

ERIANET4EU
ERIANET NETWORK TO ADVANCE ROMA INCLUSION BY COMBATING
ANTIGYPSYISM IN THE EU

DELIVERABLE 1
Deliverable D1.2

WORKPACKAGE 1: GENERAL MANAGEMENT AND RUNNING OF THE
ORGANISATION

Project Kick-Off Event
(internal meeting)

February 3, 2023

14:00-15:00

online

Link for participants:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83720808372>.



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SUMMARY REPORT

As part of the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) of the European Union, ERIAC is launching a new phase of the project: ERIACNET4EU: ERIAC NETWORK TO ADVANCE ROMA INCLUSION BY COMBATTING AND PREVENTING ANTIGYPSYISM IN THE EU.

The project aims at protecting, promoting and raising awareness of rights of Roma citizens of the EU and thereby at strengthening the EU values, in particular of equality, justice and non-discrimination and thus contributing to building a more democratic EU, where all citizens can enjoy equal access and protection of their rights. ERIACNET4EU will offer the expertise, specific know-how and reliable methodologies to support the implementation of the new EU Roma framework by focusing on strategies and methodologies to prevent and combat Antigypsyism.

On February 3, 2023 at 14:00 CET, ERIAC organized online internal launching event of the project. The Kick-Off meeting took place with the participation of all ERIAC team members and the Thematic Section Coordinators. The meeting was divided in two parts. During the first one, the Grant Coordinator and ERIAC management reflected on the ERIACNET4EU 2022 achievements, presented the ERIACNET4EU 2023 project goals to all participants, introduced all the work packages, the yearly calendar of ERIACNET4EU events, and the deliverable plan. The special focus was put on the WP3 – Membership. Second part gave space for questions regarding both ERIACNET4EU 2022 and the upcoming phase of the project. Also an evaluation of the General Assembly and the Annual Networking Event (which were held in December 2022) took place. There was an opportunity for the follow-up discussion on the General Assembly. All the inputs and conclusions from the meeting were carefully collected by ERIAC for further evaluation and implementation.

AGENDA

1. Welcome round – by Agota Szilagy, Grant Coordinator
2. Introducing ERIANET4EU project – building on the impact of 2022: presented by Timea Junghaus, Executive Director of ERIAC and Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Deputy Director of ERIAC
3. Introducing the Working Packages, tasks and activities for 2023; activities of WP2: presented by Agota Szilagy, Grant Coordinator
4. Calendar of events and deliverables: presented by Agota Szilagy, Grant Coordinator
5. Questions and answers from ERIAC team members and Section Coordinators: moderated by Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, Deputy Director of ERIAC
6. Follow-up discussion on General Assembly – concluding event of ERIANET – what have we learned? Moderated by Agota Szilagy, Grant Coordinator
7. Closing words - Timea Junghaus, Executive Director

PARTICIPANTS

Moderator: Agota Szilagy, Grant Coordinator

ERIANET team members:

Timea Junghaus – Executive Director
Anna Mirga – Deputy Director
Neven Mesec – Finance Manager
Emese Molnar – Project Manager
Gabor Feher – Office Manager
Bratislav Mitrovic – Office Manager, ERIAC Serbia
Egla Aliu –Membership Coordinator

Thematic Section Coordinators:

Avni Mustafa
Dezso Mate
Dragan Ristic
Natali Tomenko
Andrijano Dzelandin

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1. WELCOME ROUND

Agota Szilagy, Grant Coordinator and meeting moderator welcomed everyone, presented the aim of the meeting and the meeting agenda.

2. INTRODUCING ERIACNET4EU PROJECT – BUILDING ON THE IMPACT OF 2022

Timea Junghaus and Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, ERIAC management, presented the objectives of ERIACNET4EU project, the achievements of the project in 2022 and introduced the plan for 2023 (Annex 1).

3. INTRODUCING THE WORKING PACKAGES, TASKS AND ACTIVITIES FOR 2023; ACTIVITIES OF WP2

The Working Packages, tasks and activities for the 2023 were introduced by a Grant Coordinator (Annex 1). The focus was particularly put to the activities of WP 2 (Membership). The Thematic Section Coordinators stressed that an evaluation of the Section Priorities of 2022 took place, emphasizing especially membership input during the panel discussions of the Annual Networking Event and the discussion during the General Assembly. During the meeting discussed were mainly topics such as:

- deadlines of the Membership calls
- yearly contributions
- rules for the admission of new members - both individuals and organizations
- expectations both from members /member organizations and from ERIAC towards members
- how to engage members more and how to encourage individuals and organizations to become ERIAC members

The Thematic Section Coordinators were asked to prepare a proposal of activities, events, projects, etc. for engaging Membership that will be no longer as one page until February 10.

