

Resources on the Roma Genocide in Bulgaria

➤ Educational material

In 2012, World ORT (Jewish education and vocational training non-governmental organisation) established an [on-line Holocaust Education Resource Centre](#) in Bulgaria, which acts as a repository for lesson plans and other material which teachers can access and help each other's efforts to raise awareness and understanding of the Shoah among teenagers.

➤ Information material

The Council of Europe produced a collection of pedagogical fact sheets on Roma history, culture and language. "*Information Fact Sheets on Roma History*" are available in nine languages, unfortunately not in Bulgarian, and [are available for download](#).

A paper "[Persecution and Politicization: Roma \(Gypsies\) of Eastern Europe](#)" by Carol Silverman published in Cultural Survival no 19.2, Nationalism in Eastern Europe, 1995 presents Roma suffering, the economic, political and cultural discrimination in the countries of the Eastern Europe after the World War II.

➤ Scientific publications

Lacková, E. (2000). *Родена съм под щастлива звезда*. Sofia: Litrava. [Original in Czech and Romani]

Marushiakova, E. and Popov, V. (1999). "The Bulgarian Romanies during the Second World War". In: Kenrick, D. (ed.). *The Gypsies During the Second World War. Vol. 2. In the Shadow of the Swastika*. Hatfield: University of Hertfordshire Press, pp. 89-94.

The paper of Ilona Tomova, PhD, from the Institute of Sociology - Bulgarian Academy of Sciences in Sofia, "[The Roma in Bulgaria: Education and Employment](#)" states: "Although discriminated, the Roma from the Bulgarian lands haven't been deported in death camps during WW2." (Page 2)

An article "[The Bulgarian Gypsies – Searching their Place in the Society](#)" by Elena Marušiakova and Veselin Popov published in *Balkanologie* review in 2000, states that during World War II the Gypsies in Bulgaria were not sent to concentration camps or subjects to mass annihilation, as happened elsewhere in Europe, nor are there any documents bearing witness to such intentions.

A paper "[Good Practices in Roma Education in Bulgaria during the Years of Transition](#)" by Hristo Kyuchukov, published in *Intercultural Education*, v18 n1 (p29-39) in 2007, mentions that the Bulgarian Ministry of Education has made various changes in legislation which now allow Roma children to receive mother tongue education as well as intercultural education with a focus on Romani language, culture and history.

➤ Multimedia material

2014: "[Bulgarian Rhapsody](#)", movie, Bulgaria, directed by Ivan Nitchev, produced by Cinepaz EOOD, Cinisima, 108 min

In Bulgaria during World War II, the Jews in the older areas of Bulgaria are destined to live while those in newly annexed areas are destined to die. The movie is adapted from the reminiscences of several Bulgarian survivors.