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Roma: Connecting with Indian Roots

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### Results of 2021 Census of the Republic of Croatia

The State Bureau of Statistics of the Republic of Croatia announced the final results of the 2021 Census that projects the population of Roma constituting 0.46 per cent of the total population of Croatia. The total number of Roma is 17,980, and the share of the Roma minority has increased whereas the population of other minorities like Serbs, Bosniaks, Italian decreased compared to the previous census 2011. Romani is the mother tongue of 15,269 citizens (0.39%).

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[https://www.vecernji.hr/vijesti/dzs-objavljuje-konacne-rezultate-popisa-stanovnistva-prema-spolu-i-starosti-narodnosti-vjeri-1619268?fbclid=IwAR0LuNvz3AWOHEmB-90TuH3RLgUjsEFtAlo3R-hRbr1B3--eWrQ5RiRet\\_0](https://www.vecernji.hr/vijesti/dzs-objavljuje-konacne-rezultate-popisa-stanovnistva-prema-spolu-i-starosti-narodnosti-vjeri-1619268?fbclid=IwAR0LuNvz3AWOHEmB-90TuH3RLgUjsEFtAlo3R-hRbr1B3--eWrQ5RiRet_0)

### Sinti and Roma Influenced Europe's Music

Romani Rose, the chairman of the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma, says, the Council proposed to open a museum as well as a permanent exhibition for preserving Romani culture as well as raising awareness of the influence of the Sinti and Roma on European culture. He emphasizes, "We, Roma have a history of more than 600 years," so there is strong mutual cultural influence, for example; Spanish Flamenco that goes back to Gitanos (one of the groups of Roma community in Spain). He further added that Django Reinhardt, who was one of the founders of European jazz, fused various traditions: waltz folklore, swing, beat and scales of Sinti music that originates from Indian raga roots.

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[https://www.migazin.de/2022/09/20/zentralratsvorsitzender-sinti-roma-europas-musik/?fbclid=IwAR1QAHoFmu5AtTmceCQRUOMucjWtefkX5bTGiwqws3S\\_ZY0d5dNSYI5z1QM](https://www.migazin.de/2022/09/20/zentralratsvorsitzender-sinti-roma-europas-musik/?fbclid=IwAR1QAHoFmu5AtTmceCQRUOMucjWtefkX5bTGiwqws3S_ZY0d5dNSYI5z1QM)

### **New Strategy for Advancing Rights of Roma and Ashkali Communities in Kosovo**

The strategy 2022-26 was prepared by the Office of Good Governance with the support of OSCE Mission in Kosovo which focused on five priority areas: education, employment and social welfare, health, housing and discrimination. The strategy aims at safeguarding the rights of Roma and Ashkali communities in Kosovo as well as ensuring equal treatment without discrimination. At the ceremony to launch the Strategy, Ambassador Michael Devenport said that the Strategy and its accompanying Action Plan 2022-26 demonstrated the government's firm commitment to improving the lives of vulnerable communities in Kosovo.

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[https://www.osce.org/mission-in-kosovo/526396?fbclid=IwAR2H6yV1yMADJUGxxBHpuZAhPRESEtXuWuqtua4zQ\\_jl20C\\_E-e3M-Qg2Jo](https://www.osce.org/mission-in-kosovo/526396?fbclid=IwAR2H6yV1yMADJUGxxBHpuZAhPRESEtXuWuqtua4zQ_jl20C_E-e3M-Qg2Jo)

### **Mayors from the Southeastern Slovenia Propose the Establishment of Interdepartmental Body for Roma Issues**

The Mayor of Novo Mesto, Gregor Macedoni sent a letter to the Slovenian Prime Minister Robert Golob, pointing to the need for a comprehensive solution to the Roma problem. He further added that the killing of 22-year-old Roma man in a shootout was a stark reminder that the Roma issue in south-eastern Slovenia requires concrete inter-ministerial attention. The Mayor of Kocevo, Vladimir Prebilib and the Mayor of Ribnica, Samo Pogorelc, echoed the opinion that a systemic approach by the state was imperative to solve the Roma problems. The Government Office for Communication stated that the government was aware of the seriousness of the problems related to the Roma community in Dolenjski and will tackle the problem interdepartmentally.

