



E-ROMNJA

The Association for the Promotion of Roma Womens' Rights



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MISSION



- E-Romnja's mission is to fight for the affirmation, promotion, and engagement of Roma women in Roma communities and society.
- E-Romnja fights for the respect, integrity, and dignity of Roma women. We want the image of Roma women to reflect the diversity and reality of their experiences.
- Our engagement focuses on local Roma communities to help develop and support initiative groups formed of Roma women and Roma youth. On the national level, our work aims to further the dialogue among feminist organizations, Roma organizations, public institutions, etc.



VALUES



- Sorority
- Equality and equity
- Respect for diversity
- Solidarity
- Being ethical
- Justice
- Cooperation

Fields of Activity

► Grassroots Work

Since 2013, E-Romnja has carried out its activities in four communities and four cities in Romania: Mizil, Giurgiu, Bucharest (Mica Indie) și Bacău (Valea Seacă), currently working with 7 initiative groups formed of Roma women and youth. Grassroots work presupposes communal organization through the development of initiative groups through which people of the community can be directly involved in solving problems identified by the community and in their relation with the local authorities. Grassroots work also engages the community in advocacy, cultural, lobby activities.

► Advocacy and monitoring

Through the process of advocacy and monitoring, we fight to make local, national, and international authorities aware of the reality Roma women are living in society, as well as in their communities.



VOLUNTEERS AND DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

- THE WOMENS' INITIATIVE GROUP OF MIZIL
 - THE WOMENS' INITIATIVE GROUP OF VALEA SEACĂ
 - THE WOMENS' INITIATIVE GROUP OF GIURGIU
 - THE WOMENS' INITIATIVE GROUP OF MICA INDIA
 - The ROMA YOUTH INITIATIVE GROUP
 - THE VILLAGE YOUTH DEMANDS GROUP
 - THE YOUTH GROUP OF GIURGIU
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Coalitions and Groups Affiliated with Us

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- The Network for Combating and Preventing Violence in the Family
 - The Coalition for Gender Equality
 - Breaking the Silence on Sexual Violence
 - Roma Forum
 - Romanian Women Lobby
 - Roma Sounding Board-World Bank
 - The Afront Coalition
 - The ARESEL Platform
 - The Block for Living (Blocul pentru LOCUIRE)

Activities Involving Youth Groups

- Workshop for the youth groups of the Mizil, Giurgiu, and Valea Seacă communities on the topics of violence, gender roles, and organization.



Activity carried out by the Giurgiu youth group on the topic of violence, along with students and police officers.





Debate organized by the Roma Youth Initiative Group, held at "Tase Dumitrescu" High School in Mizil, together with representatives from the local authorities, on the topic of stereotypes related to the Roma community.



Local planning sessions for cultural activities
led by the Village Youth Demand Groups of
Valea Seacă



Camp held by the seaside, involving discussions on Roma history and culture, the history of the feminist movement, and the community organization and advocacy



Feminist and street actions

- March 8th: Cultural event held on the street against gender-based violence



- Exchange of experiences between the Roma womens' initiative groups of Mizil and Mica Indie (Bucharest)



Exchange of experiences between the Roma womens' initiative groups of Mizil, Valea Seacă , and Bucharest



E-Romnja Team Teambuilding





Program 06 Martie 2018

12.00 Feminismul rom între lupta antisistă și lupta feministă

Teme de discuție: Modul în care sunt abordate problemele femeilor rom în rândul angajatorilor pentru drepturile omului și angajatorilor pentru drepturile femeilor, tensiunile pe agenda feministă și/sau agenda romă.

Intervenții: Georgiana Lincaș (E-România), Ciprian Născule (Romano Butig/SNSPA), Tebota Ene (voluntară E-România), Letitia Mark (Fondatoarea Asociației Femeilor Rome din Timisoara), Fatma Yilmaz (Societatea de Analize Feministe AnA).

15.00 Femeile rom în producția culturală romă

Teme de discuție: Reprezentări ale femeilor rom în cultură, artă, literatură. Modalitățile femeilor rom de autodefinire în cultură romă și provocările pe care le întâmpină.

