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**10TH MEETING OF THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE
DIALOGUE WITH ROMA AND TRAVELLER¹ CIVIL SOCIETY**

*Strasbourg, 26-27 November 2020
Online meeting – KUDO Platform*

**Combating hate speech directed against Roma and Travellers
Prevalence – Characteristics – Measures**

AGENDA

Thursday, 26 November 2020	
09.30-15.30	
08.30-09.30	Welcome and connectivity check
09.30-10.00 Reference Document: <i>Report of the 1st meeting of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS)</i>	Opening <i>Chair: Jeroen Schokkenbroek</i> , Director of Anti-discrimination, Council of Europe Tatjana Anđelić , Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM) Alen Tahiri , Substitute Rapporteur on Anti-Gypsyism, Hate Speech and Violence, Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM) Javier Saez , Senior expert on combating hate speech, Fundacion Secretariado Gitano, Spain
10.00-10.50 <i>The purpose of this session is to offer Roma and Traveller civil society a platform for presenting the hate speech situation in their respective communities and discussing similarities and differences.</i> <i>The session will also try to identify the prevalence and characteristics of hate speech against Roma and Travellers.</i>	SESSION 1: Experiencing hate speech - facts and figures on hate speech incidents and their characteristics <i>Chair: Senada Sali</i> , Legal Manager, European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) Atanas Stoyanov , Project Coordinator, Phiren Amenca International Network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organisations

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, 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.

<p>Reference Document: Factsheet on hate speech against Roma and Travellers (17 May 2016) – Lilla Farkas</p> <p>Questions for discussion: Please provide some examples of recent hate-speech cases in your country and, if possible, clarify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the most frequent instances and fields where hate-speech occurs – e.g. media, school, group-interactions, etc.?</i> • <i>Can some clear differences be pointed out when comparing characteristics and effects of hate speech against Roma and Travellers with hate speech against other groups?</i> 	<p>Dr Lynne Tammi, Advisor and member, Scottish Traveller Action and Resilience Collective</p> <p>Other Roma and Traveller civil society contributors</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>10.50-11.00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11.00-12.00</p> <p>Reference Documents: ECRI General Policy Recommendation No. 15 on combating hate speech</p> <p>ECRI General Policy Recommendation No. 13 on combating anti-Gypsism and discrimination against Roma</p> <p>The European Court of Human Rights (2020) factsheet on hate speech</p> <p>Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe Dunja Mijatović - Annual Activity Report 2019</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What should member states' governments do to protect Roma and/or Travellers against hate speech?</i> • <i>What anti-hate speech measures, prohibitions, sanctions and ways of monitoring and reporting the hate speech situation are considered efficient or inefficient by Roma and Traveller civil society?</i> • <i>Legislative anti-hate speech measures are only one way of combating hate speech. What other measures could be taken to prevent hate speech, or minimize its impact?</i> • <i>Are there some positive examples of counter speech campaigns, hate speech victim support, or public discourses in your country to fight hate speech?</i> • <i>Is there a mechanism to address, prevent, or combat hate speech in your country?</i> • <i>What are the current shortfalls or failures of this mechanism or other attempts to tackle hate speech? What is needed to address these shortfalls?</i> • <i>Do you seek support in hate speech situations? From whom?</i> 	<p>SESSION 2: Council of Europe instruments and tools to prevent, combat and sanction hate speech</p> <p><i>Chair: Dr Maria Daniela Marouda</i>, Chair of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI)</p> <p>Francoise Kempf, Advisor to the Commissioner, Office of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights <i>Activities of the Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights to combat hate speech</i></p> <p>Menno Ettema, Programme Manager, Co-operation projects on hate speech, hate crime and discrimination and Co-secretary to the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Combatting Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS) <i>Preparation of a draft recommendation by the Committee of Ministers to member states on a comprehensive approach to addressing hate speech</i></p> <p>Onur Andreotti, Lawyer, European Court of Human Rights <i>Human rights and hatred - few benchmarks from ECHR case-law</i></p> <p>Roma and Traveller civil society contributors</p> <p>Discussion</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Are member states, Roma and Traveller NGOs, or other civil society organisations successful in mobilising support for victims of hate speech? If not, why not? 	
<p>12.00-13.30</p>	<p>Lunch break</p>
<p>13.30-14.20</p> <p><i>The purpose of the session is to discuss those characteristics of hate speech which indicate that also factors other than ethnicity, such as gender and age play a role in the combat against hate speech.</i></p> <p><i>This session also discusses the importance of an intersectional approach to combating hate speech.</i></p> <p>Reference Document: Hate crime provision in EU member states: the importance of an intersectional approach to ensure victims' rights (2020)</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of observations have participants made concerning gender and age aspects of hate speech? • What kind of impact does hate speech have on Roma and Traveller children and Youth? • How can multiple discrimination and intersectionality be taken into account in combating hate speech? 	<p>SESSION 3: Gender and age dimensions of hate speech and its impact on Roma and Traveller women, children and youth</p> <p><i>Chair: Andreia Lourenço Marques, Portugal, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Gender Equality Commission (GEC)</i></p> <p>Vesa Batalli, Programme Manager, Voice of Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians in Kosovo*</p> <p>Lois Brookes-Jones, Phiren Amenca International Network</p> <p>Other Roma and Traveller civil society contributors</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>14.20-14.30</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>14.30-15.30</p> <p><i>The purpose of the session is to present and discuss the work of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe (PACE) on the role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech.</i></p> <p>Reference Documents: PACE Resolution 2275 (2019) The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance PACE Resolution 1760 (2010) Recent rise in national security discourse in Europe: the case of Roma Declaration of Mayors and Elected Local and Regional Representatives of Council of Europe member States against anti-Gypsyism</p>	<p>SESSION 4: The role of political leaders in combating hate speech</p> <p><i>Chair: Thorsten Afflerbach, Secretary to the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Elvira Kovács, Member of the Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe, rapporteur on <i>The role and responsibilities of political leaders in combating hate speech and intolerance (PACE Resolution 2275 (2019))</i></p> <p>Kadrin Hazanov, Coordinator, Integro Association in Bulgaria</p> <p>Ildiko Csanya, Educational Coordinator, Phiren Amenca International Network of Roma and non-Roma volunteers and voluntary service organisations</p> <p>Other Roma and Traveller civil society contributors</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>15.30 End of the first day</p>	

