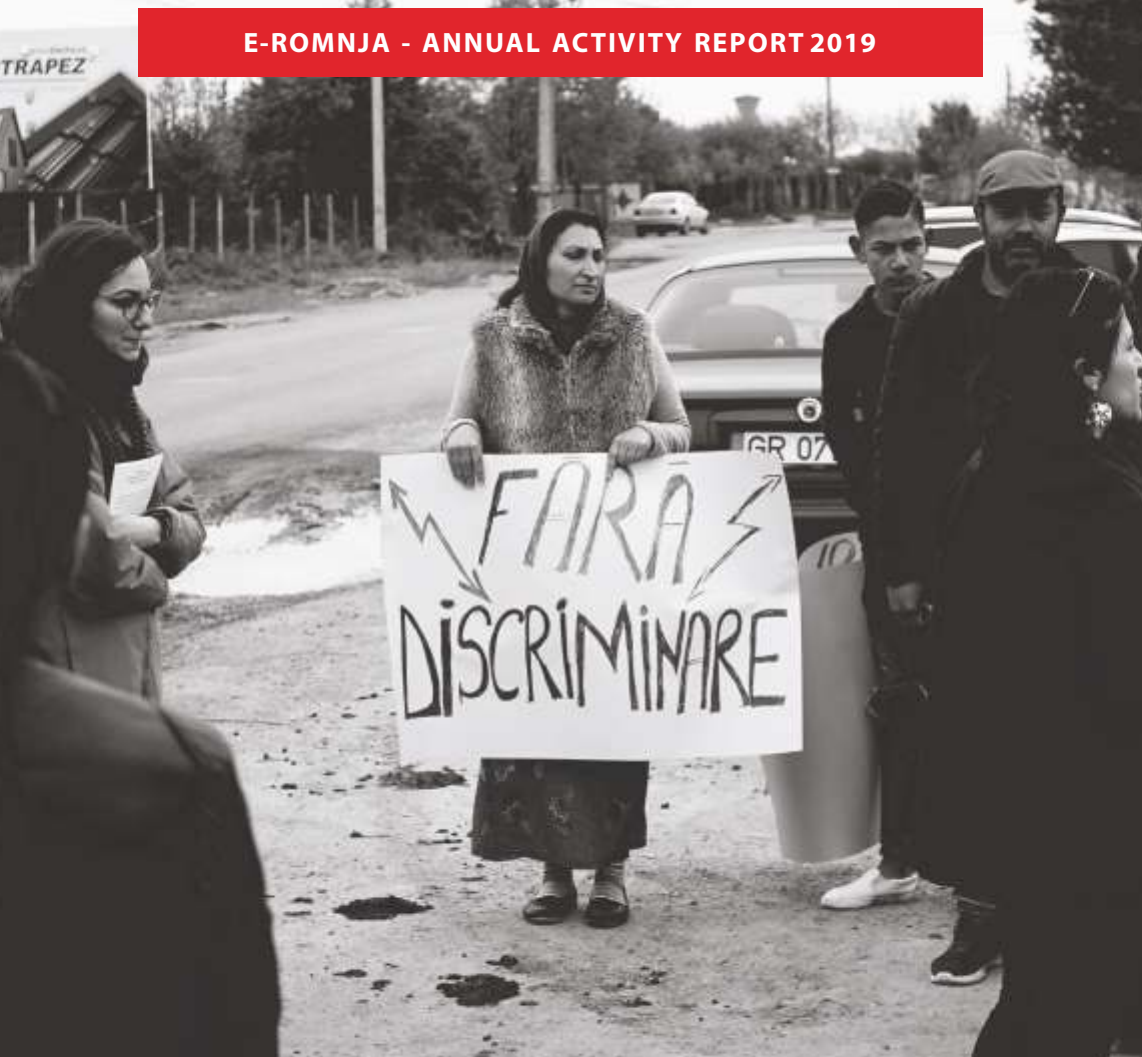




The Association for Promoting Roma Women's Rights

E-ROMNJA - ANNUAL ACTIVITY REPORT 2019



2019's RETROSPECTIVE

2019 has been a full year because we collected the benefits of our hard work from the past seven years, but we also experienced many disappointments and failures mainly caused by the racist, sexist and capitalist system we live in and the deep-rooted patriarchy encountered at community and society level.

