

Resources on the Roma Genocide in Poland

➤ Educational material

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An online resource listing all sites of Roma genocide with constantly updated content run by the Museum of Tarnów: <http://archiwum.muzeum.tarnow.pl/na-bister/en/>

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Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum: “Roma – the Experience of Genocide” is the title of an online educational session held on 23 February 2023. The session addressed the persecution of Roma and Sinti during the Second World War, the history of the so-called Zigeunerlager (Roma family camp) in the German Nazi concentration and extermination camp Auschwitz II–Birkenau, as well as contemporary contexts shaping the functioning of Roma communities.

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Centre for Civic Education support materials and inspiration for teachers – CEO - The Romani Holocaust:

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Associations and institutions – Roma Organisations in Poland:

- Central Council of Roma in Poland (Centralna Rada Romów w Polsce). The organisation addresses key challenges affecting Roma communities, including the situation of Ukrainian Roma, with a focus on housing and social protection. It cooperates with governmental and non-governmental partners at national and international levels. It is involved in Roma Holocaust education and supports the development of the Roma education assistant profession. It also advocates for EU funding for Roma-related initiatives and operates a platform for reporting hate speech. (<https://www.romowie.org/>)
- Towards Dialogue Foundation (Fundacja w Stronę Dialogu). Based in Warsaw, the organisation runs a Roma Community Centre and provides support to both Polish and Ukrainian Roma. Its activities include research, advocacy, social campaigns, and education. It plays an important role in promoting knowledge about Roma communities and works closely with public institutions. <https://fundacjawstronedialogu.pl/>
- Association of Roma in Poland (Stowarzyszenie Romów w Polsce). A long-established organisation engaged in Roma Holocaust commemoration, as well as research, education, and publishing. It cooperates with public authorities and has contributed to debates on Roma integration policies in Poland. <https://romowie.org.pl/>
- Roma Cultural and Social Association – Roma Culture Centre in Poland (Tarnów). One of the oldest Roma organisations in Poland, active in cultural heritage, memory work, and public exhibitions. It played an important role in shaping Roma integration policies in the 1990s.
- The Centre for Counselling and Information for Roma in Poland - A non-governmental organisation supporting Roma communities in Poland through education, social inclusion, and cultural initiatives. It works to combat discrimination, promote Roma heritage, and strengthen dialogue between Roma and wider society. <https://romacenter.pl/en/home-2/>
- Roma Educational Association “Harangos”. Focuses on the education of Roma children and youth, including Holocaust education. Since 2022, it has supported Roma refugees from Ukraine. <https://harangos.com.pl/o-nas/>

- Romano Ilo. Engages in community support, including mediation and improving living conditions for Roma in Poland and those arriving from Ukraine. <https://www.facebook.com/search/top/?q=Romano%20ilo>
- Borderland House Foundation (Fundacja Dom na Pograniczu). Works on Roma rights and anti-discrimination education. It supports Ukrainian Roma, conducts research, and provides training for professionals working with Roma communities. <https://fundacjadomnapograniczu.pl/>
- Jududoro Association (Stowarzyszenie Jududoro). Focuses on education and community work with children and youth, including running a Roma community centre and organising summer activities. It also supports Ukrainian Roma. <https://www.facebook.com/p/Stowarzyszenie-Jududoro-100090676381796/>
- Sawore Integration Association (Integracyjne Stowarzyszenie Sawore). A long-standing organisation in Kraków providing education, vocational training, and social support. It cooperates with local authorities and supports Roma refugees. <https://www.facebook.com/p/Integracyjne-Stowarzyszenie-Sawore-100083314030222/>
- Sinti Art Foundation (Fundacja Sinti Art). Focuses on artistic and music education for Roma and non-Roma children. It also engages in activities supporting Roma refugees. <https://www.facebook.com/p/Fundacja-Sinti-Art-100081791087950/>
- Jaw Dikh Foundation (Fundacja Jaw Dikh). Works at the intersection of culture, education, and research. It implements art-based educational projects, supports Roma communities, and conducts research and advocacy, including on the situation of Ukrainian Roma. <https://fundacijawdikh.pl/>
- The "[Fundacja 'Polsko-Niemieckie Pojednanie'](#)" ("Foundation 'Polish-German Reconciliation'") deals as well with the Roma Genocide.

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➤ Multimedia material

"Porajmos. The Forgotten Holocaust" is a documentary film that tells the story of the tragedy of the Roma during the Second World War. The film commemorated the 80th anniversary of the closure of the so-called "Gypsy family camp" at Auschwitz-Birkenau. Among other things, the film depicts the events of 2 August 2024, when the European Day of Remembrance for the Sinti and Roma Holocaust was observed: <https://vod.tvp.pl/filmy-dokumentalne,163/porajmos-zapomniany-holocaust,2281849>

Krystyna Gil - ostatni wywiad (2020) (Krystyna Gil – The Last Interview)

The interview was conducted for the purposes of the 2020 European Holocaust Memorial Day for Sinti and Roma. Directed by Elżbieta Mirga-Wójtowicz and Monika Szewczyk; produced by German Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma. The documentary film is the last interview given before her death by Krystyna Gil (1943–2021), a Witness of History and Guardian of the Memory of the Romani Holocaust: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IRwwfV-YTf8>.

Institute of Romany Heritage and Memory and Holocaust's Victims: The "[Instytut Pamięci i Dziedzictwa Romów oraz Ofiar Holokaustu](#)" (Institute of Romany Heritage and Memory and Holocaust's Victims) is related to the "Związek Romów Polskich z siedzibą w Szczecinku" (Polish Roma Union). It is a research unit on the Roma Genocide during the Second World War. They also have a documentation centre on the topic.

"Stowarzyszenie Romów w Polsce": The "[Stowarzyszenie Romów w Polsce](#)" (Roma Association in Poland) in Auschwitz organises conferences, for instance "Zagłada-Pamięć-Nadzieja" (Holocaust-Memory-Hope) (21-23 November 1996). With funds of the Foundation "Stiftung EZV", the association conducts the programme "Historia i Prawa Człowieka" (History and Human Rights), which allows meetings with victims of the Samudaripen. The "[Romski Instytut Historyczny](#)" ("Institute for Roma History") is part of the association and conducts several projects about the Samudaripen.

Sinti and Roma Extermination, the catalogue of exhibition in Auschwitz-Birkenau - German Nazi Concentration and Death Camp (1940-45), 2003.

Filmography

1988: "I skrzypce przestały grać" ("And the Violins Stopped Playing"). Feature film. Poland and USA. Director: Alexander Ramati. 116 min. Language: English. About a real story which depicts a group of Roma fleeing the Nazis during World War II.

1989: "[The Forgotten Holocaust](#)". Documentary. United Kingdom. Director: George Case. 50 min.

About the persecution and genocide of the European Roma. Some Roma survivors from Germany, Hungary, Austria, Poland, France and the Netherlands are interviewed about this topic.

1997: "Szczurowa". Documentary. Germany. Directors: Alexander von Plato and Loretta Walz. 20 min. A Roma woman, who survived the 1943 Roma mass murder in Szczurowa, Poland, explains the events.