

**Ad Hoc Committee of Experts  
on Roma and Traveller<sup>1</sup> Issues  
(CAHROM)**

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

## Introduction

The CAHROM was set up in 2011 as an *ad hoc committee* by a decision of the Committee of Ministers following the 2010 [Strasbourg Declaration on Roma](#). It is the equivalent of a steering committee<sup>2</sup>.

A similar intergovernmental structure has existed at the Council of Europe from 1996 to 2010: in 1996, a Group of Specialists on Roma/Gypsies (MG-S-ROM) was established with a limited number of countries (12). Following the subsequent change in the terminology used at the Council of Europe, the MG-S-ROM was renamed Group of Specialists of Roma, Gypsies and Travellers in 2002, becoming the Committee of Experts on Roma and Travellers from 2006 until 2010 included.

From 1996 to 2010, thirty meetings of the MG-S-ROM took place (two per year; one in Strasbourg and one abroad<sup>3</sup>). Between 2000 and 2010, the MG-S-ROM drafted seven Roma and Traveller-related recommendations adopted by the Committee of Ministers, addressing Roma policies, education, housing, health, employment and travelling sites<sup>4</sup>, which are still valid guidelines and used by some member states when revising their national Roma integration strategies.

The decision to transform the MG-S-ROM into the CAHROM had positive effects: whilst the MG-S-ROM was a sub-committee of the former European Committee on Migration (CDMG), the CAHROM now directly reports to the Committee of Ministers via the Ministers' Deputies Rapporteur Group on Social and Health Questions (GR-SOC). The impetus provided by the adoption of the [Strasbourg Declaration on Roma](#) and the change of status increased the interest of member states in the Committee's work and, for a number of them, the level of representation.

### 1. Added value and composition of the Committee

CAHROM is **the only international inter-governmental committee dealing specifically with Roma and Traveller issues in Europe (and probably in the World)**.

With 41 experts appointed by Council of Europe member states, i.e. all of the countries having a Roma and/or Traveller population, however small it may be<sup>5</sup>, the CAHROM is truly **pan-European**.

In September 2017, the Chair of the CAHROM was invited by Ms Rita Izsák, United Nations Special Rapporteur on Minority Issues, at a meeting on Roma in the Americas held in Argentina to present the functioning and work of the CAHROM. The purpose of this meeting was also to strengthen cooperation between the Council of Europe and the United Nations on Roma issues and envisage stronger ties between Roma living in Europe and those living in the Americas (e.g. by suggesting a regular participation of Canada, Mexico and the United States of America – in their capacity as observers to the Council of Europe - in CAHROM plenary meetings, or by translating Roma-related Committee of Ministers' recommendation into Spanish and Portuguese.

<sup>2</sup> As opposed to a *steering committee*, an *ad hoc committee* means that the Committee's mandate focuses on a particular topic, i.e. Roma and Travellers in the case of CAHROM.

<sup>3</sup> See the list of hosting countries of MG-S-ROM and CAHROM meetings in Appendix 1.

<sup>4</sup> See hyperlinks to the Roma and Travellers-related Committee of Ministers' recommendations and declarations in Appendix 2.

<sup>5</sup> Member states not represented are: Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco and San Marino.

The committee is multi-cultural and multi-disciplinary: CAHROM members come from various backgrounds and line ministries and also include persons of self-declared Roma ethnic origin<sup>6</sup>. This **variety of profiles** enriches discussions and enables CAHROM to address topics from different perspectives. A perfect **gender balance** was ensured at the 13<sup>th</sup> CAHROM plenary meeting held in Prague, Czech Republic, in May 2017: 22 men and 22 women<sup>7</sup>. The male/female ratio slightly varies from a meeting to another but is close to parity.

CAHROM ensures **co-operation and synergies with external partners**, in particular European Union institutions (various General Directorates of the European Commission, European Parliament, EU Fundamental Rights Agency), international organisations (OSCE/ODIHR, various United Nations agencies), as well as the International Organisation for Migration (IOM), the Regional Cooperation Council (RCC) and the European Centre for Minority Issues (ECMI). Non-governmental observers include Amnesty International (AI), the European Network of Equality Bodies (Equinet), the European Network of National Human Rights Institutions (ENNHRI), the European Roma Information Office (ERIO), the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF), the Forum of European Roma Young People (FERYP), the Financial Mechanisms Office of EEA and Norway Grants, the Open Society Foundations (OSF), and the Roma Education Fund (REF). The Holy See is regularly represented in CAHROM and written communication exists with the Permanent Observer of Canada to the Council of Europe.

