

**2nd Meeting of the Barvalipe Academy
of the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC)
9 December 2019
14:00
Hotel Melia in Berlin**

ABRIDGED MINUTES

Participants

Present:

Balážová, Jarmila (Press Secretary for Human Rights, Ministry of Czech Education)
Bogdan, Maria (PhD, Scholar)
Gómez Cortés, Ismael (PhD, Researcher)
Grigore, Delia Mandalina (PhD, Scholar; president of Roma Center „Amare Rromentza”)
Heuss, Herbert (PhD, Researcher)
Nasture, Florin (PhD, Roma Advocate, Roma Civil Society)
Rigová, Emília (Contemporary Artist and Art Educator at Matej Bel University)
Stria, Robin (The Museum of Roma Culture, Brno)
Vargas, Miguel Ángez (Artists, Roma Theater Pralipé)

Absentees:

Brooks, Ethel
Dragan, Mihaela
Gatlif, Toni
Le Bas, Delaine
Croatian Romani Union “Kali Sara”

ERIAC Management:

Junghaus, Timea (Executive Director, European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture)
Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Anna (Deputy Director, European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture)

Minute-Taker:

Tomkova, Denisa (ERIAC staff member)

1. Organizational matter

Dr. Maria Bogdan, Barvalipe Academy Chair, welcomed the participants and opened the session. Dr. Bogdan as Chair of the Meeting appointed Ms. Tomkova as the minute-taker. The minutes will be reviewed, confirmed and signed by the Chair of the Barvalipe Academy Meeting, Ms. Maria Bogdan.

Dr. Bogdan announced the agenda which was disclosed in the invitation letter. Those present approved the agenda.

2. Opening Remarks and the Objectives of the Meeting

Deputy Director Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka welcomed the participants and presented the objectives of the meeting. The participants were informed that the meeting is taking place online for the Barvalipe members who could not join in person; the meeting is also being recorded for documentation purposes. Barvalipe Academy was established as a group of the most brilliant Roma minds – their role is the strategic and advisory, and to make ERIAC more recognisable. The Barvalipe Academy is the agenda-setting and strategic body of the Institute which has an advisory and inspirational role, in order to fulfil ERIAC's objectives. Direct impact and public presence of ERIAC is possible through the members and through Barvalipe academy as "ERiac ambassadors".

The following questions were raised:

- The question is how can the members envision the cooperation with ERIAC?
- What is the possible commitment of the Barvalipe members to ERIAC?
- What is the role of the members in fundraising? Or more sustainable projects?

This meeting aims at reflecting on:

1. The management expectations of the Barvalipe members as "ERiac ambassadors".
2. And the Barvalipe expectations towards the ERIAC management.

The logistics of the meeting:

The first half of the meeting will take place in the presence of the ERIAC management – Timea Junghaus and Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka. Then the rest of the meeting is planned as a closed session of the Barvalipe academy, without the presence of the ERIAC management. The meeting is led and moderated by dr. Maria Bogdan, the Chair of the Barvalipe Academy.

3. Conclusion and Closing of the Barvalipe Academy Meeting

The Participants discussed the different approaches and ideas for closer engagement with ERIAC. After sharing experiences and approaches, the Barvalipe Members agreed on the following guidelines:

1. Barvalipe members as "Ambassadors" wish to be more updated on things which happen, or which are planned.
2. ERIAC should serve as a gate opener for the Barvalipe members for their projects in their countries.
3. Barvalipe members agreed on more annual meetings: 2 meetings in person and further online meetings.
4. Barvalipe members agreed to include others in their local activities. For example, to invite other Barvalipe members to their conferences and events.
5. Barvalipe members wish to have more time next year to vote and to develop more materials about the finalists more in advance for events like Tajsja ceremony.
6. Barvalipe members agreed to start using the shared Gmail document for all Barvalipe members.
7. Barvalipe members agreed to have private Facebook Barvalipe Academy group.

4. Miscellaneous

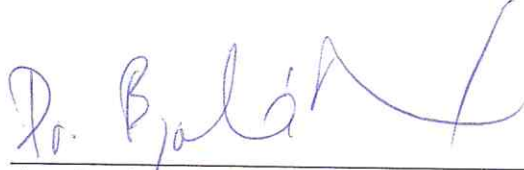
No further requests to speak were made, no motions were tabled.

The Chair dr. Bogdan thank all present members for their attendance and closed the meeting at 16.00.



Appointed Minute-taker: Denisa Tomkova

*I hereby confirm the correctness of the above minutes of the meeting of
the Barvalipe Academy on December 9 2019.*



Appointed Chair of the General Assembly: Maria Bogdan

In compliance with the ERIAC Statutes and the Rules of Procedure this Minutes are to be prepared, signed by the minute-taker and confirmed by the Chair of the Barvalipe Academy. The abridge version of these minutes shall be published on the web portal of the association.