

Terms of reference of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller¹ Issues (ADI-ROM)

Set up by the Committee of Ministers under Article 17 of the Statute of the Council of Europe and in accordance with [Resolution CM/Res\(2021\)3](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Category: Subordinate body

Duration: 1 January 2024 - 31 December 2027²

Programme: Acting for equality, diversity and respect

Sub-programme: Anti-discrimination, diversity and inclusion – Roma and Travellers – National minorities, regional and minority languages – LGBTI - Migrants

Deliverables

Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers and as a subordinate body to the Steering Committee on Anti-Discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI), the ADI-ROM is given the general task of assisting member States in the development and implementation of successful Roma and Traveller inclusion policies by overseeing the implementation of the strategic documents for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025 and 2026-2030), reviewing the implementation of relevant national legislation, policy and practice, exchanging information and experience, and identifying examples of effective measures on Roma and Traveller inclusion.

In particular, the ADI-ROM is instructed to complete the following deliverables, within the following deadlines:

	Category ▼	Priority ▼	Deadline ▼
1. Capacity-building programme and tools supporting the implementation at national level of Recommendation CM/Rec(2020)2 on the inclusion of the history of Roma and/or Travellers in school curricula and teaching materials	A	1	30/06/2024
2. Final evaluation report on the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)	A	1	31/12/2025
3. Draft Council of Europe strategy for Roma and Traveller inclusion 2026-2030	C	1	31/12/2025
4. Subject to the results of the feasibility study, draft Recommendation on desegregation and inclusion policies and practices in the field of education of Roma and Traveller children	A	1	31/12/2026
5. Handbook on democratic governance and representation and participation of Roma and Travellers in public and political life	A	1	31/12/2026
6. Compilation of promising practices at national level and tools for the implementation of relevant aspects of the possible Recommendation on equality for Roma and Traveller women and girls at national level	C	2	31/12/2027
7. Two or more thematic reports per year, emanating from the thematic visits, notably as regards the implementation of Council of Europe standards (to be adopted by ADI-ROM and transmitted to CDADI for discussions and follow-up)	A	1	31/12 of each year
Key A: deliverable under preparation (2022-2023 terms of reference or Committee of Ministers' decision) or deliverable foreseen in the terms of reference provisionally approved for 2024-2025 and reviewed where relevant in the framework of the preparation of the draft Programme and Budget 2024-2027 B: review of implementation/re-examination foreseen by the recommendation/protocol/convention C: newly proposed deliverable			

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, upon request, bear the travel and subsistence expenses of one representative of each member State.

Should there be more requests than budgetary means, travel and subsistence expenses will be reimbursed of one representative of the member States designated by the CDADI 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.

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.

• 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;

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.

² These terms of reference are approved for the first biennial period 2024-2025. For the second biennial period 2026-2027, they are approved on a provisional basis, subject to confirmation upon the adoption of the budget for 2026-2027.

- Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe;
- 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 (AC-FCNM);
- Committee of Experts of the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (COMEX);
- European Steering Committee for Youth (CDEJ)
- Committees or other bodies of the Council of Europe engaged in related work, as appropriate.

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

- European Union (one or more representatives, including, as appropriate, the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights (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 the World Health Organization (WHO) – Regional Office for Europe, the World Bank and other specialised agencies, programmes, funds and other entities), Regional Co-operation Council (RCC), International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA).

• **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 Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI);
- European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF);
- European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network (ERGO);
- European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAN);
- European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC);
- International Roma Women’s Network IRWN/Phenjalipe;
- Open Society Foundations (OSF);
- Phiren Amenca International Network;
- Roma Education Fund (REF);
- RROMEUROPE;
- ternYpe International Roma Youth Network.

Observer status may be requested in accordance with Article 8 of [Resolution CM/Res\(2021\)3](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Working methods

The rules of procedure of the Committee are governed by [Resolution CM/Res\(2021\)3](#) on intergovernmental committees and subordinate bodies, their terms of reference and working methods.

Plenary meetings ▼			
	Members incl. Chair	Meetings per year	Days per meeting
2024	47	2	2
2025	47	2	2
2026	47	2	2
2027	47	2	2

In addition, the following provisions shall apply:

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.

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 or other experts of the countries concerned appointed by the ADI-ROM, who should have specific expertise or responsibility for the topic of the visit. 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 adopted in ADI-ROM meetings and submitted to the CDADI for decision on the follow-up. The ADI-ROM will carry out two or more 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 also be used for a thematic visit.

The ADI-ROM will appoint from amongst its members a Gender Equality Rapporteur and a Children's Rights Rapporteur.

In derogation from Article 6 of Appendix 1 to Resolution CM/Res(2021)3, 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.

Budgetary information*

	Meetings per year	Days per meeting	Members reimbursed	Plenary in €K	Bureau in €K	Working groups in €K	Secretariat (A, B)
2024	2	2	26	76.9	-	8.0	1 A; 1 B
2025	2	2	26	76.9	-	8.0	1 A; 1 B
2026	2	2	26	↔	-	↔	↔
2027	2	2	26	↔	-	↔	↔

*The costs include the per diem, travel costs, interpretation, translation and document printing. These costs are calculated on the basis of standard costs.