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## **Czech President Petr Pavel and First Lady Visited Museum of Romani Culture in Brno, Czech Republic**

The President and First Lady marvelled at the permanent exhibition "The Story of the Roma" as well as the temporary exhibition "Black Butterfly". During their visit to the museum, they interacted with director and curator both being Romani origin in an international meeting, attended by Deputy Culture Minister and a press spokesperson, organized by ROMEA as part of the RadiRights project. The project aims at combating disinformation and supporting democratic rights in Romani communities in several European countries, including the Czech Republic. The president has shown a great deal of interest in Romani people ever since his election and remains sensitive to the questions of coexistence. Mr. Pavel has become the third Czech president to visit the museum besides Havel with his spouse Dagmar and Václav Klaus with his spouse Livia.

**Read More at**

<https://romea.cz/en/czech-republic/czech-president-petr-pavel-and-first-lady-visit-museum-of-romani-culture-as-part-of-their-active-support-for-the-romani-community>

## **Hungarian Government Makes Ukrainian Roma Refugees Homeless**

Hungarian PM Viktor Orban has signed a decree in June this year, however the decree has come into effect now, that has stalled the state's support for the shelters used by Ukrainian refugees, most among them are Roma. More than 3000 Ukrainian refugees have been rendered homeless. Critics termed it a "disgrace" and a "new low" in Hungary's refugee policy. According to decree, only those Ukrainian refugees who come from war zones in Ukraine will get the state's support for temporary accommodation. The Hungarian government also intends to revise the list of combat zones in Ukraine every month.

**Read More at**

<https://www.dw.com/en/hungarys-government-makes-ukrainian-refugees-homeless/a-70026664>

## **Taking New Steps in the Integration of the Roma Community through Education and Cooperation**

The Center for Missing and Abused Children in cooperation with the Roma Resource Center (RRC) continued to implement the "Join II" project with an aim of encouraging the integration of the Roma community and strengthening social cohesion through diverse activities in Croatia. The Roma Resource Center emphasized the importance of such projects for the Roma community that faces discrimination and a lack of support. The centre also expressed satisfaction over the cooperation with Center for Missing and Abused Children

because of skilled staff that provides support in various aspects of the life of the Roma community, and enables proper integration of the Roma community into society, which is one of the basic goals of the organization.

**Read More at**

[https://www.obitelj.hr/projekt-ukljuci-se-ii-osvajanje-novih-koraka-u-integraciji-romske-zajednice-kroz-edukaciju-i-suradnju/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFLpHBleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHSBf-c5Sf038lXY-uH5b4qi9Mz1tyZXf3SCIQRNwM3S0mQ9ZoYjvXf6HXQ\\_aem\\_z8ZMWbCmjG7Zpk2pEhXxIQ](https://www.obitelj.hr/projekt-ukljuci-se-ii-osvajanje-novih-koraka-u-integraciji-romske-zajednice-kroz-edukaciju-i-suradnju/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFLpHBleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHSBf-c5Sf038lXY-uH5b4qi9Mz1tyZXf3SCIQRNwM3S0mQ9ZoYjvXf6HXQ_aem_z8ZMWbCmjG7Zpk2pEhXxIQ)

### **ERGO Network Urges EU to Prioritise Antiracism and Roma Inclusion**

In response to the composition of the new European Commission, ERGO Network expressed concern over the dwindling focus on equality, particularly with regard to Roma, Europe's largest ethnic minority. ERGO Network pointed out the failure of both Member States and the leadership of the Commission to ensure the protection of human rights of Roma communities. With this new nomination (merged portfolio), it is reasonable to expect that a crisis—like a pandemic, war, or economy, environment, or geopolitics will dominate the Commissioner's agenda, while pushing social equality, fighting racism and ensuring equality for all into the corner.

**Read More at**

<https://ergonetwork.org/2024/09/crisis-over-equality-ergo-network-urges-eu-to-prioritise-antiracism-and-roma-inclusion/>

### **A Documentary about the Segregation of Roma in Schools**

The documentary, broadcast by Veronika Hlavacova Zakladka, reveals what Roma parents experience when they enrol their children in the school. In the Czech Republic, there are 130 segregated schools where Roma constitute at around one third of the students and huge differences in the quality of education is pointed out. The government of Czech Republic is denounced by international institutions for the segregation of the Roma. As a result, the state has drafted plan of action in order to resolve the Roma issues. The Ministry of Education also tries to pressurize the heads of selected schools to change the attitude in order that the number of Roma pupils in ethnically segregated schools would decrease.