Due to the regular presence of external partners, **CAHROM meetings are used for coordination meetings**. The Council of Europe hosted on several occasions **international coordination meetings** between intergovernmental organisations on the side of CAHROM plenary meetings. The European Commission (DG NEAR) also uses the opportunity of CAHROM members' presence to organise **side events with enlargement countries**. CAHROM meetings are also an occasion to discuss **EU/CoE joint programmes** in the presence of the European Commission (DG EAC, DG JUST, DG EMPL, DG NEAR) and member states concerned.

Internally, CAHROM contributes to **transversal co-operation with other Council of Europe entities and monitoring mechanisms**, such as the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, the Parliamentary Assembly (PACE), the Council of Europe Development Bank (CEB), the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM), the European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages (ECRML), the European Committee of Social Rights (ECSR), the Execution of European Court of Human Rights' Judgements Department, the Youth Department, the Children Rights Division, the Gender Equality Unit, the Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity (SOGI) Unit, etc. and **inter-governmental committees** such as the Ad hoc Committee for the Rights of the Child (CAHENF), the Steering Committee for Human Rights (CDDH), the European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ) or the Advisory Council on Youth (CCJ).

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<sup>6</sup> At the date of 27 August 2018, six members of the CAHROM have a self-declared Roma ethnic origin (i.e. 14% of the Committee members).

<sup>7</sup> The total is 44 instead of 41 because Belgium has three officially appointed members (only 1 reimbursed by the Council of Europe) and the country chairing the Committee (Croatia at that time) was represented by two persons.

## 2. Terms of Reference and relevance for Council of Europe priorities

The CAHROM supports the implementation of the 2010 [Strasbourg Declaration on Roma](#) and the work of the CAHROM is listed under the accompanying measures of the Council of Europe [Thematic Action Plan on the Inclusion of Roma and Travellers \(2016-2019\)](#) adopted by the Committee of Ministers in March 2016.

In its **standard-setting role**, the CAHROM already drafted two recommendations adopted by the Committee of Ministers: [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2012\)9 on mediation as an effective tool for promoting respect for human rights and social inclusion of Roma](#) and [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)10 on improving access to justice for Roma and Travellers in Europe](#).

Its **terms of reference** for the years 2018-2019 include the preparation for the Committee of Ministers of a draft recommendation on the **inclusion of the teaching of Roma history, including Roma Holocaust, in textbooks and school curricula**.

The CAHROM also **raises attention of the CM on emerging issues** (e.g. the Committee drafted [CM Declaration on the Rise of Anti-Gypsyism and Racist Violence against Roma in Europe](#) adopted by the Committee of Ministers in February 2012).

The CAHROM regularly provides **comments to Roma-related Recommendations and/or Resolutions of the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE)**<sup>8</sup>.

## 3. Working methods and innovations

CAHROM appointed five thematic Rapporteurs among its members, namely on a) **Gender Equality**, b) **Roma youth**, c) **Roma children**, d) **Anti-Gypsyism/hate crime**, and e) **the role of local and regional authorities for Roma inclusion**. These CAHROM thematic Rapporteurs ensure transversal co-operation with relevant sectors and committees (e.g. the CAHROM Roma Youth Rapporteur attends informal coordination meetings on the Roma Youth Action Plan (RYAP) organised by the Youth Department; the CAHROM Gender Equality Rapporteur attends meetings of the Gender Equality Commission and represents the Committee in International Roma Women's Conferences; the CAHROM Rapporteur on Roma children attends, when relevant, CAHENF meetings and provided input to the Council of Europe's Strategy for the Rights of the Child 2016-2021; the CAHROM Rapporteur on anti-Gypsyism represents CAHROM at meetings of the Council of Europe/FRA/Equinet/ENNHRI Operational Platform for Roma Equality (OPRE)<sup>9</sup> or at Roma LGBTI events organised with the SOGI Unit; the CAHROM Rapporteur on the role of local and regional authorities is the counterpart of the Congress Spokesperson on Roma and Traveller Issues and has contacts with the Secretariat of the European Alliance of Cities and Regions for Roma Inclusion<sup>10</sup>).

<sup>8</sup> The list of relevant PACE and Congress recommendations/resolutions is available on the Roma Portal: [www.coe.int/roma](http://www.coe.int/roma).

<sup>9</sup> See OPRE website: [http://a.cs.coe.int/team81/opre\\_platform/layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx](http://a.cs.coe.int/team81/opre_platform/layouts/15/start.aspx#/SitePages/Home.aspx).

<sup>10</sup> See Alliance Webpage: <http://www.roma-alliance.org/en/>.

At the request of the CAHROM (supported by the Secretary General and the Committee of Ministers), **other intergovernmental committees have appointed a “Roma Rapporteur” to mainstream Roma issues in their work**, such as the CDDH, the CAHENF and the CCJ<sup>11</sup>.

