



Dear all,

International Roma Union - IRU, as one of the biggest active international Roma organization, ahead of the commemorating of the 46 years from the holding of the First World Roma Congress in London, United Kingdom, where on that day the pillars of nowadays Roma identity were established (flag, anthem, the terminology Roma and Roma nation), takes the occasion to address to the public audience and to all of You to announce the following:

Manifesto

- On the occasion of the 8th of April - International Roma Day, IRU requests for greater engagement of the national Governments and at the same time the International institutions in collaboration with the Roma organizations and institutions, in the honoring of the events that have historical importance for Roma nation. That represents organizing of cultural events, conferences and science symposiums.
- IRU demands, referring to the 2nd of August- Day of the Holocaust against Roma population, opening of the larger number of memorial museums, marking those localities and placing monuments on the locations where slaughter of the Roma nation took place. In addition IRU will take all the necessary legal actions to engage with the organizations dealing with the Roma Holocaust in order to accomplish the above said.
- IRU demands honoring of the World Day of Roma language, 5th of November, day of the one of the biggest cultural identity of the Roma nation to be marked with the organizing of the big number of literature science symposiums, theater plays and cultural and educational events. Also from the European Roma Institute in Berlin which opening was supported by IRU, we demand greater transparency and cooperation on a professional level in all segments of their activities
- IRU demands from the countries and Governments from EU and wider where Roma population requested a shelter -asylum to take visible actions, because we all know that the right of diversity is a integrated part from the democracy, to bring strategic documents, platforms and instruments for the protection and respect of the rights of the Roma population.
- IRU demands concrete actions from the NGO sector realized via civilian platforms consisted from realistic aims, actions and time frames and all that in the interest of the Roma population.
- IRU calls on Roma political parties and the political factor in general to take actions in to the solving of the Roma issue and policies in the most responsible and concrete way, and also the interests of the Roma population to be represented and included in their programs.
- IRU demands greater financial involvement of the States and their institutions in realizing of all of these priorities as well as in the social and economic politics. In addition, we demand bigger participation of the Roma community in to the implementation of these priorities, into the EU 2020 Program as well as in to the Western Balkans Program. Furthermore, larger transparency and view into the funds invested into realization and implementation of the policies, regular reports and professionally involved Roma in all aspects of the actions.
- IRU together with the international associates from the ERTF members will strive for continuation of the dialogue for solving the Roma issue in EU and the rest of the world as the biggest accepted organization, and will try hard for opening of Roma Ombudsman into the Council of Europe, European institutions and in to the United Nations.

Sincerely,
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