

Call for Participants

Roma Women Empowered Women!



Study Session

JUNE 8 - 15, 2014
Strasbourg, France

An activity of FERYP organized in cooperation with the Youth Department of the Council of Europe

About FERYP

The Forum of European Roma Young People (FERYP) is the first European Roma Youth Network established as a non-formal network in 1997 and registered as a European Roma Youth Association in 2002.

Our mission is to empower young Roma through:

- Supporting their personal and organizational capacity building
- Promoting the Roma identity
- Advocating for increased participation of Roma youth at local, national and international level
- Fighting discrimination and Romaphobia
- Addressing the challenges of diversity within the Roma communities

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Background of the Activity

Young Roma women face challenges every single day. Apart from sharing their communities' struggles, young Roma women systematically face double discrimination simply by virtue of being female and Roma. This includes not only discrimination from non-Roma but also within Roma the communities.

Understanding that investing in young Roma women's leadership is essential for social changes, for the development of Roma communities and ensuring the rights of Roma women, FERYP aims to develop this Study Session with, for and by young Roma women and men and in collaboration with the Directorate of Democratic Citizenship and Participation of the Council of Europe.

This activity aims to bring into discussion the issues faced by the (young) Roma women in Roma communities and in society in general. It aims to provide the space for the participants to develop a strategy on empowerment of young Roma women at national and international level, planning a concrete action plan implemented by FERYP and its members/partners.

The study session will have as well a follow-up activity in participants' communities based

on the priorities of the Roma Youth Action Plan and the FERYP Strategy 2012-2015, with the purpose to emphasize the empowerment of young Roma women in Europe.

This activity will have very important role in FERYP's long-term programme as it will provide for defining strategies for inclusion of Young Roma women and mainstreaming Gender issues, which could be used both at policy making level as well as for planning of concrete activities which could be implemented by FERYP as well as suggested to other organisations and institutions.

Methodology

In the setting, the content and the methodology of the Study Session is focused on participation, active involvement, sharing of thoughts and feelings, learning by doing, group work and the intercultural dimension. Creativity and variety of the methods are important in the session approach.

We will use methods specific to non-formal education and learning, both individual and group methods, taking into consideration participants' learning needs, such as working groups, debates and discussions, simulations and role-plays, open space methodology, reflections, etc.



Aim and Objectives

The aim of the study session is to enhance the capacities and to empower the young Roma women, promoting equality and their equal participation in Roma communities and organizations.

- To reflect on and analyse the obstacles, needs, and current challenges young Roma women face today in their communities
- To address gender-based discrimination in Roma communities.
- To foster young Roma women's capacities and leadership to be equally involved in public life and decision making processes.
- To explore the practices, approaches and opportunities existing in the Council of Europe (Human Rights Education, Gender based violence resources, No Hate Speech Movement, Roma youth Action Plan) to work with Roma youth on gender issues.
- To define the strategies in mainstreaming Roma gender equality within Roma communities and civil society.
- To enable and support participants to develop follow up plans, initiatives, actions, activities and programmes empowering young Roma women's full and meaningful participation in their communities and beyond.

Profile of Participants

- Roma and non-Roma young people who are actively working/volunteering in organizations on Roma issues;
- Young gender activists (both female and male), working or interested to work on the problems of young Roma women across Europe;
- Motivated and willing to initiate follow-up activities in their home/local communities and organizations;
- Aged between 18 and 30 years old;
- Able to attend the session for its full duration;
- Able to work in one of the working languages of the session;

Young men are also strongly encouraged to apply!!



Working languages

The working languages of the study session are **English, Romanes and Spanish**, with simultaneous interpretation. However the working languages will be selected according to the needs of the participants.

Dates of the Activity

The arrival and departure dates for the meeting are as following:

Arrival: 8th June 2014 (Sunday)

Departure: 15th June 2014 (Sunday)

Participants should organize their travel (arrival and departure) for these dates.

Participation Fee

For this activity **the participation fee is 50 Euro**. The amount will be deducted from the travel reimbursement of the participants.

Reimbursement of Travel Costs

The accommodation for the activity is provided at the **European Youth Centre Strasbourg** and is covered by the organizers of the session.

The reimbursements of travel expenses (based on economical prices, Apex, student price, special price) and visa, will take on the spot during the week in Euro or by bank transfer after the activity. Participants should bring with them original invoices to prove the costs of travel (ticket and visa) as well the tickets. To be reimbursed participants should take part at least 80% in the activity.

How to Apply?

To join this Study Session fill in [this application form](#) before 9 April

Questions?

Do not hesitate to contact us!
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Selection Procedure

The preparatory team of this activity will select 30 participants, according to the profile specified above, but also ensuring geographical and gender balance (as far possible) in the overall group composition.

The **deadline** for the receipt of applications is **9 April 2014 (Wednesday)**. Applications received after the deadline will not be reviewed.

