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**International Roma
Day 8 April**

As the Council of Europe celebrates Europe's largest minority – some 12 million Roma – Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland and Open Societies Foundation chairman George Soros have proposed to set up a European Roma Institute.

High levels of anti-Gypsyism prevail throughout Europe, including hostile speech and acts directed at both migrant Roma and Travellers. They are victims of violence, including forced evictions by authorities. Harmful media coverage sometimes stigmatises Roma. To face this problem, Mr. Soros and Secretary General Jagland announced the creation of a European Roma Institute.

UNITED NATIONS NEWS



**World Health Day
2015: From farm to
plate, make food
safe**

World Health Organization is issuing the first findings from what is a broader ongoing analysis of the global burden of foodborne diseases. The full results of this research, being undertaken by WHO's Foodborne Disease Burden Epidemiology Reference Group (FERG), are expected to be released in October 2015. The initial figures show that:

- there were an estimated 582 million cases of 22 different foodborne enteric diseases and 351 000 associated deaths;
- the enteric disease agents responsible for most deaths were Salmonella Typhi (52 000 deaths), enteropathogenic E. coli (37 000) and norovirus (35 000);
- the African region recorded the highest disease burden for enteric foodborne disease;
- over 40% people suffering from enteric diseases caused by contaminated food were children aged under 5 years.

Measures to prevent such emergencies can be taken using international platforms, like the joint WHO-FAO International Food Safety Authorities Network (INFOSAN).

EUROPEAN COMMISSION NEWS



Youth Guarantee

The Youth Guarantee is a new approach to tackling youth unemployment which ensures that all young people under 25 get a good-quality, concrete offer within 4 months of them leaving formal education or becoming unemployed. The good-quality offer should be for a job, apprenticeship, traineeship, or continued education and be adapted to each individual need and situation.

EU countries endorsed the principle of the Youth Guarantee in April 2013 ([Council Recommendation](#)).

The European Commission has helped each EU country to develop its own [national Youth Guarantee Implementation Plan](#) and start implementation. The Commission also supports awareness raising activities on the setting up of the Youth Guarantee, with a pilot running in 4 Member States (Latvia, Finland, Portugal and Romania). The concept, products and visuals from this pilot have been put at the disposal of national, regional and local authorities who wish to use it further as an [electronic toolkit](#).

EUROPEAN YOUTH PORTAL NEWS



**Your first EURES
Job**

Your first EURES Job is a "targeted mobility scheme". These schemes aim to fill vacancies in a certain sector, occupation, country or group of countries, or support particular groups of workers with a propensity to be mobile, such as young people.

Your first EURES job is open to young candidates and employers of the EU-28 countries, Norway and Iceland. Candidates must be nationals and legal residents in any of those countries. The scheme aims to help

- young people up to 35 years old to find a job, traineeship or apprenticeship in another Member State.
- employers to find the skills they need for their hard to fill vacancies.

Activities are implemented by consortia driven by [EURES](#) services, involving at least seven countries.

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