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PROJECT OF A RECOMMENDATION ON ROMA YOUTH PARTICIPATION

Informal consultation with partners and stakeholders

First Meeting

22 February 2022 (10:00 – 12:00)

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REPORT

REPORT OF THE MEETING

Introduction, opening and adoption of the agenda of the meeting

The meeting started with an introduction of the 14 participants (list appended at the end of this report). All of the participants joined online.

The following agenda was adopted and there were no comments for additional points:

1. Opening and adoption of the agenda of the meeting
2. Recent developments in the Council of Europe related to the purpose of the recommendation
3. Recent developments and initiatives by the organisations present at the meeting
4. Recalling the conclusions and proposals from the former Task Force
5. Information about the status, scope and function of Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member states
6. Contents of the recommendation: what is to be recommended to member states to support Roma youth participation: including removing of hindering factors and promoting enabling factors
7. The role of members of the consultative meeting in the drafting process
8. Any other business

Recent developments in the Council of Europe related to the purpose of the recommendation

The developments from the side of the Youth Department were presented by Rui Gomes as follows:

- Joint Council on Youth adopted the conclusions and intention to prepare the Recommendation on Roma Youth Participation (with the recalled the decision to prepare a draft CM recommendation on Roma youth participation; it was indicated that the drafting group in charge of preparing the recommendation would include up to two CDEJ members and up to two CCJ members, with the participation of a representative of the European Youth Forum and a scientific expert; and entrusted the secretariat, under the authority of the CDEJ and CCJ chairs, to undertake the necessary formalities with regard to the appointment process in due course);
- Joint Council of Youth assigned to prepare the draft of the Recommendation till 2022 (draft till October);
- In 2021 at the occasion of International Roma Day - the conference Roma Youth Together 2021 was organised online;
- Training course on Roma Youth participation was postponed in 2020;
- In 2022, the seminar on Roma Youth Participation is planned in April 2022, as well as a study session with National Council of North Macedonia on "Multi-sectoral cooperation for inclusion of Roma youth & marginalized groups" in May 2022.

The deliverables planned of the Roma and Travellers Team were presented by Marcos Andrade as follows:

ADI-ROM deliverables 2022-2025

	<i>Deadline ▼</i>
1. Mid-term review report on the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025)	31/12/2022
2. Draft Recommendation on equality for Roma and Traveller women and girls	31/12/2023
3. Capacity-building programme and tools supporting the implementation of Recommendation CM/Rec(2020)2 at national level	31/12/2023
4. Feasibility study and possible draft Recommendation on desegregation and inclusion policies and practices in the field of education including Roma and Traveller children	31/12/2025
5. Handbook on democratic governance as well as representation and participation of Roma and Travellers in public and political life	31/12/2025
6. Final evaluation report on the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion 2020-2025	31/12/2025
7. At least two thematic reports per year, emanating from the two, possibly three, thematic visits foreseen per year (to be adopted by ADI-ROM and transmitted to CDADI for discussion and follow-up)	31/12 of each year

The deliverables planned of CDADI were presented by Wolfram Bechtel as follows:

MAIN DELIVERABLES ▼	
Under the authority of the Committee of Ministers, the CDADI is instructed to complete the following deliverables, within the following deadlines:	
	<i>Deadline ▼</i>
1. Mid-term review report on the implementation of the Strategic Action Plan for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2020-2025) (cf. terms of reference of ADI-ROM)	31/12/2022
2. Draft comprehensive Recommendation on combating hate crime including its investigation and victim support (cf. terms of reference of PC/ADI-CH, jointly with CDPC)	31/12/2023
3. Draft Recommendation on active political participation of national minority youth	31/12/2023
4. Draft Recommendation on equality for Roma and Traveller women and girls (cf. terms of reference of ADI-ROM)	31/12/2023
5. Capacity-building programme and tools supporting the implementation of CM/Rec(2020)2 at national level (cf. terms of reference of ADI-ROM)	31/12/2023

The CDADI study was also mentioned available at: <https://rm.coe.int/prems-101821-gbr-2530-study-on-the-active-political-participation-of-n/1680a3bb30>

Recent developments and initiatives by the organisations present at the meeting

Anna Carballo from Federació d'Associacions Gitanes de Catalunya mention the project on remembrance available at <https://2august.eu/commemoration-at-the-memorial-of-the-argelers-sur-mer-camp/>

Giorgina Laboda – Advisory Council member from Phiren Amenca mentioned “So Keres Europa” – activity described at <https://phirenamenca.eu/category/projects/so-keres-europa/>

Mustafa Yakupov from ERGO Network mentioned the activities of ERGO focussing on addressing antigypsism.

Recalling the conclusions and proposals from the former Task Force

Task Force Conclusions were briefly recalled (available at: <https://www.coe.int/en/web/youth-roma/task-force-on-roma-youth-participation>)

Information about the status, scope and function of Recommendations of the Committee of Ministers to member states

It was recalled that the Recommendation is not a legally binding document, however it has an important status from the point of view of the members states taking action on the recommendations. It can be also used as a tool for advocacy. The Recommendation will be first adopted by the Joint Council of Youth and then followed by the procedure of adoption by the Committee of Ministers.

Contents of the recommendation: what is to be recommended to member states to support Roma youth participation: including removing of hindering factors and promoting enabling factors

The partners present at the meeting shared the following suggestions as for the content and process of preparation of the Recommendation:

- To support further engagement of Roma young people and highlight measures governments can take to make it reality;
- To take Roma youth needs into account when drafting the recommendation;
- To include guidelines for the governments on inclusion;
- To support for Roma youth at the national level;
- To express importance of role of young people in combating antygypsyism;
- To keep in mind that Roma youth is not homogenous group;
- To ensure that state youth councils have Roma youth representatives;
- To enlist the possibilities to support the Roma Youth organisations;
- To mention importance of non-formal education in combating antigypsyism;
- To include measures to fight anitigypsyism and to support Roma Youth participation;
- To include examples of good practices that boost Roma youth participation.

The role of members of the consultative meeting in the drafting process

It was recalled that the Drafting Group is a designated group appointed to work on the Recommendation

The partners expressed willingness to receive updates on the shape of the Recommendation.

LIST OF PARTICIPANTS

ANNA CARBALLO	Federació d'Associacions Gitanes de Catalunya
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BERIL BARANYAI	Youth rapporteur in ADI-ROM
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A screenshot of a Zoom meeting grid. The grid is arranged in three rows and four columns. The top row shows four participants: GOMES Rui (with a banner for 'HUMAN RIGHTS EDUCATION YOUTH PROGRAMME'), Georgina Laboda, Marcos ANDRADE, and Anne Carballo. The middle row shows Henna (with a blue screen and white letter 'H'), Petra Neumann, Riccardo Venturini, and Magdalena. The bottom row shows Mustafa Jakupov, ERGO network (with a blue screen and white letters 'MN'), Alexandra RAYKOVA (with a blue screen and white letters 'AR'), and Wolfram BECHTEL. The bottom-right corner of the grid shows a partial view of another participant.

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