



Keeping the Memory Alive : the Roma and Sinti Holocaust

Activities in Belgium

WHAT

- 26 February 2014: National Workshop **“Remembering the Roma and Sinti Holocaust: challenges and opportunities at national level”**
- 12 December 2014: Screening/debate **“The untold story: the Roma and Sinti Holocaust”**

Workshop “Remembering the Roma and Sinti Holocaust: challenges and opportunities at national level”

WHO

Representatives of Roma civil society organisations, museums, organisations working on remembrance, history education and anti-discrimination/anti-racism

AIMS

Discuss the challenges faced at national level when it comes to raising awareness about the Roma and Sinti Holocaust and fighting prejudices

Collect recommendations/good practices/joint actions



Workshop “Remembering the Roma and Sinti Holocaust: challenges and opportunities at national level”

2 SESSIONS

- Learning from the past: the Roma and Sinti during WWII and contemporary Europe
- Challenges and recommendations on raising awareness and recognition of the Roma and Sinti Holocaust

CHALLENGES	SOLUTIONS/GOOD PRACTICES
Lack of written history and testimonies/challenges relating to the use of historical archives	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect the memories - Role of historians - Role of the younger generation
The reliability of survivors	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Important role of historians and experts
Lack of Roma and Sinti awareness/Lack of Roma and Sinti participation in remembrance events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase the involvement of Roma testimonies/activists within remembrance events
Lack of recognition of the Roma and Sinti Holocaust among mainstream society/challenge of education	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cross-border learning - Visits to memorials and concentration camps - Innovative teaching methods - New educational material
The “competition of suffering” with other victim groups	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Connect existing resources and organizations/stakeholders - Join forces to build solidarity between communities
Stereotypes and socio-economic marginalisation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Include learning modules on Roma culture and history in schools, organise ad hoc formation programmes for teachers, raise awareness among mainstream society - Give positive examples of solidarity between Roma and non-Roma today
Media role	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Foster media interest through programmed actions

Screening/debate “The untold story: the Roma and Sinti Holocaust”

WHO

Students and teachers (Roma and non-Roma), members of Roma and non-Roma organisations

AIM

Projection of the documentary produced on the Roma and Sinti Holocaust as part of the MemoRom project

Organise a discussion after the screening in the presence of Zoni Weisz, Sinti Holocaust survivor



Thank you!