It has been a year in which all our team traveled a lot to develop partnerships that would help us sustain our collective, intersectional, and grass-rooted work. This year, together with our male and female allies, we confronted - perhaps more vocal than ever - the inaction of the police in cases of violence against women and girls, we sanctioned the fact that local administrations operate mostly according to capitalist principles, rather supporting local businesses, gentrification, and evictions than people's basic needs, such as housing.

The case of Florica - a Roma woman from Zalău attacked by a local bus driver while returning from the hospital with her two children - showed us once again that acts of violence in public space against Roma women are motivated by racism, sexism and classism. Justice has not yet been served in her case. Justice is slow, bureaucratic and especially inaccessible to women like Florica. The campaign carried out for her and her family, as well as the solidarity of activist groups, remain the only alternatives at this time.

At the community level, we intervened punctually in situations where Roma girls or women were victims of violence, were subjected to various forms of exploitation or were literally starving.

One of our greatest successes was the inauguration in January 2019 of the first community center for Roma women in Valea Seacă, Bacău County - The Roma Women's Office - which aims to develop a method of feminist social intervention. It has been a process of consultation, and negotiation especially between us, as we are aware that this type of center needs to be supported on a lasting basis in the absence of support from local authorities.

Another notable result, this time in the community of Mizil, was the fact that we managed to include the Roma neighborhood in the local administration's infrastructure plan, and since July 2019, the streets started to be paved and connected to the public sewerage system. This result is due to the advocacy work that the Roma women's initiative group has carried out in the last 6 years. Thus, the Roma women from Mizil have monitored the local council's meetings, sent letters, and went to public hearings, and some of them had Facebook posts criticizing the public administration.

In Giurgiu, Stana's tragic death due to heavy trucks passing through the Roma neighborhood, mobilized for the first time the Rudari community to organize a protest to claim infrastructure problems and lack of safety. It has been a year of advocacy that the initiative group carried out on several levels to convince the authorities to increase the citizens' safety in that neighborhood. Unfortunately, the local authorities are still far from finding solutions for their citizens, but the people remain resilient, but exposed to dangers.

To us, 2019 has been a year in which Roma feminism was more and more visible and present in our public positions, in the solidarity between us, in our intersectional work at the local, national and international level, and together with our allies. Our projects and initiatives involved more and more Roma young girls and boys from the communities, giving new directions to educate on Roma feminism.

Last but not least, we have learned to take more care of each other on a team level, but also on personal level, because we have realized that if we are not well, we cannot continue our feminist intersectional fight and we will not be able to discover other Roma girls and women who could join our mission or contribute to the development of Roma feminism.

WHO WE ARE?

