

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	1 - NAKERAMOS 2 - ISOLA CHE C'E 3 - ROMA ONLUS 4 - CROATIAN ROMANI UNION "KALI SARA"
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Project name and acronym:	European Historical Memory of Roma – MHE-ROMA

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	WP9 – FINAL CONFERENCES FOR DISSEMINATION
Event name:	[National conferences in Spain, Italy and Croatia with local and autonomic institution.]
Type:	[CONFERENCE]
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Spain, Municipal Library of Roquetes (Nou Barris, Barcelona) and University of Barcelona Italy, Rome Croatia, Varaždin and Zagreb
Date(s):	Spain: September 25th 2025 and September 29th 2025 Italy: September 18th 2025 Croatia: September 10, 2025 and September 15, 2025
Website(s) (if any):	SPAIN: https://asocnakeramos.wixsite.com/nakeramos/s-projects-side-by-side CROATIA: https://www.facebook.com/SRRHKS/? locale=hr_HR https://phralipen.hr
Participants	
Female:	SPAIN: 71 (September 25th 2025, September 29th 2025)

	ITALY: 42		
	CROATIA: 25 (September 10, 2025 and September 15, 2025)		
Male:	SPAIN: 21 (September 25th 2025, September 29th 2025) ITALY: 37 CROATIA: 47 (September 10, 2025, September 15, 2025)		
Non-binary:	0		
From country 1 [SPAIN]:	92		
From country 2 [ITALY]:	79		
From country 3 [CROATIA]:	72		
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Total number of participants:	243	From total number of countries:	3
Description <i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
SPAIN Nakeramos Intercultural Association decided to organise the Final Conference in two different venues of the city: one in the library of the neighbourhood of Roquetes (Nou Barris, Barcelona), where there is a significant presence of Roma people living, addressed to social agents and professionals; another at the University of Barcelona in the Social Science and Education Department, addressed to the future professionals in Education and Social Services. The first event, held in Roquetes (Nou Barris) on 25 September 2025, was opened by the Francesc Xavier Marcé Carol, Councillor for Culture of Nou Barris and Vice-President of the Barcelona Institute of Culture (ICUB). He underlined the importance of placing memory at the center of community life and praised the role of Nakeramos Association as a driver of intercultural dialogue and civic commitment. The conference was framed as a space of action, dialogue, and transformation through methodologies such as social theatre. Speakers included: - Ábel Bereményi: Doctor in Social Anthropology at the Autonomous University of Barcelona, Lecturer at the Faculty of Education at the University of Barcelona, and editor of the podcast "Retazos Antropológicos" of the anthropology journal AIBR. He moderated the speech. - Maria Rubia, President of Nakeramos, who explained that MHEROMA was born to counter the absence of Roma history and memory in schools, media, and policies, transforming this gap into collective strength through social theatre. - Rafael Silva, a participant of the project, who stressed that heritage is relational, epistemology matters, and co-teaching with Roma voices transforms academia. He			

proposed structural reforms in universities, including Roma history modules, bias audits, Roma-authored bibliography, authentic assessment, and stable dual-supervised internships.

- **Juan José Amaya (Colate)**, community development technician for the neighborhood, who called for moving from goodwill to **structured responsibility with resources**, combining Roma professional mediation with district support to create a **stable, transformative alliance** in Roquetes.
- **Leonor Fernández**, councillor and Roma representative, who committed to **institutionalizing Roma memory in Nou Barris** through a Co-Governance Board, multi-annual budget, and accountability mechanisms.

The second event, held at the **University of Barcelona on 29 September 2025**, focused on **pedagogical innovation** and engaged future professionals in Education and Social Services. It was divided into two parts: a plenary session to present the project and its results, followed by a workshop-style session with interactive activities to delve deeper into the topics of historical memory, recognition, and how to integrate the history of the Roma people into society. Contributions included:

- **Rafael Silva**, who reinforced the need for structural reforms in universities, linking pedagogy to Roma memory and rights.
- **María Rubia**, who showcased how community-based resources such as forum-theatre scenes and the living archive can enrich curricula and ensure a community return in academic evaluation.
- **Seo Cizmic**, Roma activist, who stressed **linguistic rights and the revitalization of Romani/Caló** as a reparative measure, proposing intergenerational language nests, teacher training, didactic materials, and greater public presence of the language.

