

September 2007: Submitted *“Written Comments of the European Roma Rights Centre Concerning Ukraine for Consideration by the United Nations Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights at its 39th Session.”*

October 2007: Published *“Roma Rights: Perceptions 3/2007”*.

October 2007: Submitted *“Written Comments on Czech Republic”* to the United Nations Human Rights Council for its 1st Universal Periodic Review of Czech Republic.

December 2007: Published *“Dis-Interest of the Child: Romani Children in the Hungarian Child Protection System”* in English and Hungarian.

Campaigning, Conferences, Meetings and Training

5-6 September: Held meetings with the Open Society Institute, the European Network Against Racism, The Centre, the European Anti Poverty Network and representatives of the European Commission Directorate General for Employment, Social Affairs and Equal Opportunities: Brussels, Belgium.

12 September: Provided Le Monde Diplomatique information for an article on the nationalist movement in Hungary and its consequences for Roma: Budapest, Hungary.

17 September Met representatives of the Roma Education Fund concerning discrimination in education in Croatia, Ukraine and Moldova: Budapest, Hungary.

19 September: Participated at a SOLID project meeting exploring future training opportunities with partners from ENAR, OSI, PILI, NICEM, and Article 1: Brussels, Belgium.

24-26 September: Hosted the 11th study Session on the European Convention on Human Rights for persons providing legal assistance to Roma and Traveller Communities: Strasbourg, France.

27-29 September: Participated in the OSCE Human Dimension Implementation Meeting and hosted a side event child protection issues: Warsaw, Poland.

1 October: Participated in the Decade of Roma Inclusion International Steering Committee meeting: Budapest, Hungary.

5-6 October: Conducted an anti-discrimination advocacy training session for minority activists: Pristina, Kosovo.

8-12 October: Conducted meetings with Czech NGOs working on Roma rights matters: Brno, Ostrava and Prague, Czech Republic.

9 October: Hosted an expert working group meeting to discuss the development of a report on child protection matters in Hungary: Budapest, Hungary.

11-12 October: Conducted meetings with local Romani activists and lawyers working with Romani communities to consult and identify strategic cases: Rostov, Russia.

11-12 October: Presented information on Roma rights strategies in Europe at the conference on

human rights-based approaches to international developments hosted by the Group on Human Rights & Development, Faculty of Law, University of Oslo: Oslo, Norway.

13 October – 12 November: Participated in the Memorial Fellowship of the German Marshall Fund of the United States: Washington, Lexington, Seattle, Effingham, Chicago and New York City: United States.

15-16 October: ERRC received the Max Van der Stoel Award from the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the Organization for Security and Co-operation (OSCE)'s High Commissioner for National Minorities: The Hague, Netherlands.

15-22 October: Conducted field research on children's rights, meeting representatives of various ministries, UNICEF, the OSCE, the ILO, the IOM, Parliamentary Advocates, the Council of Europe, national NGOs and local Romani communities: Moldova.

18 October: Attended an OSCE Supplementary Human Dimension Meeting on Combating Sexual Exploitation of Children: Vienna, Austria.

19 October: Attended a conference in Budapest hosted by the Public Interest Law Institute (PILI) to develop contacts and support for ERRC work. Jean Berman, the executive director of the International Senior Lawyers Network attended the offices of the ERRC to meet staff and develop ideas for further projects: Budapest, Hungary.

22 October: Hosted an expert working group meeting to develop recommendations on child protection matters in Hungary: Budapest, Hungary.

25-30 October: Participated in a training workshop on the Lisbon Strategy and the Open Method of Coordination Seminar conducted by the European Network against Racism; participated in a meeting of the European Roma Policy Coalition: Brussels, Belgium.

29 October: Conducted a human rights and non-discrimination law training for judges and prosecutors, together with the Kosovo Judicial Institute and supported by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Pristina, Kosovo.

29 October: Met the Directing Attorney for the Bar Development Program ABA/Russia and Mr A.

Alferov, to discuss the pro-bono initiative and potential future cooperation with the ERRC: Moscow, Russia.

30 October: Conducted a human rights and non-discrimination law training for lawyers, together with the Kosovo Chamber of Lawyers and supported by the British Foreign and Commonwealth Office: Pristina, Kosovo.

