

WEBINAR

COMBATING RACISM AND DISCRIMINATION AGAINST THE ROMA AND SINTI

5 October 2020
14:30- 17:00 (CET)

Meeting Programme	
Venue	Virtual: <u>Zoom meeting platform (LIVE STREAM)</u>
Registration	To register for the webinar, send an e-mail to webinar.series@odihr.pl , stating your name, title, organization, and clearly indicating the title of the webinar specifically you intend to attend.
Meeting languages	English, German, and Romani
14:35-14:45	<p>Welcome address</p> <p>Dan Pavel Doghi, Chief of the CPRSI, Senior Adviser on Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (OSCE/ODIHR)</p> <p>The 2003 OSCE Action Plan on Roma and Sinti is built on the central goal of combating racism and discrimination against them and recommends participating States, and OSCE institutions and structures to implement on a wide scale of measures in this regard. The three sub-subsequent Ministerial Council Decisions on Roma and Sinti emphasize the principle of eradicating racism against Roma and ensuring they are able to play an equal part in their societies, free of discrimination.</p> <p>The webinar will provide a forum to raise awareness among OSCE participating States about the on-going state of racism and discrimination, and continuing challenges faced by Roma and Sinti, as well to discuss actions to be undertaken by participating States and other stakeholders in view of increasing the effectiveness of efforts and measures to combating racism against Roma and Sinti.</p>
14:45-17:00	<p>Panel debate with policy makers, practitioners and experts</p> <p>Webinar moderator: Dan Pavel Doghi</p>
14:45-15:00	<p>Keynote speakers</p> <p>Margareta Matache, Instructor, Director of the Roma Program François-Xavier Bagnoud Center for Health and Human Rights Harvard University</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the situation on the ground, and what are the expressions of racism, intolerance and hate-motivated violence against Roma and Sinti? <p>What are the most pressing challenges and needed steps to combating effectively racism, intolerance and hate-motivated violence against Roma and Sinti?</p>
15:00-15:15	<p>Romani Rose, Chairman of the Central Council for German Sinti and Roma, and of the Documentation and Culture Centre of German Sinti and Roma</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How can remembering the past contribute to understanding the present and preventing intolerance based on ethnicity? – What is the responsibility of states and of society, including media to combat racism and discrimination against Roma and Sinti?
15:15-15:35	<p>Reflections among the panelists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Questions, answers, and reflections
15:35-15:50	<p>Jonathan Lee, Advocacy & Communications Manager at the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – What is the extent of visibility and awareness about racism, intolerance and hate-motivated violence against Roma and Sinti? <p>How to tackle underreporting of incidents and crimes motivated by prejudice and violence against Roma and Sinti?</p>
15:50-16:05	<p>Jelena Jovanovic, Coordinator of the European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup (ARDI)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How can participating States uphold their obligations in combating racism, discrimination and hate-motivated violence, to effectively ensure the safety and security of Roma and Sinti? – Which developments at international level, from the more recent years, could provide participating States with stronger means to ensuring the safety and security of Roma and Sinti?
16:05-16:20	<p>Ognyan Isaev, Director of Educational Achievement at the Trust for Social Achievement, Bulgaria</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – How do closed societies undermine and discount Roma achievements and why is it essential that we improve the recognition of Roma efforts and achievements by majority populations? – How might EU cohesion policies and funds better promote antiracism measures as a way to improve cohesion between historically isolated /segregated Roma neighborhoods and the better-developed urban areas?

16:20-16:55	Reflections among the panelists – Questions, answers, and reflections
16:55-17:00	Closing remarks The moderator will conclude and close the webinar