

ROMA TANGIBLE HERITAGE SYMPOSIUM

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ERiac has begun its third cycle of international programming with the “Roma Tangible Heritage Network” program financed by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany. This time, in response to the requests of community members and institutions alike, ERiac is also going North to reinforce the ties in the region. The “Roma Tangible Heritage Network” International Symposium will bring together Roma NGOs as well as representatives of public institutions (ministries of culture, national cultural institutes, art foundations) from across the region will be invited to partner up with ERiac, in order to guarantee greater synergies among different stakeholders in all Nordic countries, in particular in Norway, Sweden and Finland.

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Tensta Konsthall, Stockholm**

Concept Note

The symposium targeted to a Nordic regional and international audience brings together local Roma communities, NGOs, public and governmental institutions and researchers to map and discuss the future of Roma tangible heritage in Europe. This international symposium has the specific aim of gathering data from leading institutions, convincing them to be part of the Tangible Heritage Network, and to agree to promoting the situation and cultural history documentation specifically in the Nordic region and more broadly around Europe.

Agenda

9.00 – 9.30 Registration and coffee

9.30 – 10.00 Introductory panel

Manfred Schüler, Deputy Head of Mission, German Embassy to Sweden
Cecilia Widenheim, Director of Tensta Konsthall
Timea Junghaus, ERiac executive director
Soraya Post, former Swedish MEP

10.15 - 10.45 Coffee break

10.45 – 13.30 Working group meetings (30-minute break 12.00 – 12.30):

Working group thematic tasks:

- 1. Roma resistance – history and culture**
**In the framework of the project “Re-conceptualizing Roma Resistance”,
financed by EVZ Foundation**
Facilitators: Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Pierre Chopinaud and Jan Selling
- 2. What can Europe learn from the North?**
Facilitators: Christina Zetterlund, Mia Taikon and Fred Taikon
Suggested output: Geographic map indicating tangible heritage
- 3. ROMAMoMA – a transnational Roma Museum**
Facilitators: Hajnalka Somogyi and Maria Lind

4. **A Roma Cultural Heritage Manifesto**

Facilitators: Delia Grigore, Dusan Marinkovic and Timea Junghaus

Suggested output: Manifesto – published declaration of the intentions, motives, or views of the Roma heritage

13.30 – 14.00

Helene Öberg, State Secretary to the Minister for Culture and Democracy, Sweden

The Day I Am Free/ Katitzi (Lawen Mohtadi & Katarina Taikon) - book reading by Maria Lind and Hans Caldaras

14.00 – 15.30 Lunch

Optional guided tour to the exhibition “Sites of the Future” at Tensta Konsthall at 15:00 (30 minutes)

15.30 – 17.30 Plenary session

Moderated by the group facilitators.

Sharing the outcome of the working group tasks:

15.30 - 16.00 Roma resistance – history and culture

Mind map/ drawing reflecting forgotten and unwritten history of resistance and creative cultural survival strategies (20 minutes)

Questions & Answers (10 minutes)

16.00 - 16.30 What can Europe learn from the North?

Geographic map indicating Northern tangible heritage (20 minutes)

Questions & Answers (10 minutes)

16.30 – 17.00 - RomaMoMA Reviews European Museum protocols (20 minutes)

Questions & Answers (10 minutes)

17.00 – 17.30 Roma Cultural Heritage Manifesto – published declaration of the intentions, motives, or views of the Roma heritage (20 minutes)

Questions & Answers (10 minutes)

17.30 – 18.30 Closing Performance by Lindy Larsson and Miriam Oldenburg followed by reception

19.45 – 21.45 Dinner for Conference organizers

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