DIRECTORATE GENERAL OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN DIGNITY ROMA AND TRAVELLERS TEAM



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14TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE DIALOGUE WITH ROMA AND TRAVELLER¹ CIVIL SOCIETY

Mid-term Review on the implementation of the Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)

Strasbourg, 11-12 October 2022 Online/Room G03, Agora

AGENDA

Tuesday, 11 October 2022		
09.00-12.00		
09.00-09.15	Welcome and connectivity check	
09.15-09.45	Opening	
	Chair: Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-discrimination, Council of Europe	
	Fiachra Byrne Deputy to the Permanent Representative Permanent Representation of Ireland to the Council of Europe, on behalf of the Irish Presidency of the Council of Europe Committee of Ministers	
	Jan Hero, Chair of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM)	
	Maria Joyce, Coordinator, National Traveller Women's Forum (online)	
09.45-10.45	SESSION 1: Taking stock of the implementation of the Council of	
Reference Documents:	Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)	
The Strategic Action Plan for		
Roma and Traveller Inclusion	Chair: Hallvard Gorseth , Head of Anti-Discrimination Department and Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe	

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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.

(SAP 2020-2025) provides the framework for Council of Europe action on Roma and Traveller inclusion for 2020-2025

The purpose of this session is to present the SAP and its up-to-date implementation, and discuss the role of Roma and Traveller civil society organisations in its promotion and implementation.

Reference Documents:

The Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (SAP 2020-2025)

First Implementation Report of the Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025) **Eleni Tsetsekou**, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

The Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)

Petra Neumann, Programme Manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

Mid-term review report of the Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)

Roma and Traveller civil society commentators:

Xhesika Korra, Project Manager, Institute of Romani Culture in Albania (online)

Discussion: Contribution of Roma and Traveller civil society to the promotion and implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)

10.45-11.00

11.00-12.00 Reference Documents:

Cross-cutting issues of multiple discrimination and intersectionality permeate horizontally all Council of Europe actions, projects and policies. The purpose of this session is to discuss these aspects with Roma and Traveller civil society.

<u>Education and Training</u> <u>Division, Youth Department,</u> Council of Europe

<u>Barabaripen (2014) Young</u> <u>Roma speak about multiple</u> <u>discrimination</u>

Compass: Manual for Human Rights Education with Young people

Strategy for the Rights of the Child (2022-2027)

Coffee break

SESSION 2: Progress on cross-cutting issues of the Council of Europe Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025) - Multiple discrimination and intersectionality in its implementation

Chair: Alexandra Karagianni, lawyer, RomAct association, Greece

Constantin Alexandru-Manda, Representative of the Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe, Romania (online) *Project of Recommendation on Roma Youth Participation*

Anzhelika Bielova, activist, General Rapporteur of the 13th Meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with the Roma and Traveller civil society Report of the 13th Meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with the Roma and Traveller civil society on defending the rights of Roma and Traveller children

Nesime Salioska, independent activist, General Rapporteur of the 8th International Roma Women Conference, North Macedonia Report of the 8th International Roma Women Conference "Protecting the Human Rights and Dignity of Roma and Traveller Women in Times of Crises"

Habel Geza, Executive Director, Diverse Youth Network, Hungary (online) *Roma LGBT Forum*

<u>Publications and information</u> <u>materials on the Council of</u> <u>Europe standards in the area</u> <u>of gender equality</u>

Research on the barriers to Roma women's access to justice

Report of the 13th Meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with the Roma and Traveller civil society on defending the rights of Roma and Traveller children

<u>Report of the 8th</u> <u>International Roma Women</u> <u>Conference</u> Discussion

12.00-13.30

Lunch break

13.30-16.15

13.30-15.00

The purpose of sessions 3-5 is to present in detail the implementation of the three priority areas of the SAP through EU- Council of Europe Joint programmes and other CoE activities.

Reference Documents:

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe Report and Resolution on the topic of ethnic profiling

Recommendation CM/REC (2022)16 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on combating hate speech

<u>European Court of Human</u> <u>Rights Factsheet – Roma and</u> <u>Travellers (May 2022)</u>

SESSION 3: Priority area 1: Combating antigypsyism and discrimination and supporting real and effective equality

Chair: **Oana Taba,** Senior Project Officer, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe

Boriss Cilevičs, member of Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe *Ethnic Profiling in Europe: a matter of great concern*

Nicolae Radita, Rapporteur on Antigypsyism and Hate Speech of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), Council of Europe, Moldova (online)

Recommendation CM/Rec (2022)16 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on combating hate speech

Michael Guet, Resource Person on Roma and Traveller Issues, Secretariat of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities, Council of Europe

Recent findings and Roma and Traveller-related recommendations of the Advisory Committee on the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM)

Dezideriu Gergely, Senior Legal Advisor, National Council for Combating Discrimination, Romania (online)

Professional training for institutions dealing with Roma, in particular Roma women; capacity building for police officers (Toolkit for Police Officers:

<u>The Framework Convention</u> <u>for the Protection of National</u> <u>Minorities (FCNM)</u>	Council of Europe standards on racially motivated crimes and non-discrimination)
The European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages	Timea Junghaus, Executive Director, European Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC) Building tolerance, mutual respect and understanding between Roma and non-Roma communities through Roma arts and culture.
JUSTROM - "Roma Women's Access to Justice"	
Toolkit for Police Officers: Council of Europe standards on racially motivated crimes and non-discrimination	Discussion
Mirrors - Manual on combating antigypsyism through human rights education	
WE CAN! Taking Action against Hate Speech through Counter and Alternative Narratives	
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Administrations and Roma

wanting to improve the living	
conditions of disadvantaged	
<u>Roma</u>	
Promoting Roma Political	
Participation and Civic	
Engagement - Roma Political	
Schools In Brief	
Roma Political Schools	
<u>Infographics</u>	
16.15 End of the first day	

Wednesday, 12 October 2022		
09.00-14.45		
09.00-09.15	Connectivity check	
09.15-10.15	SESSION 5: Priority area 3: Supporting Roma and Traveller access to inclusive and quality education and training	
Reference Documents:		
	Chair: Ciprian Necula, Chair of the Board, Roma Education Fund	
CM/Rec(2012)13 of the		
Committee of Ministers to	Petra Neumann, Programme Manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Council	
member States on ensuring	of Europe	
<u>quality education</u>	Capacity building programme and tools supporting the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2020)2 on the inclusion of the history of Roma and/or Travellers in school curricula and teaching materials at national level	
INSCHOOL - About the	ana, or Travellers III school carricala and teaching materials at national level	
<u>programme</u>	Miroslav Klempar, Educational adviser, European Union and Council of	
European Union and Council	Europe Joint Project INSCHOOL, Czech Republic (online)	
of Europe Joint Programme	Supporting public authorities in the process of design and implementation of inclusive education policies and promoting innovative education practices in	
"Inclusive Schools: Making a	the Czech Republic	
difference for Roma children"	the electric public	
(INSCHOOL)	Margareta Platon, Senior Project Officer, Education Department, Council of	
	Europe	
Achievements of the INSCHOOL pilot phase (May 2017-July 2019)	Supporting the social inclusion of vulnerable groups with a focus on Roma in Bulgaria, Romania and the Slovak Republic (EEA/Norway Grants Programme)	
<u>2017 3diy 20137</u>	Discussion	
INSCHOOL's support to	Discussion	
schools during the COVID19		
<u>pandemic</u>		
CM/Rec(2020)2 on the		
inclusion of the history of		
Roma and/or travellers in		
school curricula and teaching		
<u>materials</u>		

EEA and Norway Grants
Programme Area on Roma
Inclusion and Empowerment
EEA and Norway Grants
Programme Area on Children
and Youth at Risk

Bulgaria: Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Enhanced Inclusion of Vulnerable Groups

Romania: Local Development and Poverty Reduction, Enhanced Roma Inclusion Slovak Republic: Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Roma Inclusion

10.15-10.30

10.30-12.00

Participants will examine in working groups the implementation of the Council of Europe's Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025) and propose further suggestions for the second period of its implementation (2023-2025).

Coffee break

The way forward: Parallel working groups

WORKING GROUP 1: Cross-cutting issues (Roma and Traveller youth, Roma and Traveller women, Roma and Traveller LGBTI, other Roma and Traveller groups affected by intersecting forms of discrimination)

Room: B4.04.C Language: English

Chair: **Ana Oprisan**, Programme Manager, European Union, Council of

Europe Joint Programme ROMACT, Council of Europe

Rapporteur: to be appointed at the beginning of the meeting

WORKING GROUP 2: Combating antigypsyism and discrimination and

supporting real and effective equality

Room: G03

Language: English, French, Romani

Chair: **Marietta Herfort**, Director, Phiren Amenca (online) Rapporteur: to be appointed at the beginning of the meeting

WORKING GROUP 3: Supporting democratic Roma and Traveller

participation and promoting public trust and accountability

Room: B5.04.C Language: English

Chair: Liliya Makaveeva, National project officer of ROMACT Bulgaria

(online)

Rapporteur: to be appointed at the beginning of the meeting

WORKING GROUP 4: Supporting Roma and Traveller access to inclusive

and quality education and training

Room: B6.04.C Language: English

Chair: **Alba Hernández Sánchez**, Junior Expert, Organisation for Security and Co-operation, Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights,

Contact Point for Roma and Sinti (online)

Rapporteur: to be appointed at the beginning of the meeting

12.00-13.30	Lunch break	
13.30 - 14.45	SESSION 7: Conclusions and recommendations	
The rapporteurs of the		
working groups report to the	Chair: Eleni Tsetsekou , Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team,	
plenary.	Council of Europe	
The general rapporteur of	·	
the 14 th Dialogue meeting	Rapporteurs of the working groups	
presents first summary of the	Conclusions from the working groups	
discussions, and highlights		
conclusions and	Marina Csikós, General Rapporteur of the 14 th Dialogue Meeting, Phiren	
recommendations presented	Amenca International Network	
during the meeting.	Presentation of the results and conclusions of the 14th Dialogue meeting	
	Closing	
14.45		

End of the 14th Meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society