30 October: Met with Quartiers en Crise – European Regeneration Areas' Network Director: Brussels, Belgium.

31 October: Gave a presentation on children's rights and the European Court's practice in cases involving the rights of the child with reference Romani children at a conference organised by UNICEF Moscow for the Russian Ombudsman. Moscow, Russia.

6 November: Participated in the closing conference of the French EQUAL project "Against Discrimination and for the Employment of Travellers and Roma" conference organised by FNASAT-Gens du Voyage at the Council of Europe: Strasbourg, France.

8 November: Participated in a meeting on the Sulukule Urban Renovation Plan organised by the European Parliament: Brussels, Belgium.

9-11 November: Participated in the Ethnic Data Seminar organised by the Catholic University of Brussels: Brussels, Belgium.

11-17 November: Conducted field research on Romani children's rights issues, supported by UNICEF: Moldova.

12 November: Hosted a seminar for lawyers to develop the next ERRC legal strategy: Budapest, Hungary.

12-15 November: Conducted urgent action field research to monitor the situation of Romani migrants living in camps in Italy following increased tensions and growing anti-gypsism: Rome, Italy.

14 November: Hosted an NGO roundtable and press conference on the outcome and implementation of landmark European Court of Human Rights judgment in D.H. and others v. The Czech Republic: Prague, Czech Republic.

15-18 November: Attended the last General Assembly Meeting of the International Helsinki Federation: Helsinki, Finland.

- 26 November:** Hosted a roundtable to discuss ERRC research and recommendations on child protection issues in Hungary with child protection professionals: Pecs, Hungary.
- 28 November:** Hosted a study visit by Romani women from Kosovo: Budapest, Hungary.
- 29 November:** Presented ERRC research and recommendations on child protection issues in Hungary to the Data Protection Ombudsman: Budapest, Hungary.
- 29 November – 3 December:** Gave a presentation on positive action at a seminar organised by the European Network Against Racism: Brussels, Belgium.
- 30 November:** Participated in a conference celebrating the 10th anniversary of the Hungarian Child Protection Act organised by the Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs: Budapest, Hungary.
- 3-4 December:** Presented the ERRC report “Ambulance Not on the Way: The Disgrace of Health Care for Roma in Europe” at the Fundamental Rights Agency Roundtable and Conference “Amare glasura ashunde, Our Voices Heard”, held in Sweden. As a speaker in the panel “Roma Access to Health Care” discussed major systemic barriers for Roma to access health care services and patterns of discriminatory practices against Roma by health care providers as well as outlined ERRC’s recommendations to governments: Stockholm, Sweden.
- 4 December:** Hosted a roundtable to discuss ERRC research and recommendations on child protection issues in Hungary with child protection professionals: Miskolc, Hungary.
- 6-7 December:** Attended the European Commission conference “Equal Opportunities for All – Multiple Discrimination Matters”, organised by the Danish Institute for Human Rights: Copenhagen, Denmark.
- 7 December:** Hosted a meeting with the applicants in *D. H. and others v. The Czech Republic* to discuss their perception of the judgment, changes in educational system and expected outcomes of the judgment; also met representatives of local NGOs to discuss future co-operation in the implementation of the judgment: Ostrava, Czech Republic.
- 10 December:** Hosted an expert working group meeting on child protection matters in Hungary: Budapest, Hungary.
- 10 December:** Chaired a workshop at a conference hosted by the Fundamental Rights Agency on co-operation with civil society: Brussels, Belgium.
- 11 December:** Hosted a roundtable to discuss ERRC research and recommendations on child protection issues in Hungary with Romani representatives and organisations: Budapest, Hungary.
- 12-13 December:** Hosted members of the Czech organisation Life Together to provide training on child protection advocacy and litigation work: Budapest, Hungary.
- 17 December:** Hosted a national conference to disseminate ERRC research and recommendations on child protection matters in Hungary: Budapest, Hungary.
- 17 December:** Participated in a meeting of the Informal Contact Group of Inter-Governmental Organisations concerning Roma, Sinti and Travellers, organised by the European Union’s Portuguese Presidency: Brussels, Belgium.
- 18-19 December:** Participated in the conference “Access of Roma to Quality Education Across Europe: Does Policy Learn from Effective Practices??” Budapest, Hungary.
- September 2007 – December 2008:** Conducted a series of lectures/presentations to student groups from the United States, Czech Republic, Holland, United Kingdom: Budapest, Hungary.