



The Project « MEMOIR - Forgotten Massacres. Memories And Remembrance Of The Roma, Homosexual And Disabled People Holocaust» was funded with the support of the European Union under the Programme "Europe for Citizens"

n. 8 events have been carried out within this project:

Event 1

Participation: the event involved 27 citizens, including 23 from the city of Rome (Italy), 2 from the city of Cosenza (Italy), 2 from Montenegro.

Location / Dates: the event took place in Rome, Italy, from 28 October 2015 to 28 October 2015.

Short description: the aim of the event was a study day on the “forgotten massacres” and the EU construction since the end of World War II, organized by the promoter Opera Nomadi Nazionale in cooperation with the Homosexual Cultural Circle “Mario Mieli”. It was attended by scholars, teachers and secondary school students from the “Gassman” school Rome. They made their testimony Gabriele Henig (Sinto TAIC) and Kemal Ahmetovic (Rom Khorakhanò Harvati), who remembered the extermination of their families in Salò and in Jasenovac and the Sinti fighter partisans’ relatives.

The event aimed at informing about the project and strongly raising awareness, among the target groups, on the topic of the forgotten massacres. The event had as main objectives the promotion of reflection and discussion focused on historical passages, cultural and political issues that since the end of the atrocities of the World War II, led to the unification of Europe and the affirmation of rights on which Europe is based.

Event 2

Participation: the event involved 100 citizens, including 70 from the city of Rome (Italy), 6 from the city of Naples (Italy), 2 from the city of Enna, (Italy), 5 from the city of Niksic (Montenegro), 7 from the city of Cosenza (Italy), 5 from the city of Monstar (Bosnia) and 5 from the city of Sarajevo (Bosnia).

Location / Dates: the event took place in Rome, Italy, from 27 January 2016 to 27 January 2016.

Short description: the aim of the event was, on the occasion of Remembrance Day, to organise a solemn, commemorative candlelight procession. The event was organized by the Opera Nomadi Nazionale in cooperation with the Homosexual Cultural Circle “Mario Mieli”. The representatives of local authorities attended the event (from Roma Capitale, Senate, Democratic Party - Fassina). On this occasion, it took place a performance by the “Rome Rainbow Choir” and the “Gelem Gelem” choir, with dances performed by young Khorakhanè Roma and Rumunija Roma. The event was designed to commemorate all the victims of the forgotten massacres.

Event 3

Participation: the event involved 570 citizens, including 270 from the city of Magenta (Italy) and 300 from the city of Milan.

Location / Dates: the event took place in Magenta (Italy) from 25 January 2016 to 25 January 2016.

Short description: the aim of the event was to play a show at the Municipal Opera House on January 25 2016. The event was organized by the Opera Nomadi Lombardy, in collaboration with the Municipality of Magenta Milan, the ANPI section of Magenta and the Artists Association “Ciridi”. It promoted the dissemination of the forgotten mass exterminations with the play “Uomini Ignudi” (Naked people - lyrics by Claudia Piccinelli from Opera Nomadi Lombardy). The morning was dedicated to the schools, with a final debate. The municipal administration representatives attended the event, such as the Councillor for Youth Policy, the Commissioner of social services. 270 students and their teachers from the higher Magenta Schools attended the event. The evening play was attended, indeed, by 300 people, among which the representatives of local municipal authorities.

Event 4

Participation: the event involved 64 citizens, including 64 from the city of Athens (Greece).

Location / Dates: the event took place in Athens (Greece) from 26 February 2016 to 26 February 2016

Short description: IASIS NGO organized two street events on 26/2/2016 in Athens, one in Kato Patissia area (10:00-12:00) and one in Athens center (17:00-20:00). Both events had the same structure. The aim of the event was to sensitize the public about the forgotten Holocausts of Roma, homosexuals and people with disabilities.

A MEMOIR pavilion was created with the following decoration: two easels with two collages made of photographs about the forgotten holocausts, an olive tree and a table with the necessary documents.

IASIS employees distributed the MEMOIR leaflet along with a document with historical information about the Roma Holocaust in Europe and links with further information on Samudaripen, Homocaust and Aktion T4. Following to leaflet distribution, IASIS employees asked people to leave a message against Nazism and racism and in favor of solidarity and equality. People wrote their message and hung it on the olive tree, which is a diachronic symbol of peace.