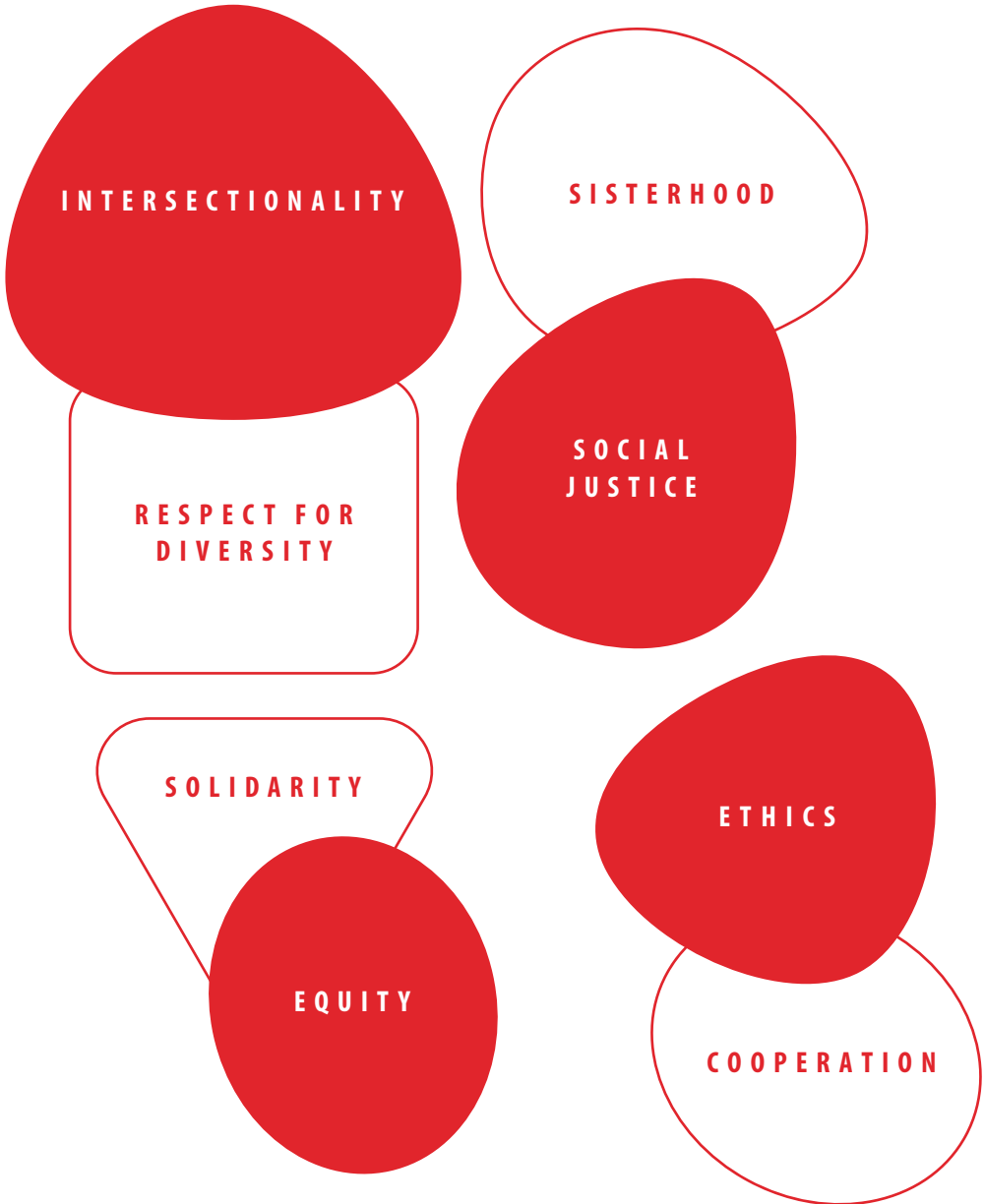
We, the Roma women, inherit a history of oppression left by the slavery and Holocaust, to which is added the nowadays' racism and misogyny, all these having implications within the family, community or public life. On the other hand, we have multiple identities that affect us differently. That is why, our way of working is intersectional, acting at the local, national and international level, together with groups of Roma women and young Roma people from communities, as well as with allies and feminist organizations.

Since its founding, E-Romnja's mission is to fight for affirming, promoting, and increasing Roma girls and women's involvement within the Romanian society and Roma community. We want the image of Roma girls and women to reflect the diversity and reality of their experiences.

At the national level, we act intersectionally through networks, coalitions, and the work of civil society groups in order to build and contribute to a better public agenda on specific issues affecting Roma women. Thus, we participate in consultation processes, trainings, public forums on topics / projects / policies related to housing and forced evictions, forms of violence against women, gender equality, the LGBTQIA + community, etc. Advocacy is an integral part of our process to ensure that the work, experiences, and problems faced by Roma girls and women in communities are reflected in policies, public discourse, and civil society initiatives.



VALUES



DIRECTIONS AND STRATEGIES

Roma Feminist Community Intervention

Because we believe that our approach must start from the grassroots to the national level to meet both the urgent needs and to act on the institutional system, we have developed in the last years of work the **S.O.R.A. method** as a **model of feminist community intervention**. This method implies performing four essential steps, as follows:

1

STUDY

It is a phase of analysis, learning, and sharing of women's experiences (inequalities, abuses, violence, etc.) in which we identify the needs of the community;

ORGANISE

A step in which we develop local initiative groups of Roma women. At this stage, we organize workshops, discussions, informal gatherings through which we prioritize community issues and advance adapted strategies. This stage encourages Roma feminist leadership and promotes role models of women's involvement in the community;

3

REVENDICATE

At this phase, the groups we work with organize different public, community, local actions for various issues. Women in the groups are also starting to follow the work of local government and local politicians, as well as local projects that should include their communities;

4

ADVOCACY

This represents the final stage in which we create contexts for dialogue and collaboration with local actors from various structures, starting from actions built by Roma women. We organize advocacy actions for various local problems encountered by women, from lack of local infrastructure, lack of access to water, services, and utilities to lack of access to healthcare, violence, etc.