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[https://www.rtvslo.si/lokalne-novice/dolenjska/zupani-z-jugovzhoda-drzave-za-ustanovitev-medresorskega-delovnega-telesa-za-romska-vprasanja/641474?fbclid=IwAR03QBKtM9WXpLlpmk68k6oKLcJ1VgL9xxk\\_ufLHWWeT8BZQKlqLb8dVv8](https://www.rtvslo.si/lokalne-novice/dolenjska/zupani-z-jugovzhoda-drzave-za-ustanovitev-medresorskega-delovnega-telesa-za-romska-vprasanja/641474?fbclid=IwAR03QBKtM9WXpLlpmk68k6oKLcJ1VgL9xxk_ufLHWWeT8BZQKlqLb8dVv8)

### **Germany Supports Initial Integration of Roma Displaced from Ukraine**

The state government has earmarked 53,000 Euros to integrate the Romani people expelled from Ukraine in Baden-Württemberg. The fund will be available to the State Association of German Sinti and Roma that advises and accompanies municipalities, districts and initial reception centers for the care of Roma and other Romani-speaking minorities. The Minister for Social Affairs, Health and Integration, Manne Lucha said, "The common goal is that all refugees are treated equally. This program should be accessible to members of the Roma minority and other Romani-speaking people on an equal footing and without barriers".

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<https://www.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/presse/pressemitteilung/pid/land-unterstuetzt-erstintegration-von-aus-der-ukraine-vertriebenen-roma/>

### **The Slovak Parliament Approve the Working Definition of Anti-Roma Racism**

The National Council of the Slovak Republic approved the definition of anti-Roma racism developed by the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA). According to the definition, anti-Roma racism is a manifestation of individual expressions and actions, as well as institutional policies and practices of marginalization, exclusion, physical violence, disparagement and devaluation of Roma culture and lifestyle, as well as hate speech directed at Roma or other individuals and groups, stigmatized or persecuted during Nazi era and also nowadays as "Roma". The Parliament also recommended the government to conduct an analysis of the legal order of the Slovak Republic and, if necessary, to prepare legislative proposals for the relevant legal regulations.

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<https://romea.cz/cz/zpravodajstvi/zahranicni/slovensky-parlament-schvalil-pracovni-definici-protiromskeho-rasismu.oznaceni-cikan-je-nadavka?fbclid=IwAR3Lted8WUOzA8etLW3Cdy7MeOU0zCUbN-cUEQasfrhH6e1wrj2gxOdGP0I>

### **Members of European Parliament Pass Roma Resolution**

The European Parliament passed a resolution acknowledging the deplorable plight of Romani people living in settlements in the European Union Countries. The resolution aims at bringing about changes in national policy to improve the lives of Roma communities as well as ensuring that the member states should effectively use the EU funds to support them with better settlements and integrate them in their societies. During the speeches on the issue, several members noted that many Roma live in impoverished settlements that lack access to clean running water, electricity, unpaved road and working sewage systems. The high rate of school dropout, unemployment and infant mortality in the settlements are the striking problems attributed to segregation and lack of political willingness to address these issues.

**Read More at**

[https://www.euractiv.com/section/non-discrimination/news/meps-pass-roma-resolution-demand-more-action-to-improve-settlement-conditions/?fbclid=IwAR282F\\_xxuMTE211l1qaeWGunlCcNCBqpZyOjOHNurg2pm\\_7386cQVc-WMY](https://www.euractiv.com/section/non-discrimination/news/meps-pass-roma-resolution-demand-more-action-to-improve-settlement-conditions/?fbclid=IwAR282F_xxuMTE211l1qaeWGunlCcNCBqpZyOjOHNurg2pm_7386cQVc-WMY)

### **The Sixteenth Virtual Lecture of the Monthly Lecture Series**

Centre for Roma Studies and Cultural Relations (CRSCR)-ARSP, New Delhi hosted the Sixteenth Virtual Lecture on the theme of Historical, Economic, Political, Social and Cultural Situations of Roma in the Republic of North Macedonia. The lecture was delivered by Deniz Selmani, Founder & Program Manager, Institute for Research and Policy Analyses - Romalítico, Skopje.

He stated that the national census that was conducted recently after two decades in North Macedonia estimates the decrease in the number of Roma by 7000 from the figure of 52000 of 2001 census. He added that the Roma communities do not accept the census figures because of mapping of the assimilation of Roma conducted by statistic department of Macedonia just before the census. According to the registers of Sultan Suleiman of Ottoman Empire, there were 14000 households in Balkan territories, 4000 households were living in Macedonia. He said that Roma were also victims of Holocaust in many villages of Macedonia but the same has been denied due to lack of research. Deniz further added, after 2005, Macedonia became one of the signatory countries of Roma Decade (2005-15), sponsored by European Union, World Bank and Open Society to develop national strategies for inclusion of Roma in the mainstream societies and addressing the basic problems faced by Roma Communities in Macedonia.

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<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Hvt-w2Rb5CU&t=2044s>