



### **Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative**

# Seminar on Remembrance and Holocaust Education on the Roma Genocide

Venue: Berlin, Germany

Dates: December 13 – 16, 2014 (including travel days)

## **Short description**

This "Seminar on Remembrance and Holocaust Education on the Roma Genocide" gathers 40 representatives of partner organizations, educational multipliers and youth activists in order to share experiences and practices, to work on the development of educational methods, tools and strategies, and to develop and coordinate future educational and advocacy actions. The seminar takes place in the framework of the Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative of ternYpe International Roma Youth Network and a broad partnership of civil society organizations.

The seminar addresses the question how to empower young Roma to have a voice to become key agents of change, and to foster solidarity among young people! Moreover, the seminar creates a space for the participants to discuss about their vision for a different and just Europe. The participants discuss in the seminar, how young Roma and non-Roma can build a European culture based on respect, dialogue, human rights and equal opportunities. How can we create space for young people to become active citizens through empowerment, mobilization, self-organization and participation? It shall be discussed during the seminar how the wider official recognition of the Roma Genocide in Europe and the formal establishment of August 2nd as the memorial day of the Roma Genocide can be addressed in the civic educational work.

The methodology of the seminar includes media (films), input of experts and small working groups, in order to provide an intensive and practice-oriented working atmosphere. Specific educational methods and approaches shall be presented, as well as online and other educational tools shall be discussed and practiced. Furthermore, the seminar creates space for the participants to share their own experiences and to present their own positions and perspectives around the topics.

The Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative is an initiative of ternYpe International Roma Youth Network; the Berlin seminar is hosted by Amaro Drom e.V. in cooperation with IDA Information and Documentation Centre for Anti-Racism Work, and Roma Onlus, the coordinating organization of the Europe for Citizens project "Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative".









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#### The Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative

With August 2nd 2014 marking the 70th anniversary of the remembrance day of the Roma Genocide, the year 2014 featured more educational and remembrance activities than ever, and demonstrated the wide engagement of Roma and non-Roma (youth) organizations for remembrance, recognition and reconciliation. The President of the European Parliament, Mr. Martin Schulz, and the Secretary-General of the Council of Europe, Mr. Thorbjørn Jagland, granted their patronage. During the key remembrance and education event around August 2, 2014, ternYpe International Roma Youth Network and its partners gathered over 1.000 young Roma and non-Roma from 25 countries for five days in Krakow and Auschwitz-Birkenau. The Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative aims at raising awareness among young Europeans, civil society and decision-makers about the Roma Genocide, as well as about the mechanisms of antigypsyism in a challenging context of rising racism, hate speech and extremism in Europe.

## Aims and objectives

- Exchange and develop practices, strategies and educational methods and tools of Holocaust and remembrance education regarding the Roma genocide;
- Identify challenges and opportunities of remembrance and Holocaust education;
- Reflect and evaluate existing practices, identify lessons learned in particular through the Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative and the 2 August event;
- Develop and plan educational and advocacy activities for the future, strengthen the partnership of organizations.

**Program "Seminar on Remembrance and Holocaust Education on the Roma Genocide"** *All names under consultation / to be confirmed* 

Saturday, 13.12.2014		
Morning/	For early arrivals various possible visits: Roma Genocide Memorial, Holocaust	
afternoon	Museum, Anne Frank Zentrum Berlin	
17.00	Arrival in Berlin (morning, afternoon)	
18.00	Joint dinner	
19.00	Welcome and opening of the seminar	
- 21.00	Aims and program of the seminar, expectations of participants	
	Sharing of experiences and practices (including documentary films/presentations of	
	2 August and 16 May, and other local activities of partner organizations in 2014)	
Sunday, 14.12.2014		
	Lessons learned – Conclusions of existing initiatives and practices	
	Reflection of the Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative	
09.00	Reflections and conclusions (with short input of speakers, then plenary debate)	
	16 May – Romani Resistance Day: La voix des Rroms	
	Srebrenica commemoration: Jasmina Hakic/Graziano Halilovic	
	International Youth Event (Krakow): Karolina Mirga, Vicente Rodriguez	
	Krakow Education Conference: Anna Mirga/Esteban Acuna	
	2 August commemoration: Emran Elmazi	
	Moderation: Jonathan Mack	
10.30	Coffee Break	



