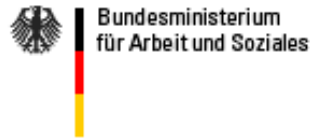




Who we are?

- Roma and Non-Roma Youth migrant self-organization
- Team of people from different countries and with different backgrounds
- Active in several areas: youth work, social work, antidiscrimination work, political work, PR and media monitoring



Contact Point for Socially Disadvantaged European Citizens (Roma and Non-Roma)

- The project exists since 2010
- supported by the Berlin Senate, Department of Integration, Labour and Social Affairs
- Since 2014 part of the Berlin's Strategy for Inclusion of Foreign Roma
- Since 2016 additional support by the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) and FEAD



What are we doing?

We support newly arrived EU citizens in the integration process

- Reach people who are (still) little networked
- Spread information
- Provide information about existing possibilities
- Support and empowerment through accompaniments
- Connection to existing regular offers
- Awareness raising about the social situation of the clients among public administration bodies on manifestations of Antigypsyism

Documentation of antigipsyist-motivated incidents and Strengthening of victims of discrimination

- Exists since 2014 (experiences from counseling)
- Documentation of antigipsyist incidents in 8 areas of every day life
 - Media (and social media) Monitoring
 - Interventions



Examples

- Structural discrimination: general suspicion of fraud/deception, e.g. police examines all work contracts of romanian and bulgarian citizens
- Individual discrimination, e.g. employee of health insurance company says they don't serve „gipsys“
- Legislation: Safe Countries of Origin (2014, 2015)
- Media: Homeless or begging persons are labeled as Roma
- Social Media: hate speech against Roma



- A jobcenter-customer explains a clerk that he will soon be getting an employment contract. The answer:
„ Please submit a real contract – We ask the police to examine all contracts of people from Romania and Bulgaria because we believe that this is fraud.”

- A woman from Bulgaria without knowledge of German language spoke to the jobcenter-clerk in English. She was sent away: "It is forbidden to speak English at the job center. Come back as soon as you have learned German. “



- A teacher repeatedly uses the word "gypsy", arguing that it is a common word, since it is even in the dictionary. The same teacher often yells at Romanian children: "I can not talk to you, you do not get it!"
- At the Zoo train station, two security employees deny access to the station to three women who wear long and colorful skirts. When a social worker intervenes, she gets the answer: "The women were about to beg. Harassment of people is a reason for denial of access. "

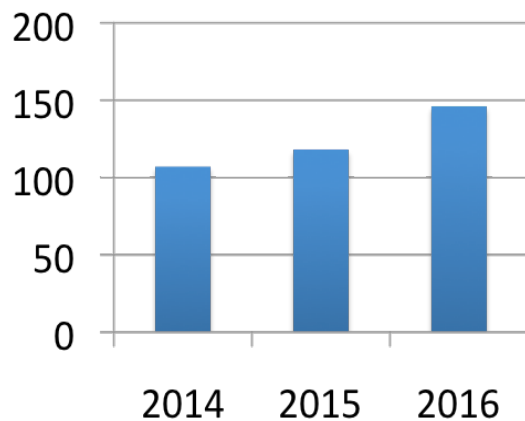


- An interpreter accompanied a woman to a public health insurance. A receptionist said: "We do not serve Gypsies."

The interpreter replied: "Which Gypsies? I'm a Romni! "

The agent answer was: "I mean the woman in the long skirt behind you."

- A man from Romania is repeatedly insulted and threatened by his neighbors living below him when he goes to his balcony. Once his neighbor lurks in the staircase and screams: "Gypsy, you have to go to Romania, you will not stay here. You work on the side! "



reported incidents 2014 - 107
reported incidents 2015 - 118
reported incidents 2016 - 146

GEMELDETE VORFÄLLE 2016

- 43 Kontakt zu Leistungsbehörden
- 9 Zugang zu Wohnraum
- 16 Zugang zu Arbeitswelt
- 15 Zugang zu Bildung
- 14 Zugang zu Gütern und Dienstleistungen
- 33 Alltag und öffentlicher Raum
- 7 Kontakt zu Ordnungsbehörden
- 9 Zugang zu medizinischer Versorgung





Roma-Migranten in Berlin

Zerstörtes Heim für Heimatlose

Das Roma-Zeltlager auf einer Brache am Westkreuz wurde geräumt. Der Bezirk bietet den Bewohnern an, die Rückreise zu finanzieren.



Berufliches Betteln von Roma ist nur ein antiziganistisches Klischee, sagen Roma-Verbände Foto: dpa



Mit einer Holzlatte geht diese Roma auf den Reporter los

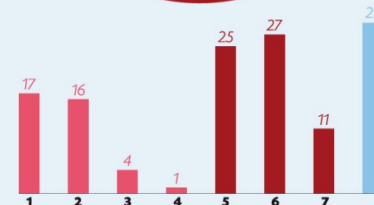
Werden in Berlin Bettelbabys mit Medizin ruhiggestellt?



Diese Bettlerin trüffelt ihrem Kind offenbar etwas in den Mund

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What we do

- spread information
- intervention
- Networking and cooperation with relevant institutions and projects
- lobbying
- Awareness raising and education of the administration, politics and media but also of society on Antigypsyism



Challenges of the project

- Insufficient funding
- German AGG (Law for Equal Treatment) not effective
- Affected people often don't report due to fear of victimisation or lack of knowledge



Thanks for the attention!