

TERMS OF REFERENCE

**COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ROMA AND TRAVELLER¹ ISSUES
(ADI-ROM)**

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Name of committee:	Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM)
Type of committee:	Subordinate Body
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Pillar:	Human Rights
Programme:	Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion
Sub-programme:	Anti-discrimination, diversity and inclusion – Roma and Travellers – National minorities, regional or minority languages – Migrants

1. Specific Tasks

- i. Based on the results of the Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers (2016-2019), oversee the implementation of the strategic priority actions in the field of Roma and Travellers inclusion (post-2019 strategic document).
- ii. Review the implementation of national legislation and policies, and practice concerning Roma and Travellers inclusion, through thematic reports based on visits, with a view to promoting relevant Council of Europe standards, including the case law of the European Court of Human Rights and the findings and recommendations of Council of Europe monitoring bodies, such as the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, the Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages and the European Committee for Social Rights, without pursuing activities amounting to monitoring.
- iii. Based on the above-mentioned thematic reports, exchange information, views and experience on member States' legislation, policies and practice concerning Roma and Travellers inclusion in order to identify examples of effective measures and practices and to assist member States in the development and implementation of successful Roma and Traveller inclusion policies paying due attention to persons in particularly vulnerable situations.
- iv. Contribute to the development of a new and comprehensive legal instrument on combating hate speech;
- v. Carry out a study on the causes, prevalence and consequences of anti-Gypsyism and possible responses thereto, taking into account the findings and recommendations of the European

¹ The term "Roma and Travellers" is used at the Council of Europe to encompass the wide diversity of the groups covered by the work of the Council of Europe in this field: on the one hand a) Roma, Sinti/Manush, Calé, Kaale, Romanichals, Boyash/Rudari; b) Balkan Egyptians (Egyptians and Ashkali); c) Eastern groups (Dom, Lom and Abdal); and, on the other hand, groups such as Travellers, Yenish, and the populations designated under the administrative term "Gens du voyage", as well as persons who identify themselves as Gypsies. The present is an explanatory footnote, not a definition of Roma and/or Travellers.

- Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), with a view to giving guidance to the CDADI in this field.
- vi. Prepare recommendations, advice and opinions for the CDADI on issues pertaining to the protection and promotion of the human rights of Roma and Travellers and their inclusion and active participation in society, including on emerging issues requiring urgent attention.
 - vii. Hold exchanges during its meetings with the ad hoc rapporteurs of the biannual Council of Europe Dialogue meetings with Roma and Travellers civil society on the outcome of the Dialogue, in order to strengthen their involvement and participation in the implementation and review of Council of Europe action.
 - viii. Support the organisation of the International Roma Women's Conference in 2021.
 - ix. Ensure co-operation and synergies with the work of other international organisations active in this area, in particular with the European Union, the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe (OSCE) and relevant United Nations specialised agencies.

2. Composition

Members

Governments of member States are invited to designate one or more representatives of the highest possible rank in the field of Roma and Traveller issues.

The Council of Europe will bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative each from 26 member States to be designated by the Ad-Hoc Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (CAHROM) at its 18th meeting (October 2019) according to a method which shall have due regard to geographical representation, periodic rotation of member states and the size of the Roma and Traveller population. Subsequent decisions on the rotation will be taken by the CDADI.

Each member of the Committee shall have one vote. Where a government designates more than one member, only one of them is entitled to take part in the voting.

The Chair of ADI-ROM will be invited to attend the meetings of the CDADI and its Bureau to inform them on progress with its work.

Participants:

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and at the charge of their corresponding administrative budgets:

- Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe;
- Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe;
- European Court of Human Rights;
- Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights;
- Conference of INGOs of the Council of Europe;
- Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB);
- European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI);
- Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities;
- Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages;
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work as appropriate.

The following may send a representative without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- European Union (one or more representatives, including its Fundamental Rights Agency- FRA);
- Observer States to the Council of Europe: Canada, Holy See, Japan, Mexico, United States of America;
- other international organisations, including the Organisation for Security and Co-operation in Europe/Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR), United Nations (including its specialised agencies, programmes, funds and other entities), Regional Cooperation Council (RCC), International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA), World Health Organization (WHO) – Regional Office for Europe, World Bank, European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI).

Observers

The following may send representatives, without the right to vote and without defrayal of expenses:

- non-member States with which the Council of Europe has a Neighbourhood Partnership including relevant co-operation activities;
- Amnesty International;
- European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet);
- European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI);
- European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF);
- European Roma Information Office (ERIO);
- European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC);
- Forum of European Roma Young People (FERYP);
- International Roma Women's Network IRWN/Phenjalipe;
- Open Society Foundations (OSF);
- Roma Education Fund (REF).

3. Working Methods

Plenary meetings

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The rules of procedure of the ADI-ROM are governed by Resolution CM/Res(2011)24 on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Whenever appropriate, it will prioritise environmentally sound working methods, such as virtual meetings facilitated by information technology and written consultations.

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

The ADI-ROM holds two meetings per year, one of which may be hosted by a member State. When a meeting is hosted by a member State, arrangements with the host country shall ensure that the meeting will not entail additional costs for the Council of Europe.

The ADI-ROM will form small thematic groups to analyse and evaluate specific issues identified by the Committee by means of exchanges of information and experiences (reporting) and thematic visits. Each thematic group is composed of one expert from a member State wishing to benefit from the experience of other member States ("requesting country") and up to four experts from member States wishing to share their experience in this area ("partner country"). Experts of the thematic groups can be ADI-ROM members of the countries concerned or experts appointed by the ADI-ROM. The requesting country invites the partner countries' experts and the Secretariat to visit the country for a maximum of two and half days. With prior approval of the thematic group, representatives of European Institutions and agencies and of other international organisations having participant or observer status with the ADI-ROM, and members of the Secretariat of other relevant Council of Europe bodies, may participate in thematic visits at their own expense. The thematic reports resulting from those visits are discussed and endorsed in ADI-ROM meetings and submitted to the CDADI for decision on the follow-up. The ADI-ROM will carry out at least two such peer-reviews per year.

The members of each thematic group will be invited to attend the ADI-ROM meeting at which their report is discussed. The travel and subsistence expenses related to their participation in that meeting will be reimbursed.

If an ADI-ROM meeting takes place in a member State, it may be also be used for a thematic visit.

The Committee will appoint a Gender Equality Rapporteur, a Roma Youth Rapporteur, a Roma Children Rapporteur and a Rapporteur on Anti-Gypsyism and Hate Speech and Violence from amongst its members.

In derogation from Article 6 of Appendix 1 to Resolution CM/Res(2011)24, and in conformity with Article 17 of the same appendix, in addition to the official working languages of the Organisation (English, French), interpretation will be provided into the Romani language and the agenda translated into Romani for regular meetings whenever necessary and within the limits of available budgetary appropriations. Any adopted pertinent texts (e.g. Recommendations adopted by the Committee of Ministers) will also be translated into Romani.

4. Budgetary Information*

	Meetings per year	Number of days	Members	Plenary €K	Bureau €K	Working groups	Secretariat (A, B)
2020	2	2	47 ²	59.7		9.3	1 A; 1 B
2021	2	2	47 ²	59.7		9.3	1 A; 1 B

*The costs take into consideration the per diem, travel, interpretation, translation and document printing. Costs calculated on the basis of the per diem and recharged services costs at their 2020 level.

² 26 of which will be covered by the Council of Europe for their travel and subsistence expenses.