Marina VASIĆ, Roma and Travellers Division of the Council of Europe
- 13:00 Walk back to the European Youth Centre Strasbourg
- 13:30 Lunch break
- Free afternoon in the city of Strasbourg
- Self-organised dinner

Thursday, 10 October 2024

- 09:30 Remembrance - why do we remember?
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Remembrance II - Meeting with Christian Pfeil, Holocaust survivor
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Commemoration Techniques, Tools and Activities I
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Commemoration Techniques, Tools and Activities II
- 19:00 Dinner
- 21:00 Storytelling evening

Friday, 11 October

- 09:30 Self advocacy and community engagement
- 11:00 Break
- 11:30 Taking action today I
- 13:00 Lunch
- 14:30 Taking action today II
- 16:00 Break
- 16:30 Evaluation and closing
- 19:00 Dinner
- 21:00 Farewell party

Aim and objectives of the study session “Remembering, Resisting and Rebuilding: Combating Together Antigypsyism for Inclusive Societies”

Aim: The aim of the activity is to empower young Roma and non-Roma participants with knowledge, awareness, and the motivation to combat antigypsyism, promote inclusivity, and take action as active citizens in their communities, with a particular focus on the 80th anniversary of the Roma Genocide.

Objectives:

- To encourage participants' critical reflection on the concept of “othering” by examining personal prejudices and biases and understanding their impact on everyday life.
- To provide participants with a comprehensive understanding of the historical context of antigypsyism, including the Roma Genocide and its impact on Roma communities as well as to raise awareness of the manifestation of antigypsyism and discrimination nowadays.
- To motivate young Roma and non-Roma to be advocates for the recognition of Roma and Sinti Holocaust by equipping them with different commemoration techniques and strengthening their activism at their local level as multipliers.
- To empower participants to develop their own action plans to combat antigypsyism by emphasising the importance of remembrance and commemoration in promoting inclusivity and understanding.
- To associate participants with the Council of Europe’s work on the topic of combatting antigypsyism, including Recommendation CM/Rec(2023)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on Roma youth participation.