4. CALENDAR OF EVENTS AND DELIVERABLES

The yearly calendar of activities and tasks, together with the timeline, was presented by Agota Szilagy, Grant Coordinator, and approved by participants (Annex 2). The deliverable plan was also introduced to the participants, with particular focus put on the deadlines (Annex 3). Section Coordinators were asked to submit their input to the calendar / work plan (deadline was set to 15th of February), and ERIAC will create deliverable based on that. The detailed calendar / work plan for 2023 will be presented as a deliverable (D1.1.: Work Plan & Coordination Structure).

5. QUESTIONS FROM ERIAC TEAM MEMBERS AND SECTION COORDINATORS

This part of the meeting was moderated by Deputy director of ERIAC, Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka. The questions mainly concerned both the project's progress in 2022 and plans and activities for 2023, and were answered by Grant Coordinator and ERIAC Management.

Followed this discussion, proposals and ideas from the Section Coordinators towards Grant Coordinator and ERIAC Management were formulated:

- an email for the section coordinators about the activities of next month should be sent monthly;
- coordinators should be engaged in activity planning;
- the blog should be included in the activities - money for authors and proofreaders (Barvalipe Blog – So Nakhlo);
- blog contributors - through the contribution principle, ERIAC Members can be contributors of the Barvalipe Blog – So Nakhlo (available on the ERIAC website),
- position paper – Knowledge Production Section will be involved in the production of the position paper (part of ERIACNET4EU activities);
- Section Coordinators can organize different activities for the Members - independently from ERIAC Management, Grant Coordinator or Project Management;
- request for ERIAC emails to section coordinators was made, ERIAC Management will decide and inform on the decision;

6. FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSION ON GENERAL ASSEMBLY – CONCLUDING EVENT OF ERIACNET – WHAT HAVE WE LEARNED?

The discussion took place mainly among the Section Coordinators, ERIAC Management, Membership Coordinator and Grant Coordinator, and was moderated by Agota Szilagy. Deputy director, Anna Mirga-Kruszelnicka, proposed a survey to evaluate the General Assembly 2022 and presented 5 questions for the follow-up questionnaire (Annex 4). The participants of the meeting agreed that a survey is a good idea and the Thematic Section Coordinators were asked to evaluate presented questions until February 10.

Discussion results:

- the last event was too fast organized which resulted that some discussants weren't completely prepared;
- everything the Members requested during the General Assembly was already met by the new ERIACNET4EU plan: re-granting for Members, calendar of events in February;
- Section Coordinators encouraged ERIAC team to formulate ERIAC's expectations towards Membership
- Possibilities of compensation for those who are not EU Members, and cannot participate in the re-granting;
- Section Coordinators registered quite positive answer from people during GA about how do they feel in ERIAC; people felt grateful that they can be in Berlin
- participants of the General Assembly and Annual Networking Event put an emphasis on trying to find ways to cooperate between each-other;
- participants were very satisfied with the panels, discussions;
- videos recorded at the borders of Ukraine should go public and reach more people
- Natali Tomenko proposed to work on policies and using them publicly in the History section;
- Members bring a lot of ideas on Knowledge production – these ideas should be collected and discussed on ways to synchronize them to ERIAC goals and activities;
- there is competitive potential in knowledge production;

7. CLOSING WORDS

Timea Junghaus, Executive Director of ERIAC thanked the participants for active participation in the meeting and for the fruitful discussions. She also expressed hope for further equally productive cooperation, wishing everyone good luck with the ERIACNET4EU project in 2023.

The following tasks were agreed on with the deadlines of:

10 February, 2023:

- Proposal of activities, events, projects, etc. for engaging Membership (maximum one page)
- Evaluating the questions for General Assembly follow-up questionnaire

15 February, 2023:

- Input for the calendar / work plan

Annexes

1. Presentation of the ERIACNET4EU project in 2023
2. ERIACNET4EU event calendar
3. Deliverable plan for 2023
4. Proposal for questions for General Assembly 2022 evaluation survey

Link to the information on the website: <https://eriac.org/kick-off-meeting-launching-the-eriacnet4eu-2023/>