

INTERNATIONAL ONLINE CONFERENCE
**SAFEGUARDING
OUR ROMANI
LANGUAGE**
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**SECOND INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE
“SAFEGUARDING OUR ROMANI LANGUAGE”**

**DIGITAL EVENT ZOOM WEBINAR
November 5, 2021 CET
10.00-16.00**

On November 5, the World Day of Romani Language, the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIANC) is organizing the *Second International Conference “Safeguarding Our Romani Language”*, in partnership with the Council of Europe and the University of Graz.

The conference brings together experts, practitioners and legislators who participate in the protection and promotion of the Romani language. The aim of the event is to oversee the status of Romani, to discuss the issues of language preservation, the topic of transnational harmonization, as well as the practices in Romani language education.

Our goal is to establish cooperation for language harmonization at an international level, to design future strategies for preserving the language heritage, and to fulfil the general need in Europe for Romani language education. This year we will put special emphasis on the theme of heritage preservation involving digital tools. The conference will be held online, providing a platform for international participants from various countries. Special significance will be given to the use of Romani during the event.

The conference is organized in the framework of the International Membership Engagement Initiative, financed by the Federal Foreign Office of Germany, in connection with WEAVE (Widen European Access to Cultural Communities Via Europeana), as the second LabDay by ERIAC.

The International Membership Engagement Initiative is an ERIAC initiative to build on the results of its international outreach projects, to facilitate and strengthen membership engagement. ERIAC conducts the international cultural outreach programs for the recognition and promotion of Roma arts and culture with the guidance of the various ERIAC organs.

The WEAVE project aims to develop a framework to link the tangible and intangible heritage of cultural communities, safeguarding the rich and invaluable cultural heritage which they represent.

CONFERENCE PROGRAM

10.00-10.25

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Tímea Junghaus (Executive Director, ERIAC - European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture)

Dieter Halwachs (Head of the Plurilingualism Research Unit, University of Graz)

Rosa Cisneros (WEAVE - Widen European Access to Cultural Communities Via Europeana)

10.25-10.30

Break / Introducing the ERIAC Romani Language Initiative (video)

10.30-11.30

ROMANI LANGUAGE EDUCATION – Current Practices and Initiatives (Lecture panel with Q&A, in English)

Thomas Acton (Professor Emeritus in Romani Studies, University of Greenwich)

Jan Selling (Head of Department of Romani Studies, Södertörn University)

Zuzana Bodnárová (Researcher, Plurilingualism Research Unit, University of Graz)

Jan Červenka (Romani Studies Program, Charles University, Prague)

Oana Felecan (Policy Office, Directorate General for Education and Culture, Schools and Multilingualism Unit, European Commission)

Moderator: Ioanida Costache (PhD, Fulbright Fellow)

11.30-11.45

Break

11.45-12.45

TRANSNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF ROMANI LANGUAGE AND CULTURE, HARMONIZATION OF ROMANI (Lecture panel with Q&A, in Romani)

Delia Grigore (Senior Reader, University of Bucharest)

Mihaela Zatreanu (Lead Expert, ERIAC Language Initiative)

Gheorghe Sarău (Professor, University of Bucharest)

Melinda Rézműves (Director, Hodász Roma Country House Museum)

Cristian Pădure (Lecturer, University of Bucharest)

Moderator: Gilda Horvath (Board Member, ERIAC - European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture)

12.45-13.30

Break

13.30-14.30

NEW ROMANI RE-LEARNING INITIATIVES AND ONLINE INITIATIVES (Lecture panel with Q&A, in Romani)

Szilvia Lakatos (Assistant Professor, Department of Roma Studies, University of Pécs)

Diana Kirilova (Translator; Researcher; Senior Lecturer, INALCO University, Paris)

Kirill Kozhanov (Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Södertörn University) Milan

Samko (Assistant Professor, Department of Romani Studies, Constatine the Philosopher University in Nitra)

Moderator: Cristian Pădure (Lecturer, University of Bucharest)

14.30-14.45

Break / Video of the Exhibition "ROMANI ČHIB | ROMANI LANGUAGE"

14.45-15.45

THE FUTURE OF ROMANI LANGUAGE 2020-2030 (Roundtable discussion, in English)

June Lowery-Kingston (Head of Unit, Directorate-General for Communications Networks, Content and Technology, European Commission)

Ján Hero (Adviser to the State Secretary, Ministry of Education, Science, Research and Sport of the Slovak Republic)

David Little (Fellow and Associate Professor Emeritus, Trinity College, Dublin; Romani/Plurilingual Policy Experimentation, Council of Europe)

Hristo Kyuchukov (Professor, University of Silesia, Katowice)

Ciprian Necula (Chair, Roma Education Fund; Associate Professor, SNSPA University Bucharest; Coordinator, Platform Aresel, Romania)

Zemfira Kondur (Project Officer, Council of Europe, Ukraine)

Dan-Pavel Doghi (Team Leader, Non-discrimination and Roma coordination Unit, DG Justice and Consumers, European Commission)

Moderator: Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka (Deputy Director, ERIAC - European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture)

15.45-16.00

CLOSING REMARKS AND FUTURE COLLABORATIONS

Thorsten Afflerbach (Secretary to the ADI.ROM; Head of Division, Roma and Travellers Team, Council of Europe)

Mihaela Zatreanu (Lead Expert, ERIAC Language Initiative)

**The languages of the conference are Romani and English.
With simultaneous translation to both languages.**

Interpreters: Diana Sima and Sejhan Jasarov