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ternYpe (International Roma Youth Network)

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Message from the President





2024 has been another year in which Roma youth proved, once again, their strength, resilience, and creativity. As a young Roma who grew up in grassroots activism, I know what it means to fight for a space where our voices are not only heard, but also respected and taken seriously.

This year, through our actions- from remembrance at Dikh He Na Bister, to campaigns for equality and rights, to trainings across Europe- we showed that Roma youth are not passive. We are not waiting for change to come from others. We are here, shaping the future of our communities and of Europe with our own hands and voices.

ternYpe continues to be a volunteer-driven network, but that has never stopped our members and young leaders. Together we built bridges between Roma and non-Roma, we stood up against antigypsyism, and we did it with courage, and dignity. The real achievement of 2024 was not the number of events or participants. It was the moment when young Roma discovered their own voice, realised their strength, and claimed their rightful place in society.

As we move into 2025, our priority is clear: to strengthen Roma youth participation and leadership at every level, and to build a sustainable network that ensures the next generation has the opportunities, the tools, and the confidence to change the world.

To every Roma young person reading this-in Europe and across the world: never doubt the power of your voice and your actions. You carry the strength of generations before you, and you hold the courage to shape what comes next. Stand proud of who you are, support each other, and remember that you are not alone- you are part of a movement, a community, and a future that we are building together."

Mihai Oancea, President of ternYpe – International Roma Youth Network



About ternYpe

ternYpe - International Roma Youth Network was founded in January 2010 and unites different Roma youth organizations from Albania, Bulgaria, Germany, Hungary, Italy, Macedonia, Slovakia, Spain and Poland.



Mission & Vision

We are a network of youth and youth associations, which creates space for young people to become active citizens through empowerment, mobilisation, self-organisation and participation. We believe in the common efforts by creating trust, and mutual respect between Roma and non-Roma youth.

Core values

Empowerment of Roma Youth

We believe in creating opportunities that strengthen the skills, confidence, and leadership of Roma youth to shape their own futures.

Justice

We stand for fairness, equality, and the dismantling of discrimination in all its forms.

Self-determination

We respect and support the right of Roma youth to define their own identities, choices, and paths in life.

Allieship

We build solidarity and partnerships with others to advance inclusion and mutual respect.

Being the voice of the community

We amplify the concerns and aspirations of Roma youth, ensuring they are heard in local, national, and international arenas.

Active Participation

We encourage young people to take an active role in decision-making processes that affect their communities and societies.



Advocacy & Representation

19th Dialogue meeting with Roma and Traveller Civil Society April 2024



The Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM) members, participants and observers, and the participants of the 19th Dialogue meeting with Roma and Traveller Civil Society,\ including ternYpe met for joint exchanges on the priorities of Roma and Traveller Inclusion.

The main objective was to shape the strategic approach and main priorities of the future Council of Europe Strategy for Roma and Traveller Inclusion for 2026-2030.

Warsaw Human Dimension Conference

September 2024

ternYpe attended the conference organised by OSCE Chairpersonship of Malta, with the support of the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). Participants will have the opportunity to address the entirety of the OSCE human dimension commitments during plenary sessions and side events, covering democratic institutions, the rule of law, tolerance and non-discrimination, fundamental freedoms, and humanitarian issues.





Consultative Meeting "Realising the Potential of Youth Participation" January 2024



ternYpe participated in the consultative meeting following the adoption of the Recommendation CM/Rec(2023)4 on Roma Youth Participation in April 2023, where the Joint Council on Youth called for the preparation of "roadmap" to support member states and other stakeholders to implement the recommendation and its guidelines in the next five years.

Education & Capacity Building

Study sessions in 2024: Empowering International Roma Youth Leaders in Commemorating the Roma Genocide

March, 2024



This study session within the Youth for Democracy programme was organised in cooperation with the ternYpe - International Roma Youth Network. It aimed to empower Roma and non-Roma youth leaders to advocate for the recognition and remembrance of the Roma Genocide on local and national levels and act as multipliers in their communities.



Study sessions in 2024: Youth Ambassadors of the Decade against Antigypsyism

September, 2024

This study session was organised by International Roma Youth ternYpe Network in cooperation with **ERGO** Network. It aimed to empower Roma and non-Roma youth leaders to advocate for the recognition and remembrance of the Roma Genocide on local and national levels and act as multipliers in their communities. The aim of this study session was to empower young Roma and non-Roma activists to become ambassadors for the "Decade to counter Antigypsyism", able and ready to implement local educational projects to counter antigypsyism.



Study sessions in 2024: Remembering, resisting and rebuilding: Combating together antigypsyism for inclusive societies

October, 2024



This study session was organised by ternYpe - International Roma Youth Network in cooperation with Youth Express Network (Y-E-T) and Youth of European Nationalities (YEN).

The study session aimed to empower young Roma and non-Roma participants with knowledge, awareness and motivation to combat antigypsyism, promote inclusivity and take action as active citizens in their communities, with a particular focus on the 80th anniversary of Roma Genocide.



Rememberance, Recognitin & Dialogue

Preparatory Meeting -Training of FacilitatorsJuly, 2024



The training of these 32 dedicated facilitators took place in Oswiecim, Poland in May 2024. They are young Roma and non-Roma educators, trainers and youth leaders actively involved in work on Remembrance, Holocaust and Human Rights education. They have continued to work hard in their teams of two since then to prepare the individual sessions, in close contact with the Educational Team, focusing on the challenges of working with young people of various backgrounds. We were grateful that theychose to put their time and effort into our initiative to make this year's event memorable for our participants.

