



“Antigypsyism and Gender Perspective”

Where Next? Recognition of antigypsyism and positions of Roma women in policies

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What is antigypsyism?



- **Specific form of racism towards Roma, Sinti, Travellers and others who are considered 'gypsies'.**
- **The problem of majority**
- **Discrimination is only one of the manifestations**
- **Not only what is being said, but also what is being done (and what is NOT being said or done)**
- **Institutional antigypsyism**

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ALLIANCE AGAINST ANTIGYPSYISM

ANTIGYPSYISM - A REFERENCE PAPER

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A REFERENCE PAPER ON ANTIGYPSYISM.

A WORKING DEFINITION OF ANTIGYPSYISM.

BUILDING AN ALLIANCE
AGAINST ANTIGYPSYISM.

Identified gaps (based on RCM and JIERCSWBT)



- **Recognition of antigypsyism by the policy actors (institutions and civil society)**
 - Lack of institutional structures, capacities and performance
 - Lack of specific indicators and committed resources
 - No proper monitoring of acts of antigypsyism and no evaluation of the impact of the measures

Gender perspective



- **Mainstreaming gender (same as mainstreaming discrimination) does not work!**
- **Examples:**
 - **‘Traditional gender roles’ are often used without explanation, which implicitly defines ‘the Roma culture’ as a problem**
 - **‘Because they are women and because they are Roma’, but not intersectionality**

Impact of the partial perspective



- **Non-comprehensive approach in creating recommendations (focusing on fixing Roma women)**
- **Example: previous Serbian strategy – trafficking was a Roma women’s issue (bad example), while now it is a security issue (good example)**



Where next?

- Ask for resources
- Start talking about antigypsyism and the impact of antigypsyism on Roma women, also because of future post2020 EU Roma Framework
- Assess the current situation
- What manifestations of antigypsyism Roma and Roma women specifically face?
- Learn from promising practices
- Make SPECIFIC recommendations for the national governments and the EU institutions



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