A key outcome of the University of Barcelona conference was the creation of a **Community Alliance for the Romani Language**, bringing together Roma associations, schools, libraries, civic centers, social services, and the district. Its pillars include intergenerational mentoring, conversational circles, didactic materials, heritage routes, cultural programming, scholarships, and Roma linguistic mediation.

Both events also included the **projection of the project's documentary video** and the **presentation of the petition for the recognition of the Romani language** to national governments and the European Council. The public welcomed the initiative with interest, signing the petition on site or leaving their contact information to be kept updated about its progress and the follow-up of the MHE-ROMA project.

Together, the two conferences demonstrated that **Roma memory becomes a real engine of change when it transitions from symbolic recognition to concrete structures and policies**. Clear governance, stable resources, and Roma professional mediation ensured participation beyond tokenism. The revitalization of **Romani/Caló was embraced as both a cultural right and a reparative measure**, supported by measurable indicators and institutional commitment.

The MHE-ROMA conferences in **Roquetes** and at the **University of Barcelona** showed how **memory, pedagogy, and linguistic rights converge** into a comprehensive agenda that strengthens Roma identity, combats antigypsyism, and builds intercultural alliances for tangible structural transformation.

ITALY

The conference was held in Rome, in the **Sala Panetti on Via Andrea Mantegna 147, on Thursday, September 18th, 2025.**

The conference was moderated by the President of one of the two Italian partner organizations (L'isola che c'è and Roma Onlus), Graziano Halilovic from Roma Onlus, and featured several speakers, including:

- **Graziano Halilovic**, cultural mediator and President of Roma Onlus,
- **Amedeo Ciaccheri**, President of Municipio Roma 8,
- **Professor Marco Brazzoduro**, lecturer at La Sapienza University of Rome,
- **Dr. Alessandro Luciani**, expert on the Romani language and culture,
- **Tiziana Cristiano**, vice president L'isola che c'è APS
- **Carlos Hadzovic**, President of the stakeholders' association Romanò Amal,
- **Sevla Sejdic**, expert in Romanò dances and culture association Romanò Amal
- **Patrizia Boi**, poet.

The three-hour conference concluded with a tasting of Romani food.

The conference opened with the presentation by Tiziana Cristiano, vice-president of L'isola che c'è, of the completed project, the results and the actions in detail. It was an opportunity to introduce the themes of **memory, the genocide of the Roma and Sinti people** and to show the contribution of the European Union, as co-financier of the project. Minutes were spent explaining the contribution of the CERV Remembrance program and the importance of the actions it pursues for European citizens.

The interventions were **interspersed with readings of poems in the Romani language and testimonies from young participants in the project.** Finally, the **documentary film** produced as part of the project was screened.

Participation was significant, especially from the local Roma community. There were **79 attendees in total, including 42 women and 37 men.**

The topics discussed included, first and foremost, the issue of the **Romani language as a minority language and the linguistic genocide of the Roma people.** Professor Buzzoduro gave a focused lecture on **the law concerning minority languages in Italy** and how being recognized as a minority language could help Romani survive. Great emphasis was placed on the **concept of collective memory** as the only **tool to counter hatred and antigypsyism**, as well as the civil instruments available to sustain this memory. On this theme, the contributions of Dr. Luciani and Graziano Halilovic, head of Roma Onlus, activist, and cultural mediator, were particularly important. Amedeo Ciaccheri, President of Municipality Roma 8, spoke about **the impact of the project on the territory.** After having attended and hosted one of the national performances, Ciaccheri spent a lot of effort promoting the project and its results. During the conference he underlined the importance of **culture as an instrument of memory**, and personally committed himself to giving space in the future to representations of works taken from Roma culture.

The theme of the **Samudaripen**, the Romani genocide, was also addressed through the participation of numerous Roma community representatives, who read excerpts, poems, and recounted family stories.

The conference ended with a Q&A session, followed by a refreshment featuring traditional Romani food.

The success of the conference, not only in numerical terms, was demonstrated by the considerable number of citizens who, at the end, requested further information or opportunities for deeper engagement.

CROATIA

The Croatian Romani Union “*KALI SARA*” decided to organize the Final Conference of the project MHE-ROMA, HISTORICAL MEMORY OF EUROPEAN ROMA in two Croatian cities – Varaždin and Zagreb.

