

Management response and Action Plan

Name of Evaluation Report:	5 th Evaluation of the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC)		
Date of Evaluation Report:	July 2025	Date of Action Plan:	January 2026

Overall management response to the evaluation:

ERIAC management welcomes the positive evaluation of ERIAC's performance in the period between March 2023 and December 2024, with regards to the relevance, effectiveness, efficiency, sustainability and added value. We especially welcome the conclusion that "ERIAC's work demonstrated strong relevance and coherence with the Council of Europe's Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020–2025) and the commitments outlined in the Council of Europe–ERIAC Memorandum of Understanding" and "directly contributed to the Council of Europe's strategic lines of action". We also embrace the reflection on the potential of an expanded role of Permanent Representations in Strasbourg to strengthen ERIAC's work and growing engagement of the member states.

This is yet another consecutive independent evaluation of ERIAC which has provided positive feedback regarding ERIAC's operations and our added value to the work of the Council of Europe.

We find the methodology of data collection and analysis to be rigorous and evidence-based and appreciate the meticulous evaluation of different aspects of ERIAC's work and areas of activity.

ERIAC welcomes the recommendation made in the independent evaluation as valuable and constructive. Improving ERIAC's work following these recommendations will further increase ERIAC's ability to make substantial impact in the field. These recommendations are also timely, considering the recent approval of the new ERIAC Strategy 2026-2030 by the ERIAC board.

[FOR DECENTRALISED EVALUATIONS] Dissemination plan for the evaluation: please briefly explain how the report will be shared (internally, other CoE entities, donors, beneficiaries etc.), methods (email, events, website etc.), resources, timeframe and person responsible.

The report will be submitted for the Committee of Ministers to adopt it. After its adoption, it will be published on the public data base of the Committee of Ministers documents, as well as on the website of the Directorate of Internal Oversight.

Management Decision ¹	Entity in Charge	Planned Actions ² (determined by Entity)	Justification ³ for Non-Acceptance	Target Date for Action	Person Responsible for Action
Recommendation 1: Strengthen cooperation with intergovernmental bodies of the Council of Europe, particularly CDADI and ADI-ROM, to enhance ERIAC's policy influence and visibility within institutional frameworks.					
☒ Accepted ☐ Partially accepted ☐ Rejected	ERIAC	ERIAC will seek to strengthen cooperation and internal alignment with intergovernmental bodies in the following way: - Regular communication, complementarity and synergetic collaboration with the Roma and Traveller Team of the CoE - Strengthened cooperation with ADI-ROM, by continuing to attend ADI-ROM meeting, participating in working groups and shaping ADI-ROM discussions - Cooperation with CDADI through regular dialogue with its Secretary dr. Wolfram Bechtel. Possible involvement in the upcoming No Hate Week 2026 and participation in CDADI meetings in June has been envisaged		As of January 31, 2026 and throughout 2026	ERIAC Executive Management and ERIAC Board

¹ The management decision is in relation to the Recommendation (Accepted, Partially accepted, Rejected).

² For implementing accepted recommendations.

³ For recommendations that are partially accepted or rejected.

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		- Close cooperation with PACE's General Rapporteur on Roma and Travellers Mr Georgios Stamatis Closer cooperation with relevant CoE initiatives, departments and programs, including EURIMAGES, Media Department, Youth Department, OHTE, Cultural Routes Institute, Intercultural Cities Network. Seeking engagement with SC on Education (CDEDU) is also desired			
Recommendation 2: Enhance strategic outreach and visibility by strengthening engagement with national counterparts at national, regional, local and grassroots levels.					
☒ Accepted ☐ Partially accepted ☐ Rejected	ERIAC	ERIAC has long attempted to build lasting partnerships with national and regional actors, including Ministries of Culture. Targeted outreach has yielded limited results, however, some positive examples can be cited in Germany, Romania and Serbia, among others. To intensify strategic outreach ERIAC will: - Expand its strategic outreach strategy to public institutions in countries with large Roma populations, including Romania, Slovakia and Bulgaria; - Produce educational materials in local languages (via		June 31 2026	ERIAC Executive Management

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		masterclasses, publications in local languages etc); - Consider holding country-focused meetings with its membership community to identity opportunities and activate ERIAC membership as “ERIAC Ambassadors” in local and grassroots settings; - Develop transferable methodologies and connected cultural programming that can be deployed in local and grassroots settings (travelling film screenings, nomadic library, exhibitions etc.); Encourage greater involvement of ERIAC membership and ERIAC Barvalipe Academy in local, regional and national contexts. Major arts and culture venues have very strict rules regarding both adapting exhibitions to roll up-based traveling models as well as to hosting such exhibitions themselves. However, ERIAC will design model exhibitions which can be translated and adapted to local contexts. Depending on available funds, ERIAC will produce such traveling			

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		exhibition and identify potential locations for their deployment.			
Recommendation 3: Develop long-term institutional partnerships with universities and educational institutions by establishing formal cooperation agreements with departments of Roma studies, cultural studies, or social sciences.					
☒ <u>Accepted</u> ☐ Rejected ☐ Under consideration	ERIAC	Together with the support of ERIAC Barvalipe Academy, ERIAC will: - Continue to strengthen existing academic partnership (including with CEU, Heidelberg University, Soderton University, Bucharest University) and identify new potential academic partners for longer-term collaboration; - Cooperate with Roma Education Fund and Euroclio to expand collaboration in school settings by developing transferable materials and cultural programming; - Engage new thematic section coordinators, including for knowledge-production section, with expanded mandates to mobilize greater academic engagement of ERIAC members; Continue developing new educational materials as part of the Barvalipe Roma Online University.		June 31 2026	ERIAC Management and Barvalipe Academy

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Recommendation 4: Strengthen Associate members` capacity and regional engagement through training and workshops linked to Council of Europe standards and instruments. Share lessons and best practices with Associate members in regional/national meetings and involve representatives of Board members in these events.					
☒ Accepted ☐ Partially accepted ☐ Rejected	ERIAC	As part of ERIACNET4EU project, ERIAC will continue to offer targeted trainings to ERIAC members. Initial thematic section meetings will be organizes to identify membership needs and interest. ERIAC will continue to offer targeted thematic training to members and the general public, on Roma history, identity and culture. Together with the Roma and Travellers Division, ERIAC will identity potential opportunities for trainings and workshops linked specifically to CoE standards. As part the JP EU-CoE RomaMemory project, ERIAC will continue offering targeted trainings. Depending on available funds, ERIAC will consider hosting local-level engagements in strategic geographies, with participation of ERIAC members and ERIAC Board and/or Barvalipe. As part of the JEKHIPE project, ERIAC will develop teaching methodologies which will be deployed on national level by partners.		September 30 2026	
Recommendation 5: To the Council of Europe: Facilitate ERIAC's strategic engagement with Permanent Representations in Strasbourg,					

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☒ Accepted ☐ Partially accepted ☐ Rejected	Council of Europe Roma and Travellers Division	- Organise an exchange of views with the Steering Committee on Anti-discrimination, Diversity and Inclusion (CDADI). - Set up bilateral meetings with at least 5 representatives of ministries of education from member states, to advance on the implementation of CM/Rec(2020)2 and on the ERIAC Romani Language Initiative. - Depending on the Work Plan of ERIAC for 2026, set up bilateral meetings with Permanent Representations in Strasbourg.		Throughout 2026	Head of Roma and Travellers Division