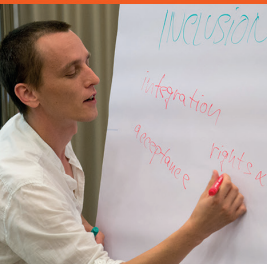
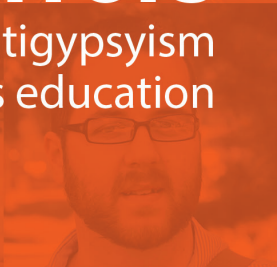




Mirrors

Manual on combating antigypsyism
through human rights education



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In Europe, many people belonging to Roma communities face discrimination and exclusion on a daily basis, often amid general indifference. Antigypsyism is a specific, historically rooted form of racism against Roma that is systematic in nature and results in widespread discrimination, exclusion, and dehumanisation. This form of racial discrimination contradicts democratic principles and undermines social cohesion.

Education plays a key role in combating this phenomenon, as centuries of prejudice cannot be eliminated by legal action alone. Human rights education raises awareness, corrects misconceptions and promotes a culture based on the dignity of every individual. The **manual 'Mirrors'** was published in the framework of the **Roma Youth Action Plan**, a Council of Europe initiative aimed at addressing the challenges faced by Roma young people in Europe. **MIRRORS** provides teachers and volunteers from civil society organisations with tools to address this issue with young people from all backgrounds. Understanding antigypsyism is an essential step in combating it.

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