**Read More at**

[https://radiozurnal.rozhlas.cz/romove-ani-sem-nechodte-dokument-o-segregaci-romu-na-skolach-9306662?fbclid=IwY2xjawFLqJtleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHegue1Q1rLo1R4fIZFiAhOsuLqhu4MTunigZckNERrkE1IEb1n7u-gY2A\\_aem\\_r8JSQqOkVCYiBzg3Dp2L7Q](https://radiozurnal.rozhlas.cz/romove-ani-sem-nechodte-dokument-o-segregaci-romu-na-skolach-9306662?fbclid=IwY2xjawFLqJtleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHegue1Q1rLo1R4fIZFiAhOsuLqhu4MTunigZckNERrkE1IEb1n7u-gY2A_aem_r8JSQqOkVCYiBzg3Dp2L7Q)

### **On the Roma Issue: We Heard Something Bold about the Police**

The Minister of Internal Affairs of Slovenia, Bostjan Poklukar, called on the representatives of the regional Civil Initiative in order to solve Roma issues in provinces like Novi Mesto, Kocevje, Brezice, Grosuplje, Sentjernej and Skocjan. The representatives of Civil Societies blame the inaction of all Slovenian governments to resolve the Roma issues till now. The minister expresses delight that the representatives of the civil initiative trust the Slovenian police and cooperate well with them. Silvo Mesojedec, a representative of the civil initiative organization Novo mesto, urged other departments to join as well as involve the local civil societies in the decision-making process in order to bring results.

**Read More at**

[https://siol.net/novice/slovenija/v-zivo-minister-poklukar-o-resevanju-romske-problematike-video-642902?fbclid=IwY2xjawFGUe5leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHQdCRoiwxgIBChHI7SXUI8fmO2k709gUZMup\\_AnAHFxUMc3bdfYr1IISGA\\_aem\\_EvRNHe303r3a4eqGynD6rA](https://siol.net/novice/slovenija/v-zivo-minister-poklukar-o-resevanju-romske-problematike-video-642902?fbclid=IwY2xjawFGUe5leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHQdCRoiwxgIBChHI7SXUI8fmO2k709gUZMup_AnAHFxUMc3bdfYr1IISGA_aem_EvRNHe303r3a4eqGynD6rA)

### **The Unfiltered Daily Life of Roma at the Visa pour l'Image festival**

Mugur Varzariu curated the exhibition as part of the international photo journalism festival "Voices Rising Behind the Wall" is on display at the Couvent des Minimes, France till 15th September 2024. Mugur Varzariu is a Romanian Roma reporter, travelled across Romania to document the daily lives of Roma communities and the violence of racism they suffer. His photography is imbued with humanity rather than pseudo-exoticism. He captures humanity and defends the Roma population through taking pictures. Mugur believes that the fighting racism against Roma is generally excluded from anti-racist struggles, which makes his work more important. He also points out that the Roma communities are not united as a group with powerful voice, so vulnerable to attacks.

**Read More at**

[https://madeinperpignan.com/exposition-mugur-varzariu-quotidien-roms-festival-visa-pour-l-image/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFLkP1leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHRWCBowaBip2\\_mRqwYEFM5q81Twanl-AiRmk28yFbmdNrMYWGVWZVW\\_isw\\_aem\\_XI3hZ6blipMxnmoYDmlxEQ](https://madeinperpignan.com/exposition-mugur-varzariu-quotidien-roms-festival-visa-pour-l-image/?fbclid=IwY2xjawFLkP1leHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHRWCBowaBip2_mRqwYEFM5q81Twanl-AiRmk28yFbmdNrMYWGVWZVW_isw_aem_XI3hZ6blipMxnmoYDmlxEQ)

### **Glasgow: Ando Glaso Roma Festival 2024**

Ando Glaso Roma Fest took place on 7<sup>th</sup> September at the Centre for Contemporary Arts (CCA) on Sauchiehall Street in Scotland where the programme began with a workshop hosted by Gypsy jazz legend Lulo Reinhardt, Romani language experts Juice Vamosi and Maria Palmari, and prominent Roma cultural advocate Terezia Rostas, who explored customs, costumes and much more. The Human Library event provided a unique Q & A opportunity with leading Roma experts from around the UK. In light of recent events in Leeds, festival organisers have also chosen to screen a moving documentary about child removals from Roma communities by authorities in Hungary. Roma Kids presented by Stacey Dooley highlighted the gravity of the issues faced by the communities. The event showcased the vibrancy of Roma culture, beginning with a performance from the Ando Glaso Collective, which features musicians and singers from Romania, Poland, Slovakia, the Czech Republic and Hungary.

