



Call for applications for the Study Session

“Tackling discrimination, racism, oppression and exclusion of young Roma women – youth work for empowerment and active participation”

European Youth Network HUMAN RIGHTS IN ACTION in Cooperation with the Department of Youth and Sport at the Council of Europe

When: 24 – 28 November 2025. Participants should arrive on the 23rd and leave on the 29th of November 2025.

Where: [European Youth Centre, Budapest, Hungary](#).

What: A study session is a 5-day European youth training course, designed with the support of the Council of Europe's Youth Department. Study sessions depart from traditional courses by using youth-friendly non-formal education to encourage participants to share their experiences, stories and expertise on a given issue.

The Study Session will contribute to preventing and counteracting discrimination, to allow the democratic participation of all young people, including Roma youth and specially – young Roma women. This way, the discussion on European and local youth work for Roma women inclusion will strengthen social cohesion, respect for diversity and human rights, inclusiveness and equity.

The working methods will include developing intercultural competences and detecting, preventing and combating all forms of discrimination, taking an inter-sectional approach, and enhancing the participation of young Roma women as specifically vulnerable group of young people with fewer opportunities. Throughout this Study Session, inclusive youth work and the participation and inclusion of young Roma women, will be promoted, including by improving the social and cultural accessibility of the youth sector's instruments and communication channels.

The **aim** of this Study Session is to empower young people and youth organizations working on Roma inclusion to create inclusive European societies that embrace and celebrate diversity; where inter-sectional experiences of young Roma women are lived and valued through multi-faceted respect for multiculturalism and human rights. Furthermore, it will encourage participants from different backgrounds and diverse personal experiences to support young Roma women in claiming, exercising, and defending their human rights through civic participation and human rights activism.

Objectives

- o To increase participants' awareness and knowledge about the concepts of Romaphobia, antigypsyism, sexism and other forms of discrimination, including the work of the CoE in these fields; as well as to promote an understanding on the importance of gender dimension in tackling Roma exclusion
- o To empower participants with sets of youth work tools and instruments that could come handy in addressing discrimination through human rights education, advocacy and collaborative youth project writing.g knowledge and skills with their peers and local communities to promote inclusive and participatory activities for young Romani women.

- To promote European Youth Networking, engaging participants in cooperative processes and teamwork for the achievement of the common goals of the European human rights movement; enhancing European youth networking, cooperation and leadership between Roma young people and non-Roma youth to work together on human rights promotion and prevention from discrimination and exclusion of young Roma women in Europe.
- To empower participants to become change-makers and multipliers: to nurture leadership skills and values, and to facilitate and empower Roma young women's participation in democratic life; as well as to support participants to act as multipliers by sharing knowledge and skills with their peers and local communities to promote inclusive and participatory activities for young Roma women.

Who should apply:

- Under 30 years old; only a small portion of places are available for people over 30.
- Living in a Council of Europe member state.¹
- Persons working with Roma young people
- Youth workers committed to Roma women empowerment
- Current representatives of organizational members of the "Human Rights in Action – Europe" Network
- Roma community members and Roma rights activists, working or willing to work on young Roma women inclusion and participation
- Women rights activists, interested to work on Roma women inclusion and participation
- Able to communicate in English
- Enthusiastic, energetic, and prepared to engage in non-formal education.
- Willing to share what they have learned in their organizations and communities following the study session

The European Youth Centre can work to accommodate for accessibility, learning, or other needs; you can provide more information in the application form.

Application process: Online applications are now open and will close on **10 October 2025**. Applicants will be notified if they have been selected or not by 20 of October. 25 participants will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Motivation
- Experience working with Roma young people
- Understanding of human rights-based approaches to inclusion and participation of young Roma women and girls
- Previous experience in the Roma community outreach, advocacy or human rights campaigns; or specifically related to Roma women participation, is not necessary but will be welcomed.
- Geographic, gender and age balance

A special attempt will be made to select participants with different professional and personal backgrounds, to ensure diversity in the group.

Application form: <https://forms.gle/8YHrYkrJC56TktwPA>

Costs: Travel, accommodation and meal costs will be covered by the Council of Europe; a €50 registration fee will be charged for participants, which will be deducted from the travel expenses reimbursement.

For more information, please contact the Course Director, Konstantinos Sardelis, at neadinetwork@gmail.com

¹ Here is the list of member states: [Our member States - The Council of Europe in brief](#)