



### MEMBERS' NEWS

#### Training course for youth workers and activists "Promoting of Participation and Inclusion of Young People by means of Human Rights and Citizenship Education"

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More than thirty representatives of youth NGOs from Russia, Latvia, Armenia, Lithuania, Moldova, Estonia, Ukraine, Georgia, Germany, Azerbaijan, Greece and Belarus have participated in the training course organized by **European Minority Youth Network**.

The activity was devoted to issue how to develop active participation and inclusion of young people using Human Rights education (HRE) and Citizenship education (CE). Young people learned new methods and tools of HRE and CE, exchanged experience, made new contacts and received a lot of practical information and skills concerning active participation.

The training course was supported by European Youth Foundation and was held within the framework of the Campaign "**All different, all equal**".

### COUNCIL OF EUROPE NEWS



#### Youth symposium on diversity and participation in Luxembourg

Young people from all over Europe gathered in Schengen, Luxembourg, on Wednesday 25 April, to take part in the symposium "Participation in all its forms – European Symposium on Diversity and Participation". The symposium is organised within the framework of the Council of Europe's "All Different - All Equal" campaign for diversity, human rights, and participation.

René Weingärtner, Director of the Directorate for Youth and Sports of the Council of Europe, said "Participation is a priority in the work of the Youth Directorate and is one of the pillars of the "All Different – All Equal" campaign. In this opening decade of the third millennium, more than ever before, the young generation needs to feel that their voices are heard and that their opinions count. The "All Different – All Equal" campaign believes that the best way to create engaged citizenry is to involve young people in the decision making process."

### DATES



### INTERNATIONAL ROMA DAY

International Roma Day is one of a few celebrations that the Roma minority has got. In 1990s it became an international event. Even though Roma live sparsely in various countries, they try to coordinate celebrations of the April 8, as well as to find a common symbol. What kind of celebration is it? Since when has it been celebrated? Why the April 8?

Beginning of 1970s brought Roma's emancipatory aspirations from national association level into international one. Just on the April 8 1971, there had been the first international Roma meeting near to London. In London, delegates of the first international holding officially constituted the first international Romani organization that has been named IRU (International Romani Union). The IRU was called the World Romani Union from the beginning. As another outcome of the conference, representatives validated the labeling Rom that has been taken instead of Gypsy. Approval of two attributes, which are a feature of any nation, had also been done. These two attributes we talk about are the Romani flag and the Romani anthem.

### NGO's REVIEW



#### European Roma Rights Centre

The European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) is an international public interest law organisation engaging in a range of activities aimed at combating anti-Romani racism and human rights abuse of Roma.

The approach of the ERRC involves, in particular, strategic litigation, international advocacy, research and policy development, and human rights training of Romani activists.

Since its establishment in 1996, the ERRC has endeavoured to give Roma the tools necessary to combat discrimination and win equal access to government, education, employment, health care, housing and public services.

The ERRC works to combat prejudice and discrimination against Roma, and to promote genuine equality of treatment and equality of respect.

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