**Read More at**

<https://www.visitglasgow.com/whats-on/ando-glaso-festival-2024>

### **The Roma Council of the City of Brno Criticizes the Non-Roma Management of the IQ Roma Servis Organization**

The Roma Council of the City of Brno (RRB) expressed serious concern over the selection of Martin Masa as the new director of the IQ Roma service organization. According to the council, Roma themselves are not included in leadership positions in the organization that focuses on help and welfare of Roma. The council also stated that the trend of non-Roma leadership continued in the Roma oriented organization. The qualified and deserving applicants from the Roma community have applied for the directorship for the last 20 years but none succeeded. The RRB recounted that the lack of participation of Roma in Brno organizations and the absence of Roma in decision-making positions undermined the effectiveness of integration policies.

**Read More at**

[https://romea.cz/cz/domaci/romska-rada-mesta-brna-kritizuje-nove-neromske-vedeni-organizace-iq-roma-servis-reditel-slibuje-zmeny-a-aktivni-zapojeni-romu?fbclid=IwY2xjawFNDwVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHaaxZpKycbZy0jNsvK9tE7jjl3P3Jw7YBjRMckxwWxsZdmlg80nxMrKy\\_Q\\_aem\\_I9jVr7FTeLVxtHvpu8dR6Q](https://romea.cz/cz/domaci/romska-rada-mesta-brna-kritizuje-nove-neromske-vedeni-organizace-iq-roma-servis-reditel-slibuje-zmeny-a-aktivni-zapojeni-romu?fbclid=IwY2xjawFNDwVleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHaaxZpKycbZy0jNsvK9tE7jjl3P3Jw7YBjRMckxwWxsZdmlg80nxMrKy_Q_aem_I9jVr7FTeLVxtHvpu8dR6Q)

## **The Experiment Showed anti-Roma Racism in the Labor Market of Slovakia**

The Institute of Human Rights, a non-governmental organization, published the results of a research focused on anti-Roma racism in the labour market. The institute examined employers' reactions to job applicants of Roma origin through creating four fictitious applicants using artificial intelligence tools, including their photos, emails and professional biographies. Two of these persons were Romani man and a Romani woman, and two were non-Roma, and the CVs of the Roma applicants were slightly better in order to prevent that employers would prefer a less qualified person for a lower salary. In contrast, the results showed substantial differences. The Roma applicants got 48 percent of responses for an interview whereas non-Romani applicants in 89 percent of cases were preferred for an interview.

### **Read More at**

[https://index.sme.sk/c/23376161/experiment-ukazal-romsky-rasizmus-na-pracovnom-trhu-ide-o-vyrazne-rozdiely.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawFNEhZleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHedvklslP\\_Deqj5mfwNUiTv6-szol7iH3hHKICaNwC3MhNIPT7aFhJqbg\\_aem\\_FoeOCtuebJOVVrnoN6UYig](https://index.sme.sk/c/23376161/experiment-ukazal-romsky-rasizmus-na-pracovnom-trhu-ide-o-vyrazne-rozdiely.html?fbclid=IwY2xjawFNEhZleHRuA2FlbQIxMQABHedvklslP_Deqj5mfwNUiTv6-szol7iH3hHKICaNwC3MhNIPT7aFhJqbg_aem_FoeOCtuebJOVVrnoN6UYig)

## **The Second Edition of the International Common Rromani Language Courses, Romania**

The IDEE - Sigma Foundation organized International Common Rromani Language Course in Costinesti, Romania between 12 August and 21 August 2024. The course has been professionally designed and coordinated by Prof. Emeritus Gheorghe Sarau, well-known author of university courses and school textbooks for the Rromani language, covering dictionaries, conversation guides, etc. This edition was attended by 23 students from Romania and the countries like Canada, France, Germany, India and USA. The faculty team comprises Professors Gheorghe Sarau, Alexandru Zamfir, Cristian Padure, Luiza Medeleanu, Ciprian Costache, Alin Buca and Dr Delia Grigore who taught elementary and advanced levels of Rromani language besides giving lectures on various elements of Indian and Roma connections with regards to customs, habits, traditions and history.

## **Roma in Albania Struggles and Successes in Identity, Culture, and Access to Essential Services**

Centre for Roma Studies and Cultural Relations (CRSCR)-ARSP has hosted thirty-fifth virtual lecture of the series on 19<sup>th</sup> September 2024 and invited Ms. Brisilda Taço (Tirana, Albania), Roma Rights Activist who spoke about the situations of Roma communities in Albania. She emphasizes that Roma in Albania is one of

the country's most marginalized ethnic groups, facing significant challenges in the areas of education, employment, housing, health care, and social inclusion. She further states that Roma people have been living in Albania for centuries, as early as the 14th century. Despite their long-standing history in the region, Roma communities often face social and economic exclusion.

**Watch Full Lecture at**

<https://mail.google.com/mail/u/1/#inbox/KtbxLxgVVdfVfhKkZfgzPqJzMqPgnbPXqV>