The Final Conference in Varaždin – September 10, 2025

The meeting of Roma representatives and presidents of Roma Minority Councils of municipalities, cities, and counties was an excellent opportunity to present the project, and the participants of the event in Varaždin, whose gathering had been arranged several months earlier, expressed their wish to learn more about the project so that they could share it within their local communities. Their interest was further encouraged by the national performance of the play “*Najsen bistarde*”/ „*You are not forgotten*”, which they attended in Zagreb.

The project was first presented by the **President of the Croatian Romani Union “KALI SARA” Suzana Krčmar**, who, during her address, highlighted **the role of Roma organizations and individuals**, with special emphasis on Kali Sara, in **fostering a culture of remembrance**. She also emphasized the project goals and explained why the organization wished to participate as a partner. The suffering of Roma during the Second World War, known as *Samudaripen*, is one of the most tragic chapters of Roma history. Despite its historical significance, this part of the past often remains insufficiently recognized and nearly invisible in public discourse. Particularly concerning is that *Samudaripen* is rarely taught to younger generations of Roma, nor to the majority society. In school textbooks, Roma suffering is usually categorized under “other victims,” while Jews and Serbs are mentioned by name as recognized targeted victims of the Nazi and Ustasha regimes. Krčmar underlined that this is precisely why it is necessary to **highlight historical facts and create space for dialogue about *Samudaripen***. Nurturing a culture of remembrance not only contributes to preserving the truth and dignity of the victims but also represents an important part of building the national identity of the Roma people. Systematically remembering this history is key to understanding the present and shaping a more just society in which tragedies of such scale will never happen again.

Anesa Šabani, a project participant, spoke about the workshops with young people during the project, as well as lectures on the **Romani language (Romani čhib), history, and culture**, which the participants themselves had prepared and delivered. A lecture on the language, its linguistic, historical, and identity-related features preceded the signing of the national petition for the recognition of the Romani language. Šabani also shared insights from the **EDULARP game, theatre workshops, and the experiences gained during visits to Rome and Barcelona**. She prepared her own short video material and a PowerPoint presentation about the project.

Finally, **Maja Grubišić** spoke about the **methods and goals**, announcing that the organization plans to continue presenting the national theatre performance “*Najsen bistarde*” in community centers in Roma settlements across Croatia, where Roma council members themselves would act as hosts and co-organizers.

The Final Conference – Zagreb, September 15, 2025

The Final Conference in Zagreb was held on **September 15, 2025, with project participants and representatives of partner organizations of the Croatian Romani Union “KALI SARA”**.

Following the welcome speech of our organization's president, Suzana Krčmar, a joint video was shown featuring all project organizations: Nakeramos, Isola che c'è, Roma Onlus, and Kali Sara. **Talita Jašarevski**, speaking from the perspective of a **project participant**, reflected on the challenges, innovations, information, and new knowledge the project brought to young people. A presentation on the **Roma language** was delivered by **Ardijan Gaši**, who emphasized the **recognition process of November 5th as World Day of the Romani Language**, an initiative launched by our organization in cooperation with Veljko Kajtazi, the Member of Croatian Parliament representing the Roma national minority. This milestone, achieved in 2012, made the Croatian Parliament the first in the world to proclaim this date as the national day of the Roma community in Croatia. In cooperation with the Ministry of Culture and Media – UNESCO Commission, *KALI SARA* continued work on the UNESCO project, which resulted in the UNESCO General Assembly recognizing the Romani language as intangible world heritage in 2015. In his presentation, Ardijan particularly emphasized the **role of young Roma men and women in preserving the Romani language** and proudly highlighted that the **MHE-ROMA project**, in which he participated, dedicated special attention to the preservation and development of the language, also incorporating a national petition as part of the project's program.

Towards the end of the conference, the audience was addressed by **Zvonko Novosel**, the **leader of the theater workshops** held as part of the project, who in his speech reflected on the course of the **creative process** of preparing the theatrical performance '*Najsen bistarde*', as well as on the **audience's reactions and the role of art in bringing historical truths closer to the public**.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	30.09.2025	Final version Nakeramos, Isola, Roma onlus, Kali Sara