



Forming national Roma youth networks – experiences from Germany





Contents

1. Roma in Germany
2. Conceptual basis
3. Activities
4. Requirements



Contents

1. Roma in Germany
2. Conceptual basis
3. Activities
4. Requirements



1. Roma in Germany

- ~ 15th. Century: Sinti
 - ~ 19th. Century: Roma
 - 1960s: work related migration
 - since 1990s: war refugees
- More than 70.000 Sinti and Roma with German citizenship
- More than 50.000 Roma without German citizenship

→ Different origins, nationalities, languages, religions, legal status, traditions

→ Diverse groups and multiple identities



1. Roma in Germany

- Important dates:
 - 1933-1945: Roma Holocaust
 - 1982: Central Council of German Sinti and Roma
 - 1995: Recognition as national minority
- Problems:
 - Education, labour market, discrimination, legal status



Contents

1. Roma in Germany
2. Conceptual basis
3. Activities
4. Requirements

2. Conceptual Basis



- Empowerment through
 - networking & team working
 - self-organization
 - self-expression
 - positive role models
 - mobilization
 - information



Contents

1. Roma in Germany
2. Conceptual basis
3. **Activities**
4. Requirements



3. Activities

- National youth meeting once a year (changing locations)



Workshops

Exchange

Cultural Festival

Networking

Getting to know each other

Planning further activities



3. Activities

- Meeting of local youth leaders every three-four month
- Non-formal education activities for multipliers (summer academy, theater and media workshops, Youth in Action)
- Communication and networking with other youth NGOs and youth associations



Contents

1. Roma in Germany
2. Conceptual basis
3. Activities
4. Requirements



4. Requirements

- By young people for young people
 - Long term process → step by step & consistency
 - Equal partnership → no partial dominance
 - Strong partners & members with fundraising experience
- Roma movement + youth movement = **Roma youth movement**



Thank you very much!

Further information's:

mail@amarodrom.de

<http://www.amarodrom.de/>

<http://www.romayouth.com/>

chris.brueggemann@gmail.com