Community Development with Groups of Roma Women

Our work in the community is the reflection of the work we are trying to do at the national level. The S.O.R.A. method is adapted to the local context of the communities and implemented using different tools. Thus, every year we organize events with tradition, we connect with different groups of women / young people from other communities, we develop alliances and fight to solve the problems that affect our daily life through different artistic, cultural methods, protesting and street activism.

S.O.R.A.



CULTURAL ACTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

International Roma Day (April, 8): We mark the celebration every year, in all our communities, through an event that has become a tradition. It is a good occasion to talk about the Roma language, culture, and traditions, but at the same time, we take this opportunity to draw authorities' attention that the voices of Roma women are still marginal and that their interests are not on the local authorities' agendas. Every year, we enjoy cooking and eating together, in the community.



In the community of Valea Seaca (Bacau County), we organized an April 8 march that started from the most vulnerable neighborhood, and then, in front of the town hall where the authorities were present, Roma women read the manifesto about the problems they face. In the end, a party was organized where traditional food cooked in a cauldron was served by the women in the group.



CULTURAL ACTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY



Forum theatre in community of Giurgiu: "We have everything in the community" is a play coordinated by the Roma actress Oana Rusu through which the women drew the attention of the authorities to the problems related to the lack of access to infrastructure, the racism and discrimination they face. The show took place at the House of Culture and was attended by people from the community, representatives of local public authorities, and members of the Local Council.



CULTURAL ACTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY



"Who Killed Szomna Grancsa?" and **"KALI TRÁŠ / BLACK FEAR"** are two performances by the Roma feminist theater company Giuvlipen that we chose to bring to the community because sometimes it is easier to talk through art about sensitive topics, such as: practices similar to child marriage, community pressure on girls, control of women's bodies, the history of Roma oppression in Romania.

Community theater workshops with young Roma. Together with the Roma actor Andrei Șerban, we organized theatre workshops within which we encouraged youngsters from the Roma Girls and Boys with Initiative Group from Mizil to speak about the discrimination faced by Roma students in schools and high-schools. The experiences gathered from these workshops will result in a video material.



WORKSHOPS AND DEBATES

Sexual and reproductive rights. Access to healthcare has been and will remain one of the biggest challenges for Roma, especially for Roma women. Together with midwife Adina, we organized community workshops to encourage women to take the Babeş-Papanicolau test, we discussed contraception and access to contraception, consent, sex life, pregnancy, baby training, and breast and cervical cancer. We financially supported Roma women from the community who needed money to undertake gynecological tests and treatments, and we organized a campaign through which we brought a mobile medical caravan to the community and facilitated the access of over 70 Roma women to have the Babeş-Papanicolau test.



School Day of Non-violence and Peace (January, 30) was marked by the Roma Girls and Boys with Initiative Group from Mizil, through a debate with pupils from V-VIII grades within the St. Nicholas School in Mizil.

The International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination (March, 21) was marked by our youth group from Mizil by giving a presentation, followed by discussions with pupils from IX-XII grades within the „Tase Dumitrescu” High School in Mizil.

WORKSHOPS AND DEBATES

Workshop on bullying and girls' harassment: During the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, we organized a workshop with pupils from "Ion Barbu" High School in Giurgiu to discuss the phenomenon of bullying, harassment, and girl-blaming in situations of violence.

This year's **annual feminist camp** was organized in Moeciu. In addition to the workshops given by our colleagues on feminist topics, we had as a guest the Roma activist Florin Nasture who organized a workshop on civic involvement from a religious perspective.



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CLAIMING ACTIONS AND LOCAL ACTIVISM

May 8 - The Day of Equal Opportunities between Women and Men. Our groups of Roma girls and boys from Mizil and Valea Seacă marked this day by performing a flash mob with messages about gender roles assigned by society to girls and boys. They talked to people on the streets and handed out flyers, drawing attention to the fact that both girls and boys must have the same rights. The male members of *Revendicări din Sat* group from Valea Seacă cooked pizza for the girls and discussed gender roles.

Commemorative march in Giurgiu. More than 50 women and men have taken to the streets in Rudari neighborhood, in response to Stana's death. Some of the people who protested were present at the discussion with the mayor about the problems within the community.