Friday, 27 November 2020	
10.00-13.00	
09.30-10.00	Connectivity check
<p>10.00-10.50</p> <p>Reference Documents: Council of Europe, Media Regulatory Authorities and Hate Speech, June 2017 British Journal of Community Justice - "I Hope the River Floods": Online Hate Speech Towards Gypsy, Roma and Traveller Communities</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the characteristics of anti-Roma and anti-Traveller hate speech online? • What kind of self-regulation measures should the media adopt in order to combat anti-Roma and anti-Traveller hate speech? • How can young Roma and Travellers participate in combating online hate speech? 	<p>SESSION 5: Media self-regulation of hate speech and cyberhate discourses against Roma and Travellers</p> <p><i>Chair: Roberto Bortone</i>, Coordinator, National Anti-Racial Discrimination Office (UNAR), National observatory on hate speech in media, Member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS), Italy</p> <p>Eliška Pírková, Europe Policy Analyst, Access Now, Member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Combating Hate Speech (ADI/MSI-DIS), Belgium <i>Amplification of online hate by large online platforms and how this impacts underrepresented groups</i></p> <p>Gilda-Nancy Horvath, Roma Activist, Romarchive and www.romblog.at, Austria, Member of the Board of the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAN)</p> <p>Gwendolyn Albert, Journalist, Romea.cz, Czech Republic</p> <p>Mustafa Jakubov, Policy and Project Coordinator, European Roma Grassroot Organisations Network (ERGO) <i>PECAO-project: Characteristics of anti-Gypsyist hate speech online and countering it by working with young people, using a combination of peer education and monitoring</i></p> <p>Other Roma and Traveller civil society contributors</p> <p>Discussion</p>
10.50-11.00	Coffee break
<p>11.00-11.50</p> <p><i>The purpose of the session is to discuss proposals and earlier good practices to prevent, combat and sanction hate speech.</i></p> <p>Reference document: ARTICLE 19, Responding to 'hate speech': Comparative overview of six EU countries (2018) Guidebook of good practices in combating hate crimes and hate speech - Tina Đaković</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What kind of anti-hate speech measures would Roma and Traveller civil society like to promote? 	<p>SESSION 6: Proposals to prevent, combat and sanction hate speech</p> <p><i>Chair: Nicolae Radita</i>, Rapporteur on Anti-Gypsyism, Hate Speech and Violence, Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM)</p> <p>Luisa Hofer, Expert and Member of the Project Core Team on the Hate Crime programme, Department of Fundamental and Human Rights of the Austrian Ministry of Interior <i>Expanded, systematic hate crime data collection and reporting by the Austrian Police</i></p> <p>Lisa Smith, Volunteer, RomaTrial e.V in Germany</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How can Roma and Traveller civil society participate in measures combating hate speech?</i> 	<p>Jenni Berlin, Partnership Manager, The Traveller Movement in the United Kingdom</p> <p>Other Roma and Traveller civil society contributors</p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>11.50-12.00</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>12.00-12.45</p>	<p>SESSION 7: Results, Conclusions and Recommendations</p> <p><i>Chair: Hallvard Gorseth</i>, Head of Anti-discrimination Department, Head of Department a.i. for the Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe</p> <p>Jonathan Mack, Political Advisor, Central Council of German Sinti and Roma General Rapporteur of the 10th meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society <i>Presentation of the results, conclusions and recommendations of the 10th Dialogue meeting</i></p> <p>Discussion</p>
<p>12.45-13.00</p>	<p>Closing</p> <p>Hallvard Gorseth, Head of Anti-discrimination Department, Head of Department a.i. for the Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe</p> <p>Jan Hero, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM)</p>
<p>13.00 End of the 10th Dialogue meeting</p>	

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