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**11th Meeting of the Council of Europe Dialogue with
Roma And Traveller¹ civil society**

Combating Antigypsyism

Strasbourg, 29-30 April 2021

Online

AGENDA

Thursday, 29 April 2021	
09.00-15.30	
09.00-09.30	Welcome and connectivity check
<p>09.30-10.00</p> <p>Reference documents: Declaration of the Committee of Ministers on the Rise of Anti-Gypsyism and Racist Violence against Roma in Europe (2012) European Parliament resolution (2017) on fundamental rights aspects in Roma integration in the EU: fighting anti-Gypsyism Alliance against Antigypsyism (2017) "Antigypsyism – A Reference Paper" Policy paper: Developing Measures to Combat Antigypsyism after 2020: Guidance for European and National Stakeholders</p>	<p>Opening</p> <p><i>Chair: Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director of Anti-Discrimination, Directorate General of Democracy, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Tatjana Anđelić, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), Montenegro <i>Antigypsyism, hate speech and violence in the work of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM)</i></p> <p>Jamen Gabriela Hrabanova, Director, European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network (ERGO), Belgium <i>Alliance Against Antigypsyism - civil society co-operation for combating antigypsyism</i></p>
10.00-11.00	SESSION 1: Causes, prevalence and consequences of antigypsyism
<p><i>The purpose of this session is to offer Roma and Traveller civil society a platform for presenting their experiences and knowledge on antigypsyism and</i></p>	<p><i>Chair: Bernard Rorke, Advocacy and Policy Manager, European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC), Hungary</i></p>

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.

<p><i>antinomadism in their respective communities and discussing similarities and differences between them.</i></p> <p><i>The session will also try to identify the causes, prevalence, characteristics and consequences of antigypsyism and antinomadism and collect civil society proposals for measures to combat it.</i></p> <p>Reference Document: <i>Julius Rostas (2020) Antigypsyism: Causes, Prevalence, Consequences and Possible Responses, Strasbourg, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Questions for discussion: Please provide some examples of antigypsyism and antinomadism in your country and, if possible, clarify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the most frequent instances and fields where antigypsyism and antinomadism occur – e.g. media, school, group-interactions, etc.?</i> • <i>Can some clear differences be pointed out when comparing causes, characteristics and consequences of antigypsyism and antinomadism against Roma and Travellers compared with racism against other groups?</i> 	<p>General introduction to antigypsyism <i>Keynote speaker: Dr. Julius Rostas</i> Affiliated Fellow with the Institute for Advanced Studies at Central European University (CEU), Senior Fellow with the Open Society Foundations Roma Initiatives Office and Visiting Lecturer at the Corvinus University of Budapest, Hungary <i>Antigypsyism: Causes, Prevalence, Consequences and Possible Responses</i></p> <p>Dialogue</p>
<p>11.00-11.15</p>	<p>Coffee break</p>
<p>11.15-12.30</p> <p>Reference Documents: <i>Alliance against Antigypsyism (2017) "Antigypsyism – A Reference Paper"</i></p> <p><i>Policy paper: Developing Measures to Combat Antigypsyism after 2020: Guidance for European and National Stakeholders</i></p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What measures, prohibitions, sanctions and ways of monitoring and reporting antigypsyism are considered efficient or inefficient by Roma and Traveller civil society?</i> • <i>Are there mechanisms to address, prevent, or combat antigypsyism / antinomadism in your country? Please provide positive examples.</i> • <i>What are the current shortfalls or failures of these mechanisms or of other attempts to tackle antigypsyism? What is needed to address these shortfalls?</i> • <i>How do Roma and Traveller NGOs or other civil society organisations mobilise support in situations when antigypsyism leads to threatening confrontations and violent attacks?</i> 	<p>SESSION 2: Current civil society responses to combating antigypsyism</p> <p><i>Chair: Atanas Stoyanov, Project Assistant, Phiren Amenca International Network, Belgium</i></p> <p>Timea Junghaus, Executive Director, European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC), Germany <i>Combating antigypsyism through projects, initiatives, arts and culture events of ERIAC</i></p> <p>Andrea Spítálszky, Legal Officer, Minority Rights Group Europe, Hungary <i>Combating Antigypsyism in Serbia and Hungary</i></p> <p>Danjel Hyseni, National Coordinator for Roma Active Albania, TernYpe Youth Network, Albania <i>Roma and Traveller Youth action against antigypsyism</i></p> <p>Dezso Mate, Independent LGBTQ activist, Hungary <i>Intersectionality and Romani LGBTI Movement</i></p> <p>Zoran Dimov, President, International Romani Union – IRU, North Macedonia</p>

