

Strasbourg, 15 March 2018

AD HOC COMMITTEE OF EXPERTS ON ROMA¹ AND TRAVELLER ISSUES (CAHROM)
THEMATIC VISIT ON ROMA AND TRAVELLER'S ACCESS TO JUSTICE (WITH A FOCUS ON WOMEN)
FINAL AGENDA

Helsinki, Finland, 21-23 March 2018

1st day, Wednesday, 21 March 2018

Venue: Ministry of Education and Culture, Meritullinkatu 10, meeting room Hopeakabinetti ("Silver Cabinet")

09:00 – 09:30 Registration (please bring a passport or ID with you) and coffee

09:30 – 09:45 Opening remarks by hosting authorities and expectations from Finland

- Ms Sarita FRIMAN, Senior Specialist, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
- Ms Päivi MAJANIEMI, Project Manager, Finnish Roma Association

09:45 – 10:00 Presentation of CAHROM thematic visits and Council of Europe's expectations and introduction to CM Recommendation (2017)10 on Improving Access to Justice for Roma and Travellers in Europe

- Mr Michael GUET, CAHROM Secretary, Head of the I-CARE Unit, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

10:00 – 10:30 Tour de table - presentation of partner countries' experts and their expectations

10:30 – 10:45 Coffee break

10:45 – 12:45 Session 1: Situation of Roma (Finnish Kaale and Roma migrants) in access to justice in Finland
Moderator: Ms Henna HUTTU, Ministerial Adviser, Advisory Board on Roma Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

Interventions from **Finland**, namely from:

- Ms Heidi LEMPIÖ, Senior Officer of the Office of the Non-Discrimination Ombudsman on access to justice and discrimination

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.

- Ms Katriina NOUSIAINEN, Senior Officer of the Ministry of Justice on the legal and policy framework
- Ms Jenita RAUTA, Researcher, Police University College on hate crime related matters

- Questions and answers

- Ms Anneli WEISTE-PAAKKANEN, Special Planner, The National Institute for Health and Wellbeing-THL on relevant research and the work of this development centre
- Ms Miranda VUOLASRANTA, President of the European Roma and Travellers Forum (ERTF) and President of IRWN-Phenjalipe, International Roma Women's Network on access-justice related priorities of IRWN-Phenjalipe Strategy on the Advancement of Romani Women and Girls (2014-2020) and its Action Plan
- Ms Katriina RAINE, Programme Officer, Organisation Assistant, Naisten linja ("Women's line") on offering telephone and online services in the case of violence or threat of it

- Questions and answers

12:45 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 14:30 Session 2: Presentation of the JUSTROM, joint CoE/EC programme on Roma and Traveller women's access to justice piloted in Bulgaria, Greece, Ireland, Italy and Romania

Moderator: Ms Henna HUTTU, Ministerial Adviser, Advisory Board on Roma Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

- Ms Isabela MIHALACHE, JUSTROM programme manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

14:30 – 16:00 Session 3: Lessons learnt from the implementation of the JUSTROM programme between October 2016 and March 2018

Moderator: Ms Isabela MIHALACHE, JUSTROM programme manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

➤ **This session will address legal and policy framework and identified gaps in the five JUSTROM pilot countries, challenges in accessing justice, level of awareness among Roma and Traveller women on their rights, degree of reporting discrimination and hate crime, etc.**

- 20 min. interventions from **Bulgaria and Greece**: Ms Rositsa IVANOVA, CAHROM expert from Bulgaria, Ms Eleni KALLINIKOU CAHROM expert from Greece, and JUSTROM national coordinators: Ms Dilyana GITEVA from Bulgaria and Mr Christos ILIADIS from Greece

- Questions and answers

16:00 – 16:15 Coffee break

16:15 – 17:45 Continuation of Session 3

Moderator: Ms Isabela MIHALACHE, JUSTROM programme manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

- 20 min. interventions from **Ireland and Romania**: Ms Marie STANLEY, CAHROM expert from Ireland, Ms Alexandra NEMES, expert from Romania, and JUSTROM national coordinators: Ms Ali DENNEHY from Ireland and Mr Marian MANDACHE from Romania.