In 2012, the CAHROM introduced **innovative thematic working methods**, namely thematic peer reviews: a group of CAHROM experts visits a country, on a voluntary basis, to examine a certain topic; the thematic report, emanating from that visit, includes experts’ conclusions and recommendations for adequate policy responses to the issue examined. Experts also identify good practices which contribute to the online database of Roma-related good practices<sup>12</sup>. In 2017, **CAHROM published a [Review document on the impact, outcome and follow-up of CAHROM thematic reports and visits 2012-2017](#)**, including statistics about member states’ participation.

By the end of 2018, 35 thematic visits, involving 250 experts from 38 member states, will have been organised (on average five thematic visits per year). The list of topics reflects the main priorities and challenges faced by member states. The most numerous thematic visits were related to **education**, such as combating school drop-out and absenteeism; increasing school attendance, especially of Roma girls; promoting inclusive education as opposed to special or segregated schools; increasing pre-school education; challenging the practice of testing systems and diagnoses before entering school; promoting vocational education and training; ensuring compulsory education for all Roma children; and introducing the teaching of Roma history/Roma Holocaust. **Housing** was the second most important topic, with reports addressing social housing; legalisation of informal Roma settlements; prevention of evictions; and the provision of halting sites for Travellers.

Other addressed topics include ***solving the lack of ID documents and statelessness; fighting anti-Gypsyism and anti-Roma hate speech; Roma women and youth empowerment and the inclusion of these dimensions in national Roma integration strategies; participation in advisory and decision-making bodies; promotion and protection of the Romani language or other languages spoken by Roma-related communities; promotion and institutionalisation of Roma school and health mediators; challenges of meaningful Roma policies in countries with a small Roma population, access to justice; and access to employment.***

Some reports addressed delicate topics, such as ***child/early and forced marriages*** or ***human trafficking*** within Roma communities. Other reports addressed more generally the *situation of certain communities, challenges they face and policy responses to their needs, including eastern Roma groups or the integration of Roma migrants*.

**For 2019**, the following topics have already been proposed: *governmental support for the promotion of Romani arts and culture, as well as Holocaust remembrance, and related international cooperation; the promotion of Romani culture(s) and the impact of traditions in the development and implementation of national Roma integration policies; fighting various forms of school segregation through inclusive education; Roma self-reliability and responsibility to participate in society (education, labour market, sports, etc.) as any other citizens; and social and/or geographical mapping of Roma communities and their concrete impact for policies and data collection.*

<sup>11</sup> The Steering Committee for Culture, Heritage and Landscape (CDCPP) and the Steering Committee for Education Policy and Practice (CDPPE) have not appointed such Roma rapporteur yet.

<sup>12</sup> See database of Roma-related good practices Website: <http://goodpracticeroma.ppa.coe.int/en>.

## Appendix 1

### List of CAHROM meetings (2011-2019) and MG-S-ROM meetings (2006-2010)

Year	N° mtg	Venue and hosting country	Dates	MS represented
2019	18 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	October	tbd
2019	17 <sup>th</sup>	Toulouse (tbc), <b>France</b>	June tbc	tbd
2018	16 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	16-19 Oct.	tbd
2018	15 <sup>th</sup>	Athens & Megara, <b>Greece</b>	22-25 May	36
2017	14 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	24-27 Oct.	37
2017	13 <sup>th</sup>	Prague & Brno, <b>Czech Republic</b>	31 May-3 June	37
2016	12 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	15-18 Nov.	35
2016	11 <sup>th</sup>	Sofia & Samokov, <b>Bulgaria</b>	26-29 April	38
2015	10 <sup>th</sup>	Bucharest, <b>Romania</b>	27-30 Oct.	32
2015	9 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	27-29 May	41
2014	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sarajevo & Kakanj, <b>Bosnia and Herzegovina</b>	28-31 Oct.	32
2014	7 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	14-16 May	35
2013	6 <sup>th</sup>	Rome, <b>Italy</b>	28-31 Oct.	37
2013	5 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	14-16 May	39
2012	4 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	28-30 Nov	37
2012	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Skopje & Ohrid, “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	22-25 May	31
2011	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Istanbul & Şişli, <b>Turkey</b>	22-25 Nov.	30
2011	1 <sup>st</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	30-31 March	35
<b>MG-S-ROM</b>				
Year	N° mtg	Venue and hosting country	Dates	MS present
2010	30 <sup>th</sup>	Wrocław, <b>Poland</b>	18-21 Oct.	22
2010	29 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	25-26 March	23
2009	28 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	15-16 Oct.	24
2009	27 <sup>th</sup>	Seville, <b>Spain</b>	26-27 March	23
2008	26 <sup>th</sup>	The Hague, <b>the Netherlands</b>	6-7 Nov.	24
2008	25 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	3-4 April	24
2007	24 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, <b>France</b>	8-9 Nov.	22
2007	23 <sup>rd</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	21-22 May	23
2006	22 <sup>nd</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	7-8 Nov.	21
2006	21 <sup>st</sup>	Bucharest, <b>Romania</b>	2-3 May	17
2005	20 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	22-23 Nov	19
2005	19 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	7-8 April	21
2004	18 <sup>th</sup>	Prešov, <b>Slovak Republic</b>	21-24 Nov.	16
2004	17 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	29-30 March	18