	Dialogue
12.30-14.15	Lunch break
<p>14.15-15.15</p> <p><i>The purpose of the session is to discuss concrete examples of how the Council of Europe's monitoring tools and work of the European Court of Human Rights contributes to combating antigypsyism.</i></p> <p>Reference Documents: Website of the Council of Europe's European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) ECRI General Policy Recommendation No. 13 on combating antigypsyism and discrimination against Roma Statement by the Bureau of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) on the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and related government responses on groups of concern to ECRI Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities FCNM background presentation on the role of NGOs in their monitoring process</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>How visible are antigypsyism and antinomadism in the work of different Council of Europe monitoring bodies, such as ECRI and FCNM and their recommendations?</i> • <i>What do Roma and Traveller related cases at the European Court of Human Rights and the execution processes of these judgements tell about antigypsyism and antinomadism?</i> 	<p>SESSION 3: The role of the European Court of Human Rights and Council of Europe monitoring mechanisms in combating antigypsyism</p> <p><i>Chair: Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe</i></p> <p>Mats Lindberg, Programme Advisor, Secretariat of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe Aida Farkas, Project Officer, Secretariat of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI), Council of Europe <i>The role and monitoring work of the European Commission against Racism and Intolerance (ECRI) in combating antigypsyism and discrimination against Roma and Travellers</i></p> <p>Martin Collins, Member of the Council of Europe Advisory Committee of the Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM) and Co-Director of Pavee Point Traveller & Roma Centre, Ireland <i>The role of Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities (FCNM) treaty monitoring work in combating antigypsyism and antinomadism</i></p> <p>Rachael Kondak, Adviser to the President and the Registrar of the European Court of Human Rights, European Court of Human Rights, Council of Europe <i>Antigypsyism and antinomadism in the ECtHR case law and execution of its judgements</i></p> <p>Dialogue</p>
15.15-15.30	Short break
<p>15.30-16.30</p> <p><i>This session discusses the importance of addressing antigypsyism in the implementation of Roma and Traveller Team's EU-CoE Joint programmes</i></p> <p>Reference Documents: Council of Europe, Ellie Keen (2015) Mirrors Manual on combating antigypsyism through human rights education</p>	<p>SESSION 4: EU-CoE Joint Programmes implementation and other Council of Europe activities to combat antigypsyism</p> <p><i>Chair: Roberto Bortone, 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</i></p>

<p>Congress of Local and Regional Authorities (2017) Declaration against anti-Gypsyism</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What kind of work on antigypsyism is being carried out at the Council of Europe through the implementation of EU-CoE Joint Programmes such as JUSTROM, the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the Youth Department of the Council of Europe?</i> 	<p>Nedim Vrabac, Programme Manager, EU/CoE Joint Programme on Roma Women’s Access to Justice (JUSTROM), Council of Europe <i>Addressing antigypsyism in the implementation of the EU-CoE Joint Programme JUSTROM</i></p> <p>John Warmisham, Congress of Local and Regional Authorities Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers Issues, United Kingdom <i>Declaration of Mayors and Elected Local and Regional Representatives of Council of Europe Member States against anti-Gypsyism and the importance of local and regional authorities in ensuring Roma inclusion</i></p> <p>Mara Georgescu, Senior Project Officer, Anti-Discrimination Department, No Hate Speech and Co-operation Programmes Unit, Council of Europe <i>Combating antigypsyism through pedagogical tools such as the Council of Europe Mirrors Manual and human rights education</i></p> <p>Dialogue</p>
<p>16.30 End of the first day</p>	

