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Participation in the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti Auschwitz, Poland – 2 August 2025

As part of the implementation of the European project **“Development of the National Platform for Roma Consultation and Dialogue” (RomaPlatformEL – CERV-2022-NRCP, GA NO: 101095343)**, an organized participation took place in the commemorative events for the **European Holocaust Memorial Day for Roma and Sinti**, held in Poland on 1–2 August 2025.

The visit was integrated into the project’s framework and connected with activities that aim to strengthen dialogue and cooperation at the European level for the **social inclusion of Roma communities**. The project is implemented in collaboration with the **General Secretariat of Social Solidarity and Fight against Poverty** of the **Ministry of Social Cohesion and Family Affairs**, which acts as the **National Roma Contact Point (NRCP)** of the EU for Roma inclusion.

The events were organized by the **European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC)** and the **Council of Europe**, with the participation of international experts, educators, institutional representatives, and Roma organizations. On **1 August**, a full-day educational seminar was held in Krakow, featuring presentations on teaching the Roma Holocaust, the importance of survivor testimony, highlighting acts of Roma resistance. The seminar was based on materials from the **IHRA**, the **Council of Europe**, and **Yale University**.

On **2 August**, the delegation visited the historic site of **Auschwitz-Birkenau**, participating in a **guided tour of the museum** and attending the **official commemoration ceremony** for the Roma Holocaust victims, organized by the **Central Council of German Sinti and Roma** and the **Association of Roma in Poland**. In the afternoon, a **meeting between youth and survivors** took place as part of the **Dikh He Na Bister** programme, promoting active remembrance and youth engagement.

Our participation marked an important step in strengthening the connection between **national actions and European initiatives**, while contributing to the cultivation of historical awareness, intercultural dialogue, and the reinforcement of collective memory.



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