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ROMA YOUTH TOGETHER 2025

confidence • creation • celebration

A seminar on confidence and pride for Roma youth participation on the occasion of the celebration of the International Roma Day

5-8 April 2025

European Youth Centre, Strasbourg



DRAFT PROGRAMME

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Friday, 4 April

Arrival of the participants

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Welcome evening

Saturday, 5 April – SHARE

08:00 Registration of participants

09:30 Opening and introductions

- Rui GOMES, Head of Education, Training and Cooperation Division
- Eleni TSETSEKOU, Head of the Roma and Travellers Division
- Petr BANDA, Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe
- Georgina LABODA, Ternype – Roma Youth Network

Programme and objectives of the seminar

Expectations and contributions

11:00 Break

11:30 Getting to know each other

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Sharing realities of being a young Roma in Europe today

16:30 Break

17:00 Exploring the Council of Europe's work in relation to empowering and supporting Roma youth participation in democratic life:

- Rui GOMES, Youth Department
- Marina VASIC, Roma and Travellers Division
- Petr BANDA, Advisory Council on Youth of the Council of Europe

18:00 Reflection groups

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Quiz Night

Sunday, 6 April - CREATE

09:30 Opening and programme of the day

Exploring the Youth Friendly Recommendation on Roma youth participation, with Vira DRANHOI, consultant with the Council of Europe

11:00 Break

11:30 Creative workshops

- Workshop "Roma Youth Participation", with Georgina LABODA
- Workshop "Advocacy", with Stelina DUNGAJ

- Workshop "Remembrance", with Petro RUSANIENKO

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Introduction to Human Rights

16:00 Break

16:30 Creative workshops

- Workshop "Theatre", with Abigail Merina CAMACHO
- Workshop "Storytelling and speech writing", with Ioana SPATARU and Vicente RODRIGUEZ
- Workshop "Media campaign", with Dezdemona KOVACS

18:00 Reflection groups

19:00 Dinner

Free evening

Monday, 7 April - CREATE

09:00 Opening and programme of the day

Departure from the European Youth Centre in Strasbourg to the Palace of Europe

09:30 Visiting the Council of Europe headquarters

11:00 Break

11:30 Introducing Human Rights Education with Roma young people

13:00 Lunch

14:30 Creative workshops

- Workshop "Roma Youth Participation", with Georgina LABODA
- Workshop "Advocacy", with Stelina DUNGAJ
- Workshop "Remembrance", with Petro RUSANIENKO

16:00 Break

16:30 Creative workshops

- Workshop "Theatre", with Abigail Merina CAMACHO
- Workshop "Storytelling and speech writing", with Ioana SPATARU and Vicente Rodriguez
- Workshop "Media campaign", with Dezdemona KOVACS

18:00 Reflection Groups

19:00 Dinner

20:00 Storytelling evening

Tuesday, 8 April - CELEBRATE

09:30 Opening and programme of the day

Preparations to celebrate the International Roma Day together

11:00 Break

11:30 Exchange with Michael O'FLAHERTY, Commissioner for Human Rights, Council of Europe

13:00 Celebrating International Roma Day:

Official addresses by:

- Michael O'FLAHERTY, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe
- Véronique BERTHOLLE, Deputy Mayor of Strasbourg
- Francesco VERDUCCI, General Rapporteur on combating racism and intolerance: Committee on Equality and Non-Discrimination, Parliamentary Assembly
- A Roma young person, representative of the seminar participants (name tbc)

Flower casting ceremony, with officials of the Council of Europe, local authorities in Strasbourg and Roma activists

14:00 Lunch

15:30 Debriefing of the ceremony
Evaluation of the seminar

16:00 Break

Free afternoon

19:00 Reception dinner

20:00 Farewell party and musical evening

Wednesday, 9 April

Departure of the participants

ROMA YOUTH TOGETHER – 8 APRIL

The Council of Europe ([Youth Department](#) and [Roma and Travellers Division](#)) has been marking the International Roma Day by, inter alia, bringing together Roma youth organisations and young people at the European Youth Centre to celebrate and put together their concerns and aspirations about their present and future.

In 2025 this will continue by focusing on youth participation and empowerment of Roma youth, including Roma girls and women, young Roma LGBTI and Roma migrants. As in previous years, the activity will be co-organised with the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture ([ERIAN](#)), the International Roma Youth Network - [TernYpe](#), the European Roma Grassroots Organisations ([ERGO](#)) Network and [Phiren Amenca](#).

The seminar Roma Youth Together 2025 will bring together young people who are youth leaders and/or youth workers in Roma and Travellers communities and organisations across Europe. The seminar will be part of the **OPRE! Roma Month: Standing Up for Dignity and Rights**, organised by the Roma and Travellers Division.

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

The Roma Youth Together 2025 seminar should highlight the contemporary contributions of Roma youth in Europe, emphasising Roma pride, action, and resistance.

The seminar aims at strengthening the confidence of Roma youth leaders from across Europe by celebrating the sense of Roma identity and belonging and developing their skills as agents of change on the International Roma Day. Its specific objectives are:

1. to share experiences and realities of Roma youth across Europe, especially in relation to meaningful youth participation;
2. to empower Roma youth and Roma civil society to act as agents of change and multipliers in their communities;
3. to support participants' potential for leadership, advocacy and action for human rights and the fight against antigypsyism;
4. to associate young Roma with the Council of Europe's work in the field of Roma youth participation, namely in the light of the 75th anniversary of the European Convention of Human Rights;
5. to celebrate the International Roma Day with Roma youth as front-runners in shaping it;
6. to strengthen the sense of Roma youth community and connect with European youth organisations and networks in the field of Roma participation.