Event 5

Participation: the event involved 44 citizens, including 33 from the city of Sibiu (Romania), 3 from the city of Cluj (Romania), 2 from the city of Bucharest (Romania), 1 from the city of Belgrad (Republic of Serbia), 1 from the city of Chisinau (Republic of Moldova), 1 from the city of Budapest (Hungary), 1 from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria), 1 from the city of Rejkjavik (Island), 1 from the city of Las Palmas de Gran Canarias (Spain).

Location / Dates: the event took place in Sibiu (Romania), from 3 March 2016 to 4 March 2016.

Short description: the aim of the event, organised by University Lucian Blaga in Sibiu, was to organise an interactive workshop with international participation, entitled *The Roma Holocaust in Southeastern Europe and the Politics of Memory*. The interactive workshop dealt with the following scientific issues: 1. The Roma Holocaust and its Remembrance in Southeastern Europe, 2. Communist State Policies on Roma, 3. the Politics of Memory and the Victim Compensations of the Roma Holocaust in Romania, 4. Remembering the Roma Deportation to Transnistria, and 5. Contemporary Public Discourses, Social Representations, and Social Mobilization of Roma. Scholars and Roma activists from Romania, Hungary, Bulgaria, Serbia and Republic of Moldova delivered papers within the 5 panels of the workshop.

Event 6

Participation: the event involved 61 citizens, including 60 from the city of Kyustendil (Bulgaria), 1 from the city of Sofia (Bulgaria).

Location / Dates: the event took place in Kyustendil (Bulgaria) from 8 April 2016 to April 2016.

Short description: the event, organised by the partner LARGO, was aimed at celebrating the International Roma Day (8 April) in a solemn manner, so as to raise awareness among Roma themselves and all citizens about the persecution suffered by the Roma people during World War II, in a country where it is very labile the memory and knowledge of Porrajmos. Thus, it was important to raise awareness of this part of the history of the Roma, which is also a European history. Roma people have been involved together with students, authorities and citizens of the city. They were organized four different activities (concerts, round table, presentation on the history of the Roma in the Kyustendil region in World War II; exhibition on the customs and traditions of the Roma of the Kyustendil region), which was attended by representatives of the central and local public institutions, schools, NGOs, as well as members of the local Roma community.

Event 7

Participation: the event involved 240 citizens, including 240 from the city of Budapest (Hungary).

Location / Dates: the event took place in Budapest (Hungary) from 1 July 2016 to 23 September 2016.

Short description: the event, organised by the European Roma Cultural Foundation, was aimed at organising two exhibitions, one in July 1st to August 2nd, the other from 2 August to 23 September; young Roma and non-Roma artists have been invited to express, through artistic works, the remembrance of the Holocaust suffered by the Roma/Sinti people in Europe during World War II, and to conceptualize the theme of European citizenship. A vernissage of the exhibition took place August 2, 2016 (World Day of Remembrance of the Holocaust suffered by the Roma). The exhibitions were accompanied by an educational program (9 guided visits for groups) dedicated to the history of the Holocaust Roma for the schools of District 8 in Budapest, where most of the children are of Roma origin. In this way, it was intended to achieve a real impact on the local Roma and non-Roma citizenry, widely promoting the knowledge of this dark page of the European history.

Event 8

Participation: the event involved 34 citizens, including 24 from the city of Rome (Italy), 1 from the city of Cosenza (Italy), 1 from the city of Teramo (Italy), 1 from the city of Tivoli (Italy), 1 from the city of Brescia (Italy), 1 from the city of Bologna (Italy), 1 from the city of Orvieto (Italy), 1 from the city of Isernia (Italy), 1 from the city of Athens (Greece), 1 from the city of Sibiu (Romania), 1 from Croatia.

Location / Dates: the event took place in Rome (Italy) from 15 September 2016 to 15 September 2016.

Short description: the event was aimed at introducing the results of the project. Institutional authorities intervened through their representatives (Roma Capitale - Department of Social Affairs, Ministry of Heritage and Cultural activities, Government agencies such as the National Anti-Racial Discrimination Office - UNAR, Embassy of Croatia). It was intended to involve policy makers in a common reflection on the themes of remembrance of the victims of all the Holocausts, the memory on the necessary policies, social inclusion and equality. They were offered testimonies of Roma/Sinti about the memory of the persecution suffered: Chamil Salkanovic (Italian occupation Army violence against Roma Khorakhanè from Montenegro); Gabriele Henig (deportations of Sinti TAIC Eftavagarija in the Milan area, by the fascists of the Salò Republic); Dragan Trajkovic (Nazi/Ustasha massacres of Roma in Kragujevac - Yugoslav cities twinned with Marzabotto).