- Questions and answers

17.45 End of the first day

2nd day, Thursday, 22 March 2018

Venue: Ministry of Education and Culture, Meritullinkatu 10, meeting room Hopeakabinetti ("Silver Cabinet")

09:15-10:00 Continuation of Session 3

Moderator: Ms Isabela MIHALACHE, JUSTROM programme manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

- 20 min. interventions from **Italy**: Mr Alexandro PISTECCHIA, CAHROM expert from Italy and Ms Maja BOVA, JUSTROM national coordinator from Italy.
- Questions and answers

10:00 – 10:15 Coffee break

10:15 – 11:00 Session 4: Situation of Roma in their access to justice in Spain

Moderator: Mr Michael GUET, CAHROM Secretary, Head of the I-CARE Unit, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

- **This session will address the experience and activities of KAMIRA regarding legal advice and legal aid, training to legal professionals and the police and presentation of the APP for mobile phones to report discrimination**
- 20 min. Interventions from **Spain**: Mr Rafael SANTIAGO and Mr Luis MENDOZA, Federación Nacional de Asociaciones de Mujeres Gitanas KAMIRA
- Questions and answers

11:00 – 12:30 Session 5: Improving access to justice: the way forward

Moderator: Ms Henna HUTTU, Ministerial Adviser, Advisory Board on Roma Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health

- **This session will be used to brainstorm among all participants (from hosting and partner countries) on what legal, policy or project measures could be developed to improve access to justice for Roma and Travellers, with a focus on Roma women and girls and how duplicable are the legislation, policies and projects presented during the thematic visit**

12:30 – 14:00 Lunch break

14:00 – 16:00 Continuation of Session 5

16:00 – 16:30 Main conclusions and concluding remarks

Moderator: Mr Michael GUET, CAHROM Secretary, Head of the I-CARE Unit, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

- Ms Henna HUTTU, Ministerial Adviser, Advisory Board on Roma Affairs, Ministry of Social Affairs and Health
- Ms Isabela MIHALACHE, JUSTROM programme manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

16:30 – 17:30 Closed session for the experts of the CAHROM thematic group

Moderator: Ms Isabela MIHALACHE, JUSTROM programme manager, Roma and Travellers Team, Anti-discrimination Department, Council of Europe

- **Debriefing meeting between the experts of the CAHROM thematic group (from the host and partner countries) and the Secretariat of the Council of Europe**
- **This session will be used to**
 - *Identify any additional information and documents requested from hosting and partner countries to finalise the report*
 - *Draw main conclusions, lessons learnt and the way forward to be highlighted in the CAHROM thematic report*
 - *Identify good practices in the hosting and partner countries*
 - *Draw lessons learnt regarding the topic and the organisation of the thematic visit*
 - *Identify possible immediate and mid-term follow-up of the CAHROM thematic visit, including joint initiatives and projects, as well as bilateral/multilateral cooperation*
 - *Provide information on timeframe for the finalisation of the CAHROM thematic report*

Evening programme

18:00 – 19:00 Visit to the National Art Gallery Ateneum, Kaivokatu 2, 00100 Helsinki

- **The collections exhibition “Stories of Finnish Art”, free charge**

19:30 – 21.00 Dinner in restaurant Kuurna (specialised on Finnish gastronomy), Meritullinkatu 6, 00100 Helsinki

3rd day, Friday, 23 March 2018

Venue: Ministry of Education and Culture, Meritullinkatu 10, meeting room Hopeakabinetti (“Silver Cabinet”)

09:00 – 10:30 Continuation of the closed session for the experts of the CAHROM thematic group

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10:30 End of the CAHROM thematic visit and departure
