



Romani week 2022 (17/05/22)

## ***Combatting Intersectional Discrimination Faced by Roma Women event agenda and concept note***

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This event held in the context of **Romani Week 2022** aims to examine the importance of understanding intersectional identities and the experiences of intersectional discrimination faced by Roma women, as well as the current lack of legislation regarding multiple discrimination.

By focusing on identity diversity and intersecting and overlapping forms of difference, the conference seeks to explore how to combat discrimination faced by Roma women. How do the European Union's anti-discrimination legislation and policies address multiple discrimination and how could the implementation and understanding of intersectionality be further improved? Additionally, the conference examines the effects of multiple discrimination and provides support to mobilise victims of multiple discrimination.

Key themes covered by the presentation of the Intersect Voices project and a panel discussion include:

- European trends and dynamics regarding the specificity of intersectional discrimination experienced by Roma women
- Policy recommendations on the integration of intersectionality into anti-discrimination strategies and legislation at EU level
- Methods to mobilize different actors to combat multiple discrimination at EU level
- Strategies for promoting support and tools for legislators as well as activists and professionals in the field of equality to report cases of multiple discrimination and support the victims

### ***About the Intersect Voices project:***

The Intersect Voices project is funded by the European Union's Fundamental Rights, Equality and Citizenship (REC) funding program.

The consortium is formed by civil society organizations from Finland (**Deaconess Foundation**, member of **Eurodiaconia**), Italy (**Romni Onlus**), and Romania (**Asociatia E-Romnja** and **Center for Not-for-Profit Law in Romania**), specialized in Roma women’s rights and access to justice.

Eurodiaconia is a network of social services providers, which includes amongst its members Deaconess Foundation.

### **Agenda**

<i>Tuesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> 2:00-4:00 pm</i>	
<b>2:00</b>	<p>Introduction</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Abriel Schiefflers, Policy and Membership Development Officer, Eurodiaconia</li> <li>- <i>Moderator:</i> Gabriela Hrabanova, Executive Director, European Roma Grassroots Organisations Network (ERGO)</li> </ul>
<b>2:10</b>	<p>Dialogue between two Roma activists</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Anca Nica, Coordinator of the Department for Roma Women and Local Participation, E-Romnja</li> <li>- Roma woman activist, TBC</li> </ul> <p>Introduction to the Intersect Voices project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Dr. Cristina Mocanu, Researcher, E-Romnja <i>Experiences of discrimination of Roma women in housing, education, health and employment - Comparative research on multiple discrimination in Finland, Italy and Romania</i></li> <li>- Adriana Iordache, Legal expert, Center for Not-for-Profit Law Romania <i>Comparative analysis in Romania, Finland and Italy of discrimination legislation, policies and legal decisions on multiple discrimination</i></li> </ul>
<b>2:50</b>	Q&A
<b>3:00</b>	<p>Panel</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- MEP Alice Kuhnke, Greens, European Parliament (TBC)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Michaela Moua, European Commission Anti-Racism Coordinator</li> <li>- Carmen Gheorghe, President, E-Romnja</li> <li>- Speaker TBC</li> </ul>
<b>3:40</b>	Discussion and questions
<b>3:50</b>	<p>Conclusion and presentation of art pieces</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Gabriela Hrabanova, Executive Director, ERGO</li> </ul>