2003	16 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	27-28 Nov.	19
2003	15 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	24-25 March	18
2002	14 <sup>th</sup>	Dublin, <b>Ireland</b>	14-16 Oct.	<i>See archives</i>
2002	13 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	25-26 March	<i>See archives</i>
2001	12 <sup>th</sup>	Helsinki, <b>Finland</b>	22-24 Oct.	<i>See archives</i>
2001	11 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	<i>April or May</i>	<i>See archives</i>
2000	10 <sup>th</sup>	Budapest, <b>Hungary</b>	30 Oct.-2 Nov	<i>See archives</i>
2000	9 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	12-14 April	<i>See archives</i>
1999	8 <sup>th</sup>	Sofia, <b>Bulgaria</b>	20-23 Sept.	<i>See archives</i>
1999	7 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	29-30 March	<i>See archives</i>
1998	6 <sup>th</sup>	Prague, <b>Czech Republic</b>	28 Sept-1 Oct	<i>See archives</i>
1998	5 <sup>th</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	5-6 March	<i>See archives</i>
1997	4 <sup>th</sup>	Ploiești, <b>Romania</b>	13-16 Oct.	<i>See archives</i>
1997	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	27-28 Febr.	<i>See archives</i>
1996	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	10-11 Oct.	12
1996	1 <sup>st</sup>	Strasbourg, Council of Europe	20-21 March	12

## Appendix 2

Roma and Travellers-related Committee of Ministers' recommendations and declarations prepared by the CAHROM (since 2011) or the MG-S-ROM (between 1996 and 2010)<sup>13</sup>

### Anti-Gypsyism

- [Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the Rise of Anti-Gypsyism and Racist Violence against Roma in Europe](#)

### Education

- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2009\)4 of the Committee of Ministers to member states on the education of Roma and Travellers in Europe](#)
- [Recommendation No. R\(2000\) 4 of the Committee of Ministers on the education of Roma/Gypsy children in Europe](#)

### Employment

- [Recommendation Rec\(2001\)17 of the Committee of Ministers on improving the economic and employment situation of Roma/Gypsies and Travellers](#)

### Halting sites (for nomadic or semi-nomadic populations)

- [Recommendation Rec\(2004\)14 of the Committee of Ministers on the movement and encampment of Travellers in Europe](#)

### Health

- [Recommendation Rec\(2006\)10 of the Committee of Ministers on better access to health care for Roma and Travellers in Europe](#)

### Housing

- [Recommendation Rec\(2005\)4 of the Committee of Ministers on improving the housing conditions of Roma and Travellers in Europe](#)

### Justice

- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2017\)10 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on improving access to justice for Roma and Travellers in Europe](#)

### Mediation

- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2012\)9 of the Committee of Ministers to member States on mediation as an effective tool for promoting respect for human rights and social inclusion of Roma](#)

### National Policies (Strategies)

- [Recommendation CM/Rec\(2008\)5 of the Committee of Ministers on policies for Roma and/or Travellers in Europe](#)

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<sup>13</sup> Under its 2018-2019 Terms of Reference, the CAHROM was given the specific task to prepare a draft recommendation for the Committee of Ministers on the inclusion of the teaching of Roma history, including Roma Holocaust, in textbooks and school curricula. It should also be noted that prior to the setting-up of the MG-S-ROM, two other texts were adopted by the Committee of Ministers related to "nomads": [Resolution \(75\)13 of the Committee of Ministers on the social situation of nomads in Europe](#) adopted in 1975 and [Recommendation No. R\(83\)1 of the Committee of Ministers on stateless nomads and nomads of undetermined nationality](#) adopted in 1983.