11.00	Challenges and Opportunities of Remembrance and Holocaust Education
	(Working Groups)
	International partnership and alliances (Moderation: Jonathan Mack)
	Remembrance and commemoration (Moderation: Emran Elmazi)
	Education (Moderation: Karolina Mirga) Advocacy (Moderation: Adriatik Hasantari)
	Visibility and awareness-raising (Moderation: Daniel Grebeldinger)
12.00	Challenges and Opportunities (Plenary: Sharing conclusions and debate)
	Moderation: Karolina Mirga
13.00	Lunch
	Methods, tools and approaches of Remembrance and Holocaust Education
	Sharing experiences and practices, present existing tools & methods, identify ideas
	and directions for future development and cooperation.
15.00	Educational work with testimonies and eye witnesses:
	Opening: Saimir Mile, Daniel Grebeldinger, Sara Szilagyi, Peter Leponi
	Moderation: Noemi Katona
16.00	Educational methods and approaches
	Opening: Alis Gusa, Martin Grinvalsky, Dragan Radosavljevic, Markus End, Silas Kropf,
	Emre Karaca, Krzysztof Gil
17.00	Moderation: Astrid Oelpenich/Sarah Haupenthal Coffee
17.30	Online tools for education, remembrance and activism
17.50	Opening: Irvin Mujcic / Roma React, Karolina Mirga, Darko Sokovic
	Moderation: Jonathan Mack
19.00	Dinner
21.00	Optional: film about Raymond Gureme,
	Roma Holocaust survivor and member of resistance in France
Monday, 15.3	Exchange of practices and development of initiatives
09.00	Strategies on national and international level (working groups)
03.00	1. Romani Resistance Day – May 16 (Saimir Mile, Pierre Chopinaud)
	2. Recognition of Lety and removal of pig farm (Ivanka Mariposa Čonková)
	3. European advocacy for recognition (Adriatik Hasantari, Jane Braden-Golay (EUJS))
	4. Capacity-building of multipliers and educators (Jonathan Mack)
10.00	Strategies on national and international level (plenary)
	Sharing conclusions and ideas of working groups
10.30	Coffee Break
11.00	Local remembrance, education and activism: creating a common framework?
	(working groups or World Café))
	With less focus on international events in 2015, how can we create a common
	framework and strong European visibility of local remembrance, education and
	activism? How can we mobilize and engage young Roma and non-Roma? How we can
	bring meaning and quality into remembrance and educational events?
	1. Visibility and common framework (Vicente Rodriguez, ERGO, Adriatik Hasantari)
	<ol> <li>Local remembrance and memorials (Emran Elmazi, Peter Leponi, Dokuzentrum)</li> <li>Educational activities (Karolina Mirga, Sara Szilagyi)</li> </ol>
12.00	
	Local remembrance, education and activism (Plenary)

13.00	Lunch	
15.00 16.30	Long-term European strategy on Roma Genocide Remembrance Day (Plenary or World Café) How should a long-term concept look like for the Roma Genocide Remembrance Initiative? How do we imagine an annual international event around 2 August? Moderation: Jonathan Mack Coffee Break	
17.00	Conclusions: Partnership for Recognition, Remembrance and Empowerment Debate starters: Jane Braden-Golay (EUJS), Matic Germovsek (YENI), Ansgar Drücker (IDA), ternYpe and various partner organizations Invite external youth organizations and stakeholders Moderation: Anna Mirga	
19.00	Dinner	
Tuesday, 16.12.2014		
09.00	Follow-up to the seminar	
	Agenda-setting for future cooperation and realization of initiatives	
10.30	Evaluation	
11.30	Closing of the Event	
12.00	Departure	
Optional	Individual time for consultation and planning of initiatives	
	Visit of Holocaust Museum, Roma Genocide Memorial, Anne Frank Zentrum	