Intervenții: Carmen Gheorghe (E-România), Mihaela Drăgan (Cămin de Teatru Giuvilești), David Swart (Măscă Teatru Coop - TBC), Oana Rusu (actriță romă), Erika Blazsick (Departamentul pentru Relații Interetnice).

17.30 Panel

O discuție despre portretizarea femeilor în manele și despre cântă femeile în manele – moderatoare: Veda Popovici (Frontul Comun pentru Dreptul la Locuire).

Invitate speciale: Raluca Dragoi, Laura Vas (TBC), Mădălina Miu.

Program 07 Martie 2018

10.00 Paradigme culturale/normative sau de protecție asupra fetelor și femeilor rom?

Teme de discuție: Despre norme opresive ale comunității asupra fetelor/femeilor rom, despre forme de control și/sau de protecție și dileme culturale.

Intervenții: Carmen Gheorghe (E-România), Daniel Radulescu (Agenția Națională pentru Romi), Cătălina Olteanu (Agenția Imareuș), Luminita Costache (UNICEF), Mihaela Gheorghe (CEDO).

12.00 Comunitatea LGBT și intersecția cu comunitatea romă

Teme de discuție: Cum ne solidarizăm pentru drepturile omului și care sunt lucrurile pe care le au în comun minoritățile (etnice, sexuale etc).

Intervenții: Raluca Varga (E-România), Marian Mandache (Romani Cross -TBC), Iulian Stoian (Rainbow Rose), Dana Vlaseanu (EasyEco), Teodora Ion-Rotaru (Asociația Accept), Roxana Marin (Grupul CARE).

15.00 Activism și anteprenariat social

Teme de discuție: Provocările organizațiilor neguvernamentale pentru a-și asigura continuitatea în muncă și evitarea dependenței de finanțatori.

Intervenții: Anca Nica (E-România), Grăia Bumbu (Rădă România), Ionela Cioste (Andy&Ioana Marriage), Irina Soreșcu (Centrul Parteneriat pentru Egalitate - MamaPari), Adrian Dincă (Asociația Florarilor - TBC).

Intersectional 8th of March – cultural event hosting a debate on the contribution of Roma women in culture, art, education, and history



#Aresel – Protest event against racism and the crimes committed against Roma in Ukraine, Italy, and Slovakia



Grassroots Activities Involving Roma Womens' Groups

GIURGIU



April 8th, International Roma Day – the organization of cultural activities in the Valea Seacă, Mizil, Giurgiu and Mica Indie (Bucharest) communities

VALEA SEACĂ



MICA INDIA



MIZIL



Mother vs. Daughter cooking contest held in Mizil to promote intergenerational solidarity.



Public cafe in the Rudari community of the city of Giurgiu



Public cafe in the Mica Indie community of Bucharest



Meeting for the maintenance of the Roma Womens' Center in Valea Seacă



Cultural event: Celebration of June 1st (Children's Day) in the Mica Indie community of Bucharest, along with embassy representatives and activists



Educational event on promoting a clean environment in the Mica Indie community organized together with the initiative group



Civic-religious activity: Exchange of experiences between the Roma womens' initiative groups of Mizil and the pentecostal women of Toflea



Civic education event: a group of 50 children of the Mica Indie community visited the zoo, an initiative within the framework of the Eu unde mă joc (Where can I play?) campaign





PROJECTS AND FUNDING

- Phenja-Violence Has No Color, a project funded by the Open Society Institute (July 2017 – October 2018) with a budget of 42808 Euro
- Ketanipen – The Empowerment and Engagement of Roma Women, project funded by the Helsinki Deaconess Institute (April 2017 – March 2018) with a budget of 33658 Euro
- Roma Women Develop Local Democracy – funded by the MamaCash Foundation (October 2017 – December 2018) with a budget of 55700 Euro
- The Local-Level Mobilization of Roma Women – project funded by the Enel Dobrogea foundation (November 2017 – May 2019) with a budget of 28577 Euro



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