Roma Youth
Together for Emancipation and Empowerment

The role of history in the participation and inclusion of Roma young people
Wednesday 7 April

ROMA HISTORY AND CULTURE

10:00  Words of welcome (live stream)
Musical introduction

10:10  Opening statements, with:
• IRINA SAPATRU, Ternype International Roma Youth Network
• BJØRN BERGE, Deputy Secretary General of the Council of Europe
• ANDREA UGRINOSKA, Chair of the Joint Council on Youth
• Ambassador MICHAELA KÜCHLER, Special Representative for Relations with Jewish Organisations, Issues Relating to Antisemitism, International Sinti and Roma Affairs, and Holocaust Remembrance, on behalf of the German Presidency of the Council of Europe
• TIMEA JUNGHÄUS, European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture
• TATJANA ANĐELIĆ, Chair of the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM)

11:00  Roma history and culture – young people across Europe (live stream)

11:15  Break

11:30  Learning Roma history and culture: elements for a common and diverse heritage, in break up sessions

12:30  End of the morning session
Optional streaming by ERIAC / Gather.town for informal discussions

14:30  Musical introduction

14:40  Presentation of the afternoon programme (by ERIAC), including
• Testimonial(s) from protagonists of the 1971 Roma conference
• Roma identity and culture: what are the challenges and the opportunities?
• The role of youth in the programme of ERIAC

17:00  End of the afternoon session

18:00  Extra informal session:
Virtual tour of Block 13 of the Auschwitz concentration camp or exhibition of the Documentation Centre of the German Central Council
Thursday 8 April

CELEBRATING INTERNATIONAL ROMA DAY

10:00 Words of welcome
Musical introduction

10:10 Presentation of the statement on International Roma Day

10:15 Roma Movement and the history of the International Roma Day - Intergenerational dialogue – roundtable format
- The ground-breaking function of the 1st Roma Congress
- Testimonies about the role of the Roma congresses in advancing the human rights of Roma and Travellers

11:15 Break

11:30 More on history and challenges of the Roma movement(s) today – break-up sessions

12:30 End of the morning session

In parallel:

12:00 Casting of flowers – webcast ceremony with local authorities and dignitaries in Strasbourg
Optional streaming ERIAC / Gather.town for informal discussions

14:30 Musical introduction and video of the flower casting ceremony

14:40 Tasks and priorities for Roma Rights today – in break-up sessions that include:

1. Remembrance of the Roma Holocaust – with MARIA ATANASOVA (Young European of the Year 2020) and KAROLA FINGS
2. Strengthening Roma Movements, with ATANAS STOYANOV (Roma Youth Voices) and ZELJKO JOVANONIVC
3. Access to Rights for Roma Women, with intersectional approaches, with LOIS BROOKS and ANGELA KOCZE
4. Education as a fundamental right for all, with NN Roma Education Fund and IN-SCHOOL
5. Resisting and combating antigypsyism and hate speech, with SAIMIR MILE, ANNA MIRGA and IULIUS ROSTAS
6. Defending and accessing human rights / human rights education, with GEORGINA LABODA and ĐORĐE JOVANOVIĆ (ERRC)
7. The impact of COVID 19 pandemic on Roma communities, with NN, ERGO Network (tbc)
8. Access to cultural rights – with TIMEA JUNGHAUS and an expert from the Barvalipe Academy

17:00 End of the afternoon session

18:00 Extra informal session:
“Festival” of Roma music and literature/culture and Achievements of Roma communities
ROMA YOUTH: AN AGENDA FOR EMPOWERMENT

10:00  Words of welcome
Musical introduction

10:10  Roma youth today: Diversity and empowerment, introductory notes by speakers of:
• ERGO Network
• Phiren Amenca
• Ternype

10:30  An agenda for Roma youth participation and combating antigypsyism, presentation of the study of the Council of Europe Youth Department by MARGARETA MATACHE

10:45  Three examples of Roma youth in action for empowerment

11:15  Break up sessions/workshops on an agenda for Roma youth empowerment
1. Roma youth participation – Phiren Amenca
2. Combating antigypsyism and anti-Roma racism – ERGO
3. Remembrance - Ternype
4. Identity and Culture – ERIAC
5. The Council of Europe Recommendation on History Teaching – ANNA MIRGA
6. Youth Policy and Youth Work - PIA ŠLOGAR

12:30  End of the morning session

14:00  Continuation and conclusion of the morning workshops

14:30  Presentation of the outcomes of the workshops

15:00  Conclusions and reflections on the conference, by SIMONA TORTOCOI, rapporteur of the conference

15:30  Closing session with:
• GEORGINA LABODA, Roma rapporteur at the Joint Council on Youth
• BERILL BARANYAI, Youth rapporteur in ADI-ROM
• ROMANI ROSE, Central Council of German Sinti and Roma
• ROLF MAFÄEL Permanent Representative of Germany (tbc)
• HARRY ALEX RUSZ, Permanent Representative of Hungary (tbc)
• SNEZANA SAMARDZIC-MARKOVIC, Director General for Democracy, Council of Europe

16:15  Closing with a musical touch

16:30  Evaluation (online)