The march "Together for the Safety of Women" is already an event with tradition in the community of Valea Seacă, which is attended annually by Roma women and Roma young girls and boys from our local groups. It is an opportunity for communities to show solidarity against gender-based violence, and, at the same time, to call for authorities' intervention, and especially police intervention in cases on violence. This year also, the favorite chants were **#nomoreviolence** and **#violencehasnocolor!**

ADVOCACY

Our advocacy work is developed and implemented both locally and nationally. At the local level, we focus on implementing the priorities set out with the initiative groups.

In 2019, our major advocacy themes in the communities we work in were: sexual violence against Roma girls, practices similar to child marriage, and combating early school leaving. The local partnerships created over the past four years have the role of adjusting the local administrative system and police practices regarding local interventions for the safety of Roma girls and women. Thus, we organized punctual meetings on cases identified in communities, we had consultations with lawyers, prosecutors, police, and experts in the field of legislation on some cases, we wrote open letters and reports regarding the local situation. The lack of adequate legislation, institutional practices, racism, and institutional sexism are, unfortunately, the defining factors for the cases managed in 2019.



Together with our local initiative groups, we also continued working to obtain infrastructure rights and to include communities in local investment projects.

2019 has been a year of hard work to convince the authorities from Giurgiu to ensure decent and safe living conditions for the inhabitants of the Rudari community, by prohibiting over dimensional and overweight trucks from crossing through their community.

After Stana's death, caused by being caught between two trucks, the people in the community revolted and decided to organize a commemorative march. Memoirs were made, and petitions were submitted by community members, meetings were organized with the authorities in Giurgiu and Bucharest to find solutions. Authorities have not found solutions for the people, and the community continues to be ignored.



The group of Roma women from Mizil continued to monitor the local agenda by taking part in the monthly meetings of the Local Council and **meetings with the mayor's office, to ensure that the community** is included in the investment projects. At the same time, all the efforts throughout 2019 to obtain a space for Roma women have paid off, so that at the beginning of 2020, we will inaugurate the second center for Roma women.

INTERSECTIONALITY AND ALLIANCES

Intersectionality is a type of approach that E-Romnja implements from the first years of work, both in the community and through the work done together with female and male allies.

Since 2017, we organize annually the March 8 Intersectional event that brings together Roma women from the community, activists, feminists from different groups and movements. The organized event aims to contribute to an intersectional and inclusive agenda within the feminist as well as Roma environment, bringing into discussion the experiences of women from different groups or communities.

In the context of Romania's Centenary, E-Romnja organized, under the auspices of **March 8 Intersectional**, a national event to mark the **100 years of invisibility of Roma women in public space and in various areas of action**. We brought together 60 Roma women from local and/or national levels working in different fields: community work, activism, feminism, art, or politics.



Also in this context, we have developed the **100 Roma Women** for Centenary campaign, collecting stories of Roma girls and women who are involved in activist work and who are building a Roma feminist history in Romania.

NETWORKING / COALITION WORK

This concept is part of our work, as we are aware that the problems of Roma women are expressed at different levels and in different contexts, and in addition, it affects them in a disproportionate way. Working within networks, coalitions or informal groups often respond to our gender, ethnic and class identities. As we cannot approach them all at once, due to the lack of financial resources, time, but also expertise, we decided to act together with different groups so that our solidarity and collective work can have an even greater impact.

Therefore, we have developed alliances with different groups and networks working on topics, such as: housing and forced evictions, sexual and reproductive rights, violence against women, sexual violence, gender equality, LGBTQIA + community.

We are currently members of the following formal or informal networks:



1. The National Network for Preventing and Combating Violence against Women

2. The Coalition for Gender Equality

3. The Block for Housing

4. The National Network Breaking the Silence on Sexual Violence

#Thankyoufortheflowers informal group - How do you get away with a rape, judges? Protest organized on March 8 against sexual violence and mild sentences given by judges regarding sexual offenses in which the victims are underage girls.



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NETWORKING / COALITION WORK

Anti-Racist March on Roma Resistance Day (May 16).

On the occasion of the Roma Resistance Day, we participated together with the young Roma girls and boys from Mizil to the anti-racist march to draw attention to the systemic racism in Romania.



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European Parliamentary Forum for Diversity organized together with MozaiQ and FILIA.

