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## Meetings with National Contact Points in Italy and United Kingdom

In line with the decision of the Scientific Committee a series of meetings with National Contact Points has been initiated and organized in order to intensify the exchange between academia and policy making at the national level.

On 5 June 2014 UK members of the Network met with Mr Ian Naysmith, Senior Policy Adviser at the Department for Communities and Local Government. For details see the [report](#).

On 9 June 2014 Italian members of the Network on Romani Studies met with the UNAR, acting as National Roma Contact Point (NCP) in Italy, to present the Network and highlight the key role it

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could play for local and national authorities in terms of advice, reporting and evaluation in the policy making process. For details see the [report](#).

The meetings with national level policy makers will continue with a Nordic Meeting organised at Södertörn University, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies in November. Network members from Finland, Sweden and Norway have been invited to participate.

## Events Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers

The Scientific Committee decided at its 5th meeting in September 2013 to allocate a part of the resources of the Network to support events organised by Network members with the aim of building bridges between the world of academics and that of policy makers. This decision is in line with the main purpose of the Network project, which aims to raise the visibility of existing scientific resources on Roma related issues in order to ultimately assist and improve the planning, implementation and monitoring/evaluation of public policies for the social inclusion of the European Roma population.

Seven of the submitted event-proposals have been selected for funding and the organisation of these workshops and seminars across Europe is underway. For more information see the list of past and upcoming events on page 3.

A [second call for proposals](#) for the organisation of events Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers is currently open. The deadline for submitting proposals is 30 October 2014. Proposals submitted will be evaluated at the next SC meeting on 7 November 2014.

## Recent publications in the field of Romani studies (reports/volumes/studies)

### Reports

- 📖 **Civil Society Monitoring on the Implementation of the National Roma Integration Strategies and Decade Action Plans in 2012 and 2013** edited by Ádám KULLMANN, Robert KUSHEN, Márton RÖVID, Orsolya SZENDREY, and Violetta ZENTAL. Reporting has been coordinated by the Decade of Roma Inclusion Secretariat Foundation in cooperation with the Making the Most of EU Funds for Roma Programme of the Open Society Foundation. See details [online](#).
- 📖 **Country reports** on 10 EU Member States - Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Greece, Hungary, Italy, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, Spain, and United Kingdom, commissioned by the Roma MATRIX Project led by Migration Yorkshire funded by Fundamental Rights and Citizenship Programme of the European Union. Reports are accessible [online](#).
- 📖 **Roma Health Report** - Health status of the Roma population - Data collection in the Member States of the European Union, an analysis by [Matrix Knowledge](#), published by the European Commission, DG Health & Consumers. See report [online](#).
- 📖 **MigRom Reports** on the implementation and initial findings of the first stage survey carried out in the communities of Roma migrants during 2013-2014 by members of the MigRom Consortium. The project is funded by the Seventh Framework Programme for Research of the European Union. Reports are accessible [online](#).

### Guides and Toolkits

- 📖 **A Guide for local authorities. Making use of European Structural and Investment Funds for Roma inclusion** prepared by the EURoma Network (European Network on Social Inclusion and Roma under the Structural Funds with the participation of 12 Member States). The guide is accessible [online](#).
- 📖 **Teaching materials** developed by the QUALIROM project supported by the Lifelong Learning Programme of the European Commission. The materials have been developed in various Romani varieties for primary, secondary and tertiary teaching at different proficiency levels. Some of the materials were piloted in teaching activities during the lifetime of the project. Downloadable materials accessible [online](#).

### Studies / chapters

- 📖 Adina SCHNEEWEIS: Communicating the Victim: Nongovernmental Organizations Advocacy Discourses for Roma Rights, *Communication, Culture & Critique*, article first publishes on 9 October 2014. See details [online](#).

- 📖 Adina SCHNEEWEIS: Empowered Leaders and Alone in Community: Stories of Romanian Roma Health Mediators, *Women's Studies in Communication*, 36:167-188, 2013. See details [online](#).
- 📖 Sophie JACQUOT & Tommaso VITALE: Law as weapon of the weak? A comparative analysis of legal mobilization by Roma and women's groups at the European level, *Journal of European Public Policy*, Volume 21, Issue 4, 2014. See details [online](#).
- 📖 Enikő VINCZE: The racialization of Roma in the 'new' Europe and the political potential of Romani women *European Journal of Women's Studies* November 2014 21: 435-442. See details [online](#).

### Journal Issues

- 📖 *Romani Studies*, Volume 24, Number 1 / June 2014. See [content online](#).
- 📖 Revue *Etudes Tsiganes* n° 51: Les Tsiganes en Amérique du Sud, FNASAT, Paris, 2014. See [content online](#).
- 📖 *Acta Ethnographica Hungarica* 2014/1, Special Issue: Roma in Central and Eastern Europe: Ethnicising, Performing, and Commodifying Social Differences, guest editor: Péter BERTA, Akadémiai Kiadó, Budapest. See [content online](#).

### Books and edited volumes

- 📖 Paola TONINATO: [Romani Writing: Literacy, Literature and Identity Politics](#), Routledge Research in Literacy, 2013.
- 📖 Filippo BONINI BARALDI: [Tsiganes, musique et empathie](#), FMSH Éditions, Chemins de l'ethnologie, 2013, Paris.
- 📖 Andrew RYDER, Sarah CEMLYN, and Thomas ACTON (eds.): [Hearing the voices of Gypsy, Roma and Traveller communities. Inclusive community development](#), Policy Press, Bristol, 2014.
- 📖 Catherine COQUIO and Jean-Luc POUEYTO (eds.) [Roms, Tsiganes, Nomades. Un malentendu européen](#), Éditions KARTHALA, Paris, 2014.
- 📖 Daniel BAKER and Maria HLAVAJOVA (eds.): [We Roma: A Critical Reader in Contemporary Art](#), Published by BAK, Utrecht, 2014.

## Past and upcoming events

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- *Presentation of the Network at the 7th CAHROM Meeting* at the Council of Europe in Strasbourg, 15 May 2014. For more details see the [report](#).
- *Roma integration and evidence-based policy-making* (RIEP) workshop has been organised in London as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers events on 26 June 2014. See detailed [report](#).
- *Social Theory and Romani Studies*, summer school organised at the SUN-Central European University. See details on the [webpage](#) of the summer school.
- *The 2014 Annual Meeting and Conference of the Gypsy Lore Society* has been organised in Bratislava, Slovakia, 10–13 September. See details on the [webpage](#) of the GLS.
- *Bringing History and Policy into Dialogue in Romani Studies*, workshop organised in Liverpool as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers events, 10–11 October 2014. See the [programme](#) of the event.
- *Strengths and challenges of the policies for Gitanos/Roma in Spain*. A workshop for scholars, policy makers, and NGOs, part of the event-series Bridging the Gap between Policy Making and Social Research. Parliament of Catalonia Barcelona