## Appendix 3

### CAHROM thematic visits and reports (2012-2018)

Topics of thematic groups	Requesting countries (that hosted a thematic visit)	Partner countries	Dates and venues of thematic visits	Status and endorsement date of CAHROM thematic reports
<b>Thematic visits held in 2012</b>				
Thematic group on school drop-out and absenteeism of Roma children	• the Netherlands	• Hungary • Spain • Sweden	Nieuwegein, Veldoven (the Netherlands) 12-14 March 2012	CAHROM (2012)6 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting in May 2012.
Thematic group on the role of central, regional and local authorities in implementing national Roma inclusion strategies	• Republic of Moldova	• Finland • Romania • Slovenia	Chişinău (Republic of Moldova) 21-23 March 2012	CAHROM (2012)7 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 3 <sup>rd</sup> meeting in May 2012.
Thematic group on social housing for Roma	• “the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	• Bosnia and Herzegovina • Croatia • Spain ( <i>not at the visit</i> )	Skopje (“the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”) 3-5 April 2012	CAHROM (2012)8 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 4 <sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2012.
Thematic group on inclusive education of Roma children as opposed to special schools	• Czech Republic • Slovak Republic  (two thematic visits combined the same week)	• Hungary • Slovenia • United Kingdom • Czech Republic (partly) • Slovak Republic (partly)	Prague (Czech Republic) Košice, Spišský Hrhov, and Spišská Nová Ves (Slovak Republic) 1-5 October 2012	CAHROM (2012)18 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 3 <sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2012.
Thematic group on school attendance of Roma children, girls in particular	• Finland	• Latvia • Norway • Sweden	Helsinki (Finland) 24-26 October 2012	CAHROM (2013)5 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2013.
<b>Thematic visits held in 2013</b>				
Thematic group on encampment areas and other issues relating to Travellers	• Belgium	• France • Switzerland • United Kingdom	Brussels, Ghent, Namur (Belgium) 20-22 February 2013	CAHROM (2013)6 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 5 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2013.
Thematic group on social housing for Roma and legalisation of Roma settlements/houses	• Albania	• Bosnia and Herzegovina • Serbia ( <i>cancelled</i> ) • “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	Tirana (Albania) 15-17 April 2013	CAHROM (2013)18 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 6 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2013.
Thematic group on combating anti-Gypsyism, hate speech and hate crime against Roma	• Hungary	• Czech Republic • Italy ( <i>not at the visit</i> ) • Norway • Sweden • United Kingdom	Budapest, Ózd, Miskolc (Hungary) 4-6 September 2013	CAHROM (2013) 21 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 7 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2014.
Thematic group on legalisation of informal settlements, re-housing solutions and alternative measures to (forced) evictions	• Serbia	• Greece ( <i>not at the visit</i> ) • Slovak Republic • Spain	Belgrade (Serbia) 18-20 November 2013	CAHROM (2013)30 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2014.
<b>Thematic visits held in 2014</b>				
Thematic group on solving legal status of Roma from ex-Yugoslavia and their lack of identity/personal documents	• Italy	• Bosnia and Herzegovina • Croatia • Montenegro • “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia” • Serbia	Rome (Italy) 28-30 April 2014	CAHROM (2014)10 – conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2014.
Thematic group on the empowerment of Roma women and gender dimension of Roma policies	• Lithuania	• Finland • Italy • Republic of Moldova • Spain	Vilnius & Panevėžys (Lithuania) 4-6 June 2014	CAHROM (2014)11 - conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2014.
Thematic group on the protection and promotion of languages spoken by Roma	• Croatia	• Austria • Hungary • Romania • Slovak Republic	Zagreb (Croatia) 24-26 September 2014	CAHROM (2014) 17 - conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 8 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2014.