In Romanian society, LGBTQIA + people, Roma women and other minority groups are often stigmatized, abused and multiple discriminated.

E-Romnja is an allied organization in the fight of LGBTQIA + community for dignity and human rights.

The event marked **the International Day against Homophobia, Biphobia and Transphobia** (May 17) and brought together candidates from the main political parties in the run-up to the European Parliament elections in a debate on electoral issues of interest to women, Roma and LGBTQIA + people, including Roma LGBTQIA +.



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NETWORKING / COALITION WORK

If one falls, we all fall! The protest was organized by several local feminist individuals and groups (Feminism Romania, CUTRA, Dysnomia, E-Romnja, FILIA, Girl Up Romania, MozaiQ, Vagenta) as a reaction to Caracal's tragedy, to criticize the authorities for their actions or rather their inaction, and the way they sanction rape cases in which underage girls are sexually abused by adults.



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"Together for Women's Safety" March

Every year we organize a street action within the Network for Preventing and Combating Violence against Women to raise the red flag about the violence faced by girls and women. As always, we add the slogan **"Violence Has No Color!"** to draw the attention to the fact that it is much more difficult for Roma girls and women or queer women to report situations of violence and access services for victims of violence because of the institutional racism they face at every turn.



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NETWORKING / COALITION WORK

Simultaneously, we organized the march in Valea Seacă (Bacău County) - in its fourth year of organization. Every year, more and more young men and women join us, giving us hope that gender-based violence will no longer be normalized.

The Right to Housing March.

In October 2019, we joined the march for the right to housing organized by the Common Front for Housing Rights, which took place in Bucharest, in front of the Parliament.

Housing is a common problem in the communities where we work and we find it in different forms: overcrowding, houses without property documents, families in danger of eviction, inadequate and precarious housing, lack of infrastructure and basic conditions, such as access to drinking water.

International Sex Workers Day Protest (June 2)

We supported *SexWorkCall*, a community association of sex workers, at the first protest organized in Romania, to demand the decriminalization of sex work and to draw attention to the stigma, violence, and exploitation faced by people who practice this type for work.



STRATEGIC PROJECTS

Ketaniphen is an empowerment and participation project for Roma girls and women from Valea Seaca and Mizil's initiative groups, started in 2015, and funded by the Helsinki Deaconess Institute and its partners. The project is an integrated model of action that involves providing services through the *Women's Office in Valea Seaca*, community organizing actions with Roma women and men, and Roma girls and boys to increase their access to public services without discrimination, and to teach them to exercise their rights. The total budget for 2019 was € 46,000.

In 2018, within the **Ketaniphen** project we developed **EDUCATED** Girls initiative, which aims to support and encourage Roma girls to continue their school, but at the same time to provide education on subjects that are not taught to our children in formal schools: sex education, violence, bullying, revenge porn, girls' rights, Roma history, etc.

E.D.U.C.A.T.E. represents the acronym of some features that characterize the Roma girls we work with: empathetic, diverse, united, courageous, activist, tenacious, educated.

Sisterhood - mentoring project Supported through EDUCATED Girl, the *Sisterhood* mentoring program aims to bring together Roma girls from the communities in which we work, who with the support of our "older sisters" volunteers will acquire skills and information necessary for personal development. At the same time, the mentoring program promotes the continuation of formal education by offering a scholarship during the school year. The program started in 2018 with 10 Roma girls aged between 13 and 19 from the communities where we work (Valea Seaca, Mizil and Giurgiu), and in 2019 we continued with 13 young Roma girls.



STRATEGIC PROJECTS

"Phenja - Violence has no Color!" is a project started in 2016 and financially supported by the Open Society Foundation, aiming to develop tools adapted to the local context, to prevent and combat various forms of violence against Roma and non-Roma women and girls, and to create a bond of solidarity between Roma and non-Roma women on the issue of violence. The total budget for 2018 - 2020 is \$ 140,000. In 2019, our activities focused on organizing trainings sessions with police officers and judges from Bucharest, Giurgiu and Bacău, local workshops and legal support. Through the activities carried out, we wanted to raise awareness among both communities and representatives of relevant public institutions on the phenomenon of gender-based violence and the difficulties faced by Roma women, victims of domestic violence.

