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Seminar

Roma Youth Participation: *What Now?*

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg

24-26 September 2019



Organised in cooperation with the Roma and Travellers Team of the Council of Europe

Draft **Programme**

Monday, 23 September

Arrival of participants

19:00 Dinner

Informal get together activities

Tuesday, 24 September

09:30 Opening of the seminar, with

- Matjaž GRUDEN, Director of Democratic Participation
- Neringa TUMĖNAITĖ, Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
- Riccardo VENTURINI, member of the Ad Hoc Committee on Roma and Travellers (CAHROM) and the European Steering Committee on Youth (CDEJ)

10:00 Presentation of the programme and working methods

Participants expectations for the seminar

Break

11:45 Feedback on the expectations of participants

12:00 Introduction to the Roma Youth Action Plan, by Rui GOMES (Youth Department) and the Thematic Action Plan on Roma and Travellers, by Aurora AILINCAI (Roma and Travellers Team) - Questions and Answers

12:45 Lunch

14:30 Roma Youth Action Plan (2016-2019): Results, Challenges and Achievements - initial findings of the study on the results and impact of the RYAP, presented by Lisa L. ROSE and Mayte MARTIN, consultants

15:30 Discussion on the results of the study in thematic working groups:

1. Strengthening Roma youth identity;
2. Roma youth participation and building a stronger Roma youth movement;
3. Human rights and human rights education;
4. Combating structural discrimination and antigypsyism;
5. Supporting Roma young people's access to social rights and their transition to autonomy and work life;
6. Multiple discrimination and fostering gender equality.

17:45 Key issues discussed and conclusions from the working groups

18:30 Closing of the day

Opening of the photo exhibition "*Lithuania Roma during the inter-war period*"

- Antje ROTHEMUND, Head of Youth Department, Council of Europe
- Gražina SLUŠKO, Department of National Minorities, Government of Republic of Lithuania
- Laima JUREVIČIENĖ, Permanent Representative of Lithuania to the Council of Europe

Followed by a welcome drink.

19:30 Dinner

Evening:

Informal space to share information about the projects and organisations

Wednesday, 25 September

09:15 Opening of the day

09:30 Workshops on successful practices

1. Roma Youth Advocacy – Youth seminar during the EU Roma Week presented by Carmen TANASIE, *ERGO- European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network*
2. Roma Genocide Remembrance – Dikh He Na Bister activities presented by Mustafa JAKUPOV, *ternYpe International Roma Youth Network*
3. Human Rights Education and combating antigypsyism – activities at national level presented by Georgina LABODA, *Phiren Amenca International Network*
4. Youth Empowerment and Participation, based on *national level activities of the RYAP implemented in Croatia and presented by Music SINISA-SENAD*
5. Multiple discrimination and intersectionality, *Young Roma LGBT activism presented by Vera KURTIC, ROMACTED team and Anca SANDESCU, Gender Equality Division of the Council of Europe*
6. Roma participation in policy making – *Roma Political schools project presented by Marcos ANDRADE, Roma and Travelers team (tbc)*

12:45 Lunch

14:30 Double mainstreaming of Roma and Youth matters in the Council of Europe -
Exchange with Matic GERMOVŠEK ŽNIDARSIC, CMJ rapporteur on Roma issues and
Nicolae RADITA, CAHROM rapporteur on youth
Updates and developments

15:00 Information on activities and work priorities of civil society organisations working with young Roma people

16:00 Break

16:20 Working groups on current realities, needs and policy gaps on Participation and Inclusion of Roma young people

19:00 Dinner

21:00 *Jazz Manouche* performance by Amati Schmitt Trio and social-cultural evening prepared by participants

Thursday, 26 September

09:15 Opening of the day

09:20 Summary presentation of the identified realities, needs and policy gaps

09:45 Proposals for recommendations and conclusions for the future work and standards of the Council of Europe and member states

Break included

13:00 *Lunch*

14:30 Presentation of the summarised recommendations and proposals

15:00 *What Now?...* Conclusions and reflections about the seminar and Roma youth participation, presented by Margareta MATACHE, Rapporteur of the seminar

15:30 Evaluation

15:40 Closing of the seminar with

- Aurora AILINCAI, Deputy Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team
- Rui GOMES, Head of Division, Youth Department

16:00 End of the seminar

Dinner in town

Friday 27 September

Departure of participants

Objectives of the seminar

1. To share experiences and discuss the impact of the Roma Youth Action Plan in relation to youth participation and double mainstreaming;
2. To present successful examples and good practices from the work on youth participation and double mainstreaming both from the European and national level;
3. To review current needs, expectations and policy gaps regarding the inclusion of Roma young people and how these are reflected into the policies and programmes of the Council of Europe and its member states;
4. To identify priorities and actions of the Council of Europe based on the experiences and needs of Roma young people and their possible translation into the future youth policy
5. To support the continuation and sustainability of the work of the Council of Europe on participation and inclusion of Roma young people