



FAGIC

Federació d'Associacions Gitanes de
Catalunya

*Federation of Roma Associations in
Catalonia*



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GITANES DE CATALUNYA

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- Non – profit organisation, the only Roma federation in the region
- 88 federated associations in Catalonia
- 5 working areas:
 - Culture
 - Women
 - Education
 - Youth
 - Politics and Media



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○ MAIN GOALS:

- To ensure that government actions respect the interests of the Roma
- To react before any form of xenophobia or discrimination related to the Roma population
- To defend, promote and study the rights, language, history and culture of Roma people





MEMOROM

- Outputs:
- - International workshop: 28/02/2014
- - International debate: 02/12/2014
- - Contribution International Remembrance Network
- - Contribution documentary
- - Contribution of the project website
- - Other activities



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP



Date: 28/02/2014 – Barcelona

- Welcoming remarks: local and regional authorities + FAGiC + ERIO
- Divided in 2 parts:
 - Panel 1: The Forgotten Holocaust
 - Panel 2: The alarming situation of Sinti and Roma today in Europe
- Bringing kids to FC Barcelona matches





INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

- Panel 1. Speakers:
- **Dr Xavier Torrens**, professor of political science at Uni. Of Barcelona, sociologist and expert on the Holocaust education
- **Mr Zoni Weisz**, survivor
- **Andrzej Mirga**, Polish Roma, ethnologist, Romani activist and expert





INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

- Panel 2. Speakers:
- **Saimir Mile**, president La Voix des Roms/member ERGO
- **Pedro Aguilera**, former Spanish member of ECRI and Roma activist
- **Juan de Dios Ramirez Heredia**, president Romani Union and founder of the IRU



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP



- Main recommendations to governments, academics, etc.:
- - Introducing Roma culture in schools + society.
- - Introducing Holocaust into school curricula.
- - Making Roma memory and history accessible to experts and main community.
- - Commemorating August 2 as International Day Roma Genocide.
- - Recognise Roma genocide and persecution.





INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP

- **Recommendations to Roma and Sinti community:**
- - Being active and stop having a victim's attitude.
- - Education – key work for a better future.
- - Building a strong alliance with the Jewish community and experts
- - Giving room to young people
- - Finding tools to recover the Roma memory
- - Using knowledge and historical facts to fight discrimination and prejudices.



INTERNATIONAL WORKSHOP





INTERNATIONAL DEBATE

Date: 02/12/2014 – Barcelona

- Projection documentary: Rita Prigmore and Huub van Baar
- Debate with:
 - **Dr. Slawomir Kapralski**, sociologist and social anthropologist. Professor at Krakow University on Romani Studies.
 - **Noemí Fernández**, young Roma woman activist
 - **Dr. Xavier Torrens**, professor UB.
 - **Marietta Herfort**, representative Phiren Amenca.





INTERNATIONAL DEBATE

- EDUCATION AND RECOGNITION
- Main conclusions:
 - Education and non formal education is very important (some disagree)
 - Roma responsibility for rising awareness about Roma genocide
 - Governments responsibility – education and knowledge is too low
 - Important to work with other communities.





INTERNATIONAL DEBATE

- - Don't call Holocaust other forms of genocide.
- - Important to link the past with the present
- - More government support needed – stop far right groups / Antigipsyism
- - Recognition is very important
- - 2 histories: history of historians and history of people/practical history (collecting memory and identity)
- - Keep on working / Working all together



INTERNATIONAL DEBATE





INTERNATIONAL REMEMBRANCE NETWORK

- Our contribution:
- <http://romasintiremembrance.freeforums.org>
- - Dissemination of the network
- - List of participants
- - Participation in the discussions/debates



DOCUMENTARY



Our contribution:

- Name of experts
- Translations in Spanish and Catalan





PROJECT WEBSITE

[HTTP://WWW.ROMASINTIHOLOCAUST.EU/EN/](http://www.romasintiholocaust.eu/en/)

- Our contribution:
- - Result of our activities
- - Translation
- - FAGiC Roma genocide exhibition





OTHER ACTIVITIES

- Communication: Romani Resistance May 16
- Participation Roma Genocide remembrance in Krakow – 2nd August
- Contribution / Recognition 2nd August as Roma genocide by the City Council of Barcelona
- Roma Holocaust Exhibition: exhibited different places in Catalonia.



Memorandum



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