"Roma Women Consolidate Local Democracy" is a project funded by the **Mama Cash Foundation**, since 2013. The project aims to encourage the participation of Roma women in the community, by developing the S.O.R.A. method of intervention which supports and empowers Roma women and girls to have a better future. Having a duration of 18 months and a budget of € 50,500, the project supports both the organizational development of E-Romnja and community development. The involvement of women in the community has had positive effects, as through monthly meetings and discussions about their issues, women have begun to realize that many of their issues as women may be different from those of the family or the community as a whole.



PARTNERSHIP PROJECTS

Genders - Platform for the Certification of Gender-Friendly Organizations

is a project funded by ERASMUS +, carried out between 2017-2019, with a total budget of € 18,090. The transnational partnership aimed at facilitating the integration of the gender perspective in the work of youth organizations. Within the project, trainings sessions for 40 young people and youth workers from Romania, Italy, Spain, and Belgium were carried out, and an online platform was created that analyzes to what extent the gender / ethnic perspective is part of the organizational culture.

BeEurope - mentoring program for Roma girls / women, migrants and refugees

for better inclusion in the societies in which they live. The program was carried out between 2017 - 2019 and was financed by ERASMUS + with a budget of € 17,245. The project was implemented by eight partners in Romania, Slovakia, Turkey, and France and aimed at gathering information and creating a mentoring platform for girls and women in at least four foreign languages to facilitate their access to useful information and services.

ADULT SCHOOLS FOR INCLUSION IN THE DIVERSITY OF ROMA WOMEN

project funded within Erasmus KA2 with an assigned budget of € 800 to our association. The project was initiated by the Asociación Gitanas Feministas por la Diversidad from Spain, and it is implemented in partnership with three other organizations from France, Portugal, and Romania. This project aimed at collecting relevant information based on each partner organization's experience in order to create the first virtual school of Roma feminism, named *Skola Feminista Romani*.

FINANCIAL REPORT

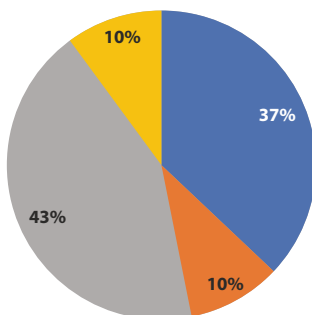
In 2019, the total income of E-Romania was 789,981 lei, as follows:

financed projects: **742,629.5 lei**
 donations / sponsorships / other: **47,351.5 lei**

Distribution of expenses in 2019:

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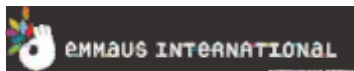
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E-ROMNJA TEAM



CARMEN GHEORGHE

I have been a Roma feminist and activist for over 16 years. It is my dream to have an intersectional Roma feminism that starts from the grassroots and takes off the invisibility the experiences, needs and identities of Roma women. For over 11 years, I have been developing programs for Roma women in various fields. I have done research work, I have studied, I have done fieldwork, I've worked with Roma women, feminists, and Roma people from different structures in order to develop my own, intersectional perspective. My life as an activist brought me many satisfactions, but also many difficult moments that I would not have been able to overcome if I did not live collectively, based on values such as solidarity.

GEORGIANA ALDESSA LINCAN

Seven years have passed since, through my work within E-Romnja, I've learned that only through perseverance and work from an intersectional and grassroots feminist perspective, we can build a strong and committed Roma feminist movement that will change things locally, where most abuses happen and where Roma girls often cave in to community and society pressure. If I were to choose my first job again, I would make exactly the same choice, and I wish to create spaces through which as many Roma girls as possible have the opportunity to be part of an intersectional feminist collective, in which to freely express their ideas and opinions and where to feel supported regardless of their choices.



E-ROMNJA TEAM



ANCA GEORGIANA NICA

I joined the team in 2014, first, as a volunteer. I gave up my job as a corporate worker because I've always wanted to do what I do now, and in E-Romnja I found my professional direction, which also gives me personal satisfaction. I am 35 years old, I graduated from the Faculty of Public Administration and Business at the University of Bucharest. I've also started a master program at SNSPA, but I didn't manage to finish it and I don't really wish to. I am Roma, I am an activist and, I have also been a feminist for 6 years. I love doing community development in a feminist way that has a social service part integrated, and I love developing personal relationships with the people I come in contact with through my work.

