

Roma week in the European Parliament

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Members of the European Parliament and Roma organisations host a Roma Week on the occasion of the **International Roma Day** and the **45th anniversary of the First Romani World Congress**



8 April 2016, International Roma Day 45th anniversary manifesto

All Europeans are born with equal rights. Therefore, I pledge, through my work as Member of the European Parliament, to fight against the ongoing stigmatization, discrimination and exclusion of Roma people by taking my full responsibility for the implementation of the resolution of 15 April 2015 on the occasion of International Roma Day – antigypsyism in Europe and EU recognition of the memorial day of the Roma genocide during World War II. By doing this I will do my utmost within my mandate to:

Call for the European Union, including Member States, to take further steps to officially recognise antigypsyism as a specific form of racism targeting Roma people and fight against this phenomenon which is "directed towards Roma people and those perceived as such, founded on racial superiority, a form of dehumanisation and institutional racism nurtured by historical discrimination"ⁱ

Put an end to antigypsyism in all its forms and to speak up against violence or hate speech based on ethnicity or any other difference and call for any such offence to be effectively punished by law because all Europeans have a right to live in peace and security

Put an end to discrimination against Roma with a special focus on women and children wherever it occurs such as in education, employment, housing, health care and democratic participation and work against any policy, initiative or project which increases segregation or discrimination because all persons have equal rights and shall be treated equally

Call on the Member State where I am elected to recognise a European day dedicated to commemorate the estimated 500,000 victims of the Roma holocaust during World War II because all Europeans are entitled to justice and recognition of crimes committed against them

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ⁱ <http://www.europarl.europa.eu/sides/getDoc.do?type=TA&reference=P8-TA-2015-0095&language=EN&ring=B8-2015-0326>

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