Some of our facilitators:





Dikh He na Bister - Look & Don't Forget 2024

August 2024

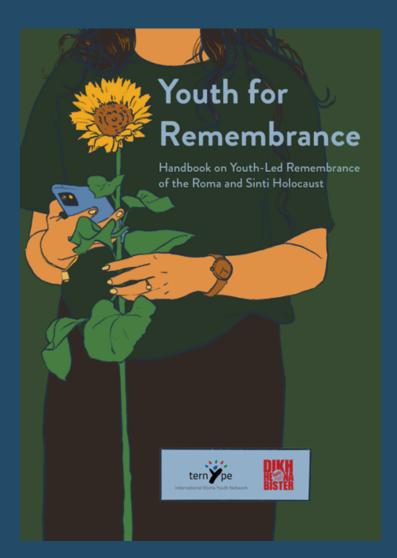


In 2024, ternYpe – International Roma Youth Network organized Dikh He Na Bister ("Look and don't forget") in Kraków and at the Auschwitz-Birkenau Memorial, marking the 80th anniversary of the Roma Genocide. The initiative brought together hundreds of young Roma and non-Roma from across Europe to commemorate the European Holocaust Memorial Day for Sinti and Roma on August 2, and to connect remembrance of the Nazi crimes with today's responsibility to stand against any form of racism.

Through workshops, dialogue, and remembrance ceremonies with survivors' families, civil society, and international representatives, the event empowered youth to connect historical memory with present-day responsibility. Dikh He Na Bister reaffirmed the call to stand against antigypsyism, antisemitism, racism, and all forms of discrimination, while strengthening youth engagement for democracy and human rights in Europe.



Youth for Remembrance – Handbook on Youth-Led Remembrance of the Roma and Sinti Holocaust



In 2024, ternYpe – International Roma Youth Network published the Youth for Remembrance – Handbook on Youth-Led Remembrance of the Roma and Sinti Holocaust, a practical resource that empowers young people and organizations to design and implement remembrance initiatives.

lt combines historical background, and methodological tools, practical suggestions to empower young people and youth organizations to take active roles in memory work. The handbook includes modules on archival research. storytelling, site visits, partnershipbuilding, ethical considerations, reflective evaluation. It underlines how remembrance is not iust about memorialization but also about responsibility, human rights education, combating antigypsyism discrimination today.

Images from the Handbook:





Partnerships & Outreach

Roma Youth Together Seminar - Roma Week

April, 2024



During the Roma Week 2024, ternYpe organised together with the Roma and Travellers Division, the European Roma Grassroots Organisations

ERGO) Network, Phiren Amenca and the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERIAC) the Roma Youth Together Seminar. The seminar Roma Youth Together 2024 brought together young people who are youth leaders and/or youth workers in Roma and Travellers communities and organisations across Europe.

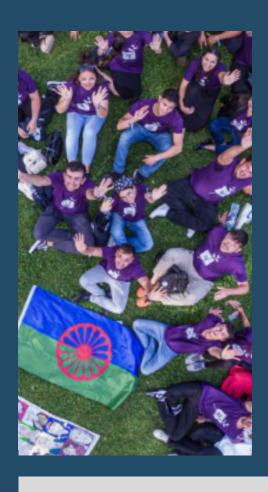
The aim was to empower Roma youth leaders from across Europe to realise their potential through positive actions and narratives celebrating Roma identity and cultural diversity on the International Roma Day.

Looking forward



2025 Activities & Priorities

- In 2025, ternYpe will take important steps to consolidate and expand our work as a European Roma youth network. With the support of the European Youth Foundation, we will begin the professionalisation of our Secretariat and Working Groups, reinforcing the strategic capacity of the network and ensuring sustainability.
- We aim to expand our membership base by welcoming new organisations, while continuing to provide direct support and development opportunities for grassroots members. Building on our experience, we will prioritise training and capacity building for Roma youth leaders and organisations, equipping them with the tools needed for advocacy, leadership, and organisational development.
- Our advocacy will remain strong and visible. In addition to engaging with Members of the European Parliament and policymakers during Roma Week 2025, ternYpe will continue to bring youth perspectives into the Committee of Experts on Roma and Traveller Issues (ADI-ROM) and contribute to the Roma Youth Together Seminar organised by the Council of Europe. We will also follow up on the Roma Youth Participation Recommendation (CM/Rec(2023)4), promoting its implementation with our members and ensuring that Roma youth voices are reflected in European and national policy agendas.
- At the same time, we will mark the 15th anniversary of Dikh He Na Bister, our flagship remembrance initiative, which continues to foster intergenerational dialogue on recognition, memory, and responsibility. In connection with this, ternYpe will deepen its role in the JP RomaMemory-Coalition on Roma Holocaust Education, working with partners to strengthen European remembrance and ensure that Roma youth are recognised as key actors in shaping Europe's culture of memory.
- We will also intensify efforts to monitor and counter online hate speech in cooperation with ERGO Network, while launching a new programmes to strengthen the resilience and leadership of Ukrainian Roma youth and Ukrainean Roma Youth Organisation. In collaboration with the ERGO Network, we will continue the Decade of Roma Youth Ambassadors combating antigypsyism, empowering young people as visible advocates for equality and justice.
- Together, these steps will help ternYpe deepen its impact, strengthen its base, and prepare the next generation of Roma youth leaders to shape the future of Europe.



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