CARMEN ALEXE

I am 38 years old, I have been working in the administrative-financial department since 2017, I have a 9-year-old girl who I raise alone, I am Roma and I am proud of this. I gave up my job in a restaurant, where I was earning quite well, to get a job with fewer hours, but which gives me more satisfaction and because I wanted to spend more time with my little girl who had just started school. I hope to work as long as possible in this association, with the same colleagues, whom I really appreciate. I want to evolve, to learn as many new things as possible, and be a good example for my little girl.



LUCIA DINU

I am 41 years old, I am a mother of 4 children, and since 2016 I have fulfilled my dream of being close to the women and children in my community. It is a great joy to be able to volunteer, to help others, and I thank the girls for choosing to come to our village to support and help us. The girls from E-Romnja taught me to be strong and a fighter. May God bless and reward them for all they have done for our community!



E-ROMNJA TEAM

ADELINA ESTERA BAICU

I've been working within E-Romnja for 5 years, during which time I have learned a lot. I learned that I have rights as a Roma woman, I learned not to be shy when asking for my rights as a citizen, I learned to tell my problems when needed. The door of an institution is open when we say that we are part of an NGO, we are approached differently. I thank the girls for encouraging me, but most of all, I thank them for believing in me. I wish every community in which E-Romnja works to evolve, I wish there were no more Roma communities ignored by the authorities, without infrastructure, running water or electricity. God bless each colleague!



LAURA SANDU

My name is Laura Sandu, I am 25 years old, and I graduated from a high school of an economic profile, and now I work as a community facilitator. I have been volunteering within E-Romnja since the girls started working in our community. I was interested in this because I enjoy learning new things. In 2019, I started working more intensely with the E-Romnja as a Roma feminist in the community, and I started working with groups of Roma women from Mizil. I only feel proud of myself when I manage to solve problems in the community and see changes for the better.



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E-ROMNJA TEAM

STELUȚA SLATE

The collaboration between the Gymnasium School no. 3 from Giurgiu, where I have been working for the last 10 years, and E-Romnja, has managed to come to the support of Roma children and their parents in the community of spoitori. Thus, we were able to carry out sex education activities through which we wanted to inform Roma women in the community about contraceptive methods, we had actions on anti-violence in school, both among young Roma and non-Roma girls, but also among boys. Together with students and parents, we organized activities in order to promote the importance of education in the community, but also to promote Roma culture and identity among the community. At the level of the Roma community in Giurgiu, during 2019, we organized small local Roma women initiative groups, supporting them in taking steps towards local public authorities to solve problems related to infrastructure, streets, electricity, water, sewerage. My collaboration with E-Romnja was a starting point in defining me as a person. Through work and challenges, I've understood who I am and what I want to do in terms of personal and professional life. Working with the girls from E-Romnja, I've learned to have the courage to ask for what I need, I've learned to learn from the experiences of the people around me. I've learned to be a woman, I realized how strong I am as a woman in a world of men.



LĂCRIMIOARA CĂLIN

My name is Călin Lăcrămioara Mariana, I am 47 years old, and I have been collaborating with E-Romnja for about 5 years. Through my involvement in the community, since I started working with E-Romnja, the first change was mine. My role in the community is to change, to inform, to support women in all the problems they face, and to guide them to the authorities.

E-ROMNJA TEAM

ELISA DINU

My name is Elisa, and I am 19 years old. I met the E-Romnja team in 2017, and I chose to volunteer within this association. Here, I have met new, beautiful and open minded people, with mentalities different than those of the people in my community. I remember my perceptions, my way of being, and I realize how much I have changed. Now that I am part of the team, I can say that I feel I have become a stronger person, I have learned to be able to express my opinions and I can ask for my rights, and fight for the rights of others. I am glad that I have evolved, and that I have learned all these things from strong women with a big and open soul. I would like to continue working with E-Romnja as much as possible, to be with the young people from my community, to learn many things, and to change together for a better future.





OUR SPECIAL THANKS GO TO:

- the Roma women, girls and boys from the initiative groups in Giurgiu, Mizil and Valea Seacă;
- the Roma mentees and Roma mentors from the Sisterhood program, as well as other female and male volunteers who contributed to our activities;
- all the persons who have made individual donations (cash, redirection of the 2% or 3.5% of income tax, products, equipment);
- our female and male allies in our fight and all those who follow and encourage us to continue our mission;
- and last but not least, we thank our female and male funders who are constantly supporting us.



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