

November 2008: Published Roma Rights 1/2008: Roma Education: The Promise of D.H.

November 2008: Launched a new report entitled “Persistent Segregation of Romani Children in the Czech Education System”, developed in cooperation with the Roma Education Fund.

Campaigning, Conferences, Meetings and Trainings

8-9 July 2008: Participated in the OSCE’s Supplementary Human Dimension Implementation Meeting on Sustainable Policies for Roma and Sinti Integration: Vienna, Austria.

9 July: Took part in the Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA)’s consultative meeting on Roma: Vienna, Austria.

14-25 July: Attended the Advanced Course in European Union Legal Practice offered jointly by the Department of Legal Studies and Summer University of Central European University (CEU), in cooperation with the Total Law Team: Budapest, Hungary.

16 July: Participated in a meeting of the steering committee for an EC study on positive action measures in the European Union, jointly implemented by the University of Bradford, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights and the ERRC: Brussels, Belgium.

1-5 September: Conducted first-hand research on positive action measures: Stockholm and Uppsala, Sweden

4 September: Implemented a workshop on positive action targeting Roma in Hungary, within an EC study jointly implemented by the University of Bradford, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights and the ERRC: Budapest, Hungary.

9-10 September: Participated in an expert meeting on recent migration of Roma in Europe, organised by the OSCE High Commissioner for National Minorities and the Council of Europe’s Commissioner for Human Rights: Budapest, Hungary.

16 September: Participated in the first ever EU Roma Summit, organised by the European Commission: Brussels, Belgium.

16 September: Conducted a workshop on positive action targeting Roma in Slovakia, within an EC study jointly implemented by the University of Bradford, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights and the ERRC: Bratislava, Slovakia.

24-28 September: Conducted a field visit to Romania.

1-3 October: Made interventions at the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting: Warsaw, Poland.

7-8 October: Participated in the first meeting of the FRA’s Fundamental Rights Platform: Vienna, Austria.

9-10 October: Made a presentation at a conference organised by the Council of Europe entitled “Enhancing the Impact of the Framework Convention”: Strasbourg, France.

- 9-10 October:** the ERRC observed the implementation of the census in several camps in Rome, Italy.
- 13 October:** Attended a meeting entitled, “Ten years of the “new” European Court of Human Rights - 1998-2008 - Situation and Outlook”: Strasbourg, France.
- 13 October:** Hosted a coordination meeting with Amnesty International representatives: Budapest, Hungary.
- 22 October:** Attended a meeting organised by the Project on Ethnic relations entitled, “International Roundtable on Roma, Ashkali and Egyptians of Kosovo: Challenges and Prospects of Sustainable Integration”: Vienna, Austria.
- 29 October:** Participated in a management board meeting for an EC study on positive action in Europe, jointly implemented by the University of Bradford, the Ludwig Boltzmann Institute for Human Rights and the ERRC: Bradford, United Kingdom.
- 4-6 November:** Conducted field research on violations of the housing rights of Roma in Portugal: Lisbon, Evora, Vidigueira, Beja, Moura, Sobral da Adiça and Marinha Grande, Portugal.
- 4-9 November:** Conducted a human rights training workshop for Romani activists: Peja, Kosovo.
- 5-8 November:** Gave a presentation on the coerced sterilisation of Romani women at a conference of the European Public Health Association: Lisbon, Portugal.
- 12-13 November:** Hosted, together with the Open Society Institute, Roma Education Fund and the Czech Ministry of Education, a conference on the anniversary of the ECtHR judgment in the case *D.H. and Others v. the Czech Republic* and launched a new report on the current situation of Romani children in Czech schools entitled, “Persistent Segregation of Romani Children in Czech Schools”: Prague, Czech Republic.
- 17-20 November:** Met with Romani activists and representatives of international organisations during a field mission: Prishtina and Prizren, Kosovo.
- 17-21 November:** Conducted human rights training for judges and lawyers: Prishtina, Kosovo.
- 19 November:** Participated in the first expert consultation for the rights of Roma, Sinti and Traveller children and adolescents in Italy, organised by UNICEF: Rome, Italy.
- 21 November:** Gave a presentation during a panel session entitled, “How can we make the equal treatment principle work in practice: Legal aspects” at a seminar on “Minority Rights, Civil Society and Challenges to Combat Discrimination”, organised by Legal Information Centre for Human Rights: Tallinn, Estonia.
- 23-26 November:** Participated in a meeting organised by Amnesty International to discuss Roma issues: London, UK.
- 4 December:** Participated in an inception meeting for the FRA study “Comparative report on the housing conditions of Roma and Travellers in EU Member States”, implemented by the ERRC in partnership with Pavee Point Travellers Centre: Vienna, Austria.
- 5 December:** Attended a meeting of the Informal Contact Group of international organisations: Brussels, Belgium.
- 8-9 December:** Attended a conference organised by the Fundamental Rights Agency on “Freedom of expression, cornerstone of democracy – Listening and communicating in a diverse Europe”: Paris, France.
- 10-11 December:** Contributed to the European Commission’s Open Health Forum: Brussels, Belgium.
- 14-17 December:** Made oral interventions at the United Nations Forum on Minority Issues organised by the Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights: Geneva, Switzerland.

16 December: Made a presentation on ERRC litigation work at the presentation of the Fundacion Secretariado Gitano's (FSG) Annual Report "Discrimination and the Roma Community": Madrid, Spain.

17 December: Participated in an inception meeting for the FRA study "Respecting, protecting and promoting the right to free movement and residence in the Member States of the European Union: the case of the Roma", implemented by the ERRC in

consortium with Fundación Secretariado Gitano, Fédération nationale des associations solidaires d'action avec les Tsiganes et les Gens du voyage, European Dialogue, the Finnish League for Human Rights and ERIO: Vienna, Austria.

19 December: Convened a meeting of the ERRC Board of Directors.

22 December: Participated in a roundtable discussion on school segregation: Cakovec, Croatia.