<p>Friday, 30 April 2021</p>	
<p>09.30-13.00</p>	
<p>09.30-10.00</p>	<p>Connectivity check</p>
<p>10.00-10.45</p> <p>Reference Documents: Central European University’s Democracy Institute ROMACTED handbook ROMACTED at a glance: Albania</p> <p>Questions for discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>What are the current tools, mechanisms and legislation that national governments use to prevent and sanction antigypsyism?</i> • <i>What kind of approaches and methodology can be used to address antigypsyism as part of Roma integration measures?</i> 	<p>SESSION 5: Concrete tools and mechanisms available to national governments for preventing and sanctioning antigypsyism</p> <p><i>Chair: Tatjana Anđelić</i>, Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), Montenegro</p> <p>Marek Hojsik, Policy Officer, Central European University’s Democracy Institute, Hungary <i>Civil society in data collection on discrimination and racism against Roma in public services</i></p> <p>Iulian Stoian, Adviser, National Agency for Roma, Romania</p>

	<p><i>Romania's new measures to prevent and combat antigypsyism (also the first-ever antigypsyism law adopted on 15th December 2020)</i></p> <p>Merita Xhafaj, Ministry of Health and Social Protection, Member of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), Albania [tbc] <i>Combating antigypsyism through ROMACTED methodology and development of measures against antigypsyism in the National Action Plan for the Integration of Roma and Egyptians 2021-2025 in Albania</i></p> <p>Willi Wottreng, Secretary General, Radgenossenschaft der Landstrasse, Switzerland <i>Anti-racist laws and institutional racism</i></p> <p>Dialogue</p>
10.45-11.00	Coffee break
<p>11.00-11.45</p> <p><i>The purpose of the session is to discuss proposals and good practices to prevent, combat and sanction antigypsyism and antinomadism.</i></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 from antigypsyism that is gaining strength especially during COVID-19 and other crisis situations?</i> • <i>What kind of legislative measures and other measures could be taken to prevent antigypsyism, and to minimize its harmful impact on Roma and Traveller communities?</i> • <i>What kind of measures against antigypsyism would Roma and Traveller civil society like to promote in the member States and at the Council of Europe?</i> • <i>How can Roma and Traveller civil society participate in implementing measures to combat antigypsyism?</i> 	<p>SESSION 6: Roma and Traveller civil society proposals to combat antigypsyism and antinomadism</p> <p><i>Chair: Costel Bercus</i>, association Centre for Education and Human Rights (CEDO), Romania</p> <p>Dragan Joković, The Citizens' Association for the Promotion of Roma Education "Otaharin", Bosnia and Herzegovina</p> <p>Georgios Tsiakalos, Association of Roma Women of Dendropotamos, Greece</p> <p>Radmila Nestic, Roma Women's Network Serbia, Serbia</p> <p>Fabian Sanchez, Asociación Nacional Presencia Gitana, Spain</p> <p>Virgil Bitu, GR8 Power, United Kingdom</p> <p>Dialogue</p>
11.45-12.00	Coffee break
12.00-12.45	<p>SESSION 7: Conclusions and Recommendations of the 11th Dialogue meeting</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), Republic of Moldova</p> <p>Carmen Gheorghe, E-Romnja, Roma women organisation, General Rapporteur of the 11th meeting of the Council of</p>

	<p>Europe Dialogue with Roma and Traveller civil society, Romania <i>Presentation of the conclusions and recommendations of the 11th Dialogue meeting</i></p> <p>Dialogue</p>
<p>12.45-13.00</p>	<p>Closing</p> <p>Jan Hero, Vice-Chair of the Council of Europe Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM), Slovak Republic</p> <p>Jamen Gabriela Hrabanova, Director, European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network (ERGO), Belgium [tbc]</p> <p>Thorsten Afflerbach, Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe</p>
<p>13.00 End of the 11th Dialogue meeting</p>	