Thematic group on inclusive pre-school education for Roma children	• Czech Republic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hungary</li> <li>• Latvia</li> <li>• Poland</li> <li>• “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of the European Commission DG JUST</i>	Prague (Czech Republic) 19-21 November 2014	CAHROM (2015)6 - conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 9 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2015.
<b>Thematic visits held in 2015</b>				
Thematic group on addressing and combatting trafficking of human beings within Roma communities, with a focus on street children and prostitution	• Albania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Greece</li> <li>• Italy</li> <li>• Netherlands</li> <li>• Romania (<i>not at the visit</i>)</li> </ul>	Tirana (Albania) 4-6 March 2015	CAHROM (2015)7 – conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2015 (full report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 15 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2018).
Thematic group on early/child and forced marriages within Roma communities in the context of promoting gender equality	• Romania	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Italy</li> <li>• Republic of Moldova</li> <li>• Netherlands</li> <li>• Poland</li> <li>• United Kingdom</li> </ul>	Bucharest (Romania) 27-29 April 2015	CAHROM (2015)8 – conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2015 (full report endorsed at its 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting in April 2016).
Thematic group on the empowerment of Roma youth and the youth dimension of national Roma integration strategies	• Slovenia	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belgium</li> <li>• Croatia</li> <li>• Serbia</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of CoE Youth Department and the Advisory Council on Youth</i>	Ljubljana (Slovenia) 4-6 June 2015	CAHROM (2015)9 – conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 10 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2015.
Thematic group on the schooling of Roma migrant and Traveller children	• France	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belgium</li> <li>• Romania</li> <li>• Switzerland</li> </ul>	Paris/Ile-de-France (France) 5-7 October 2015	CAHROM (2016)6 – report to be endorsed by the CAHROM at its 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2018.
Thematic group on Roma health mediators	• Bulgaria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belgium</li> <li>• Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>• Montenegro</li> <li>• Poland</li> <li>• “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”</li> <li>• Turkey</li> </ul>	Sofia and Blagoevgrad (Bulgaria) 2-4 November 2015	CAHROM (2016)7 - conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting in April 2016 (full report endorsed by written procedure in August 2016).
Thematic group on vocational education and training for Roma	• Poland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>• Finland</li> <li>• “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”</li> <li>• Turkey (<i>not at the visit</i>)</li> </ul>	Cracow (Poland) 26-28 November 2015	CAHROM (2016)8 - conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting in April 2016 (full report endorsed by written procedure in August 2016).
<b>Thematic visits held in 2016</b>				
Thematic group on the empowerment and participation of Roma and Travellers in advisory bodies and consultation mechanisms (with a focus on Roma women and youth)	• Ireland	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Belgium (<i>not at the visit</i>)</li> <li>• Croatia</li> <li>• Norway</li> <li>• Spain</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of OHCHR</i>	Dublin (Ireland) 8-10 February 2016	CAHROM (2016)9 – conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 11 <sup>th</sup> meeting in April 2016; full report endorsed at its 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2016.
Thematic group on testing systems and diagnoses for Roma children with allegedly mild mental disabilities	• Hungary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Czech Republic</li> <li>• Netherlands</li> <li>• Poland</li> <li>• Slovak Republic</li> <li>• “The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of the European Commission (DG EAC)</i>	Budapest (Hungary) 9-11 March 2016	CAHROM (2016)20 – conclusions discussed by the CAHROM at its 12 <sup>th</sup> meeting in November 2016.
Thematic group on the empowerment and participation of Roma in advisory and decision-making bodies and in political life	• Greece	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>• Croatia</li> <li>• Czech Republic</li> </ul>	Athens (Greece) 17-19 October 2016	CAHROM (2016)19 – conclusions endorsed by the CAHROM at its 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2017.

(with a focus on Roma women and youth)		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Romania</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of FRA</i>		
Thematic group on linking national anti-poverty policies and national Roma integration strategies through an integrated approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albania</li> <li>Croatia</li> <li>Greece</li> <li>Hungary</li> <li>Italy</li> <li>Netherlands</li> </ul>	Sarajevo (Bosnia & Herzegovina) 30 November – 2 December 2016	CAHROM (2016)20 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2017.
Thematic group on addressing the needs of newly arrived Roma communities, as well as opportunities and responses to challenges for their integration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Spain</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulgaria</li> <li>France</li> <li>Ireland</li> <li>Italy</li> <li>Montenegro</li> <li>Romania</li> <li>Serbia</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of OHCHR</i>	Madrid (Spain) 14-16 December 2016	CAHROM (2016)21 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 13 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2017.
<b>Thematic visits held in 2017</b>				
Thematic group on the protection, preservation and teaching of languages spoken by Roma, Sinti, Kaale and Yenish (including ways to handle the opposition of traditional communities to have their language written and taught)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Austria</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>Czech Republic</li> <li>Finland</li> <li>Germany</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Slovak Republic</li> <li>Slovenia</li> <li>Switzerland</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of ECRML</i>	Graz (ECML) (Austria) 29-31 March 2017	CAHROM (2017)14 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2017.
Thematic group on Roma mediation (with a focus on school mediators/assistants)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Lithuania</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latvia</li> <li>Republic of Moldova</li> <li>Norway</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Portugal</li> <li>“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of ROMED</i>	Vilnius and Panažėvis (Lithuania) 25-27 April 2017	CAHROM (2017)16 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2017.
Thematic group on challenges and best practices in implementing Roma inclusion strategies (including mechanisms for solving personal identification documents and improving access to social services)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Ukraine</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greece</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Serbia</li> <li>“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of ECMI</i>	Kyiv (Ukraine) 26-28 April 2017	CAHROM (2017)17 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2017.
Thematic group on the situation of eastern Roma groups (Roma from Turkey and South Caucasus, Lom/Bosha/Posha, Dom/Garachi/Karachi, and Abdal) and policy responses to their needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Georgia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Armenia</li> <li>Azerbaijan</li> <li>Russian Federation</li> <li>Turkey (<i>not at the visit</i>)</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of ECMI and OSCE/ODIHR</i>	Tbilissi (Georgia) 21-23 June 2017	CAHROM (2017)18 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 14 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2017.
Thematic group on the teaching of Roma history, including Roma Holocaust, in textbooks and school curricula	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Slovak Republic</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Czech Republic</li> <li>Hungary</li> <li>Republic of Moldova</li> <li>Romania</li> </ul> <i>With the participation of IHRA</i>	Košice (Slovak Republic) 7-9 November 2017	CAHROM (2017)27 – report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 15 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2018.

Thematic visits (to be) held in 2018				
Thematic group on Roma and Traveller's access to justice (with a focus on Roma and Traveller women)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finland</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bulgaria</li> <li>Greece</li> <li>Ireland</li> <li>Italy</li> <li>Romania</li> <li>Spain</li> </ul> <p><i>With the participation of JUSTROM national coordinators and Spanish Kamira Association</i></p>	Helsinki (Finland) 21-23 March 2018	CAHROM (2018)5 – Conclusions of the report endorsed by the CAHROM at its 15 <sup>th</sup> meeting in May 2018 (full report to be endorsed by written procedure)
Thematic group on enhancing the effective realization of Roma children's compulsory school education as the most efficient tool towards the mid-term improvement of the situation of Roma communities, and added value of ensuring access to vocational education for Roma youth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Republic of Moldova</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>Greece</li> <li>Hungary (implementing INSCHOOL JP)</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Netherlands</li> <li>Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><i>With the contribution of INSCHOOL project manager</i></p>	Chişinău and Vulcăneşti, (Republic of Moldova) 24-26 April 2018	CAHROM (2018)12 –report to be endorsed by the CAHROM at its 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2018.
Thematic group on Roma access to employment (with a focus on Roma women and youth)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Netherlands</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Finland</li> <li>Greece</li> <li>Republic of Moldova</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Spain</li> <li>"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"</li> </ul> <p><i>With the participation of ROMACT project officer, the Youth Department and DG-NEAR</i></p>	Tilburg and Enschede (the Netherlands) 12-14 June 2018	CAHROM (2018)13 – report to be endorsed by the CAHROM at its 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2018.
Thematic group on Roma integration, policy development and coordination practices in countries with a small Roma population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Latvia</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Estonia</li> <li>Finland</li> <li>Georgia</li> <li>Lithuania</li> <li>Norway</li> <li>Slovenia</li> </ul> <p><i>With the participation of ECMI</i></p>	Rīga, Jelgava, Jūrmala (Latvia) 3-5 October 2018	CAHROM (2018)20 – Conclusions of the report to be endorsed by the CAHROM at its 16 <sup>th</sup> meeting in October 2018 (full report to be endorsed by the CAHROM at its 17 <sup>th</sup> meeting in June 2019).
Thematic group on solving the lack of identity documents and statelessness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Albania</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bosnia and Herzegovina</li> <li>Italy</li> <li>Montenegro</li> <li>Serbia</li> <li>"The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia"</li> <li>Ukraine</li> </ul> <p><i>With the participation of ECMI</i></p>	Tirana (Albania) 14-16 November 2018	CAHROM (2018)21 –report to be endorsed by the CAHROM at its 17 <sup>th</sup> meeting in June 2019.

## Appendix 4

### Statistical information about member states' participation in CAHROM thematic visits 2012-2018 and selected topics

PARTICIPATION IN CAHROM THEMATIC VISITS (2012-2018 included) by the following member states of the Council of Europe <sup>14</sup>	Total number of participations <sup>15</sup>	As hosting country <sup>16</sup>	As partner country	Anti-Gypsyism	Anti-trafficking	Culture/Tradition	Education	Employment	Health	Halting sites	History	Housing	Justice	Language	Legal status / ID	Migration	Participation	Policy (NRIS)	Women/marriage	Youth
“The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia”	11	1	10				4	1	1			2			2			1		
Hungary	10	2	8	1			6				1			1				1		
Poland	10	1	9				5	1	1					1				1	1	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	10	1	9				2		1			2		1	2		1	1		
Romania	9	1	8		1		1				1		1	1		1		2	1	
Italy	9	1	8	1	1								1		2	1		1	2	
Czech Republic	8	2	6	1			4				1			1			1			
Finland	8	2	6				2	1					1	1				2	1	
Spain	8	1	7				1	1				2	1			1	1		1	
Croatia	7	1	6									1		1	1		2	1		1
Slovak Republic	7	2	5				3				1	1		2						
Netherlands	7	2	5		1		3	1										1	1	
Greece	7	1	6		1		1	1				1	1				1	1		
Moldova (Republic of)	7	2	5				2	1			1							1	2	
Slovenia	6	1	5				1							2				2		1
Serbia	6	1	5									1			2	1		1		1
Belgium	5	1	4				1		1	1							1			1
United Kingdom	5	0	5	1			2			1									1	
Norway	5	0	5	1			2										1	1		
Latvia	4	1	3				3											1		
Albania	4	3	1		1							1			1			1		
Montenegro	4	0	4						1						2	1				

<sup>14</sup> Only the 41 countries that have appointed a CAHROM member are taken into consideration out of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe (not included in the list are: Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, and San Marino). Member states are listed by total number of participations and by chronological order of their participation in thematic visits.

<sup>15</sup> Countries' experts who could not participate in the thematic visits but have contributed to the thematic reports are included.

<sup>16</sup> The coloured boxes indicate topics for which the member state concerned has been a hosting/requesting country.

PARTICIPATION IN CAHROM THEMATIC GROUPS (2012-2018 included) by the following member states of the Council of Europe <sup>17</sup>	Total number of participations <sup>18</sup>	As hosting country <sup>19</sup>	As partner country	Anti-Gypsyism	Anti-trafficking	Culture/Tradition	Education	Employment	Health	Halting sites	History	Housing	Justice	Language	Legal status / ID	Migration	Participation	Policy (NRIS)	Women/marriage	Youth
Sweden	3	0	3	1			2													
France	3	1	2				1			1						1				
Switzerland	3	0	3				1			1				1						
Turkey	3	0	3				1		1									1		
Bulgaria	3	1	2						1				1			1				
Ireland	3	1	2							1						1	1			
Lithuania	3	2	1				1											1	1	
Ukraine	3	1	2				1								1			1		
Austria	2	1	1											2						
Georgia	2	1	1															2		
Germany	1	0	1											1						
Portugal	1	0	1				1													
Armenia	1	0	1															1		
Azerbaijan	1	0	1															1		
Russian Federation	1	0	1															1		
Estonia	1	0	1															1		
Cyprus	0	0	0																	
Denmark	0	0	0																	
Luxembourg	0	0	0																	
<b>Total</b>	<b>191</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>156</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>0<sup>20</sup></b>	<b>51</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>4</b>

<sup>17</sup> Only the 41 countries that have appointed a CAHROM member are taken into consideration out of the 47 member states of the Council of Europe (not included in the list are: Andorra, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Malta, Monaco, and San Marino). Member states are listed by total number of participations and by chronological order of their participation in thematic visits.

<sup>18</sup> Countries' experts who could not participate in the thematic visits but have contributed to the thematic reports are included.

<sup>19</sup> The coloured boxes indicate topics for which the member state concerned has been a hosting/requesting country.

<sup>20</sup> This topic will be the subject of a CAHROM thematic visit scheduled in 2019.

## Appendix 5

### Composition of the CAHROM Bureau 2011-2018

<b>2011</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms Mabera KAMBERI	« The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia »
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr Ian NAYSMITH	United Kingdom
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Mr Nicolae RADIȚA	Republic of Moldova
<b>2012</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms Mabera KAMBERI	« The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia »
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr Ian NAYSMITH	United Kingdom
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Mr Nicolae RADIȚA	Republic of Moldova
<b>2013</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr Ian NAYSMITH	United Kingdom
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr Nicolae RADIȚA	Republic of Moldova
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Mr Ján HERO	Slovak Republic
<b>2014</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr Ian NAYSMITH	United Kingdom
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms Mabera KAMBERI	« The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia »
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Ms Rocio ARIÑO SERRANO	Spain
<b>2015</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr Stanko BALUH	Slovenia
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms Mabera KAMBERI	« The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia »
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Ms Christa ACHLEITNER	Austria
<b>2016</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr Branko SOČANAC	Croatia
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms Tatjana ANDJELIĆ	Montenegro
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Mr Ion DUMINICĂ	Republic of Moldova
<b>2017</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Mr Branko SOČANAC	Croatia
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Ms Tatjana ANDJELIĆ	Montenegro
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Mr Ján HERO	Slovak Republic
<b>2018</b>	<b>Name/SURNAME</b>	<b>Member state</b>
<b>Chair:</b>	Ms Tatjana ANDJELIĆ	Montenegro
<b>Vice-Chair:</b>	Mr Ján HERO	Slovak Republic
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Bureau member:</b>	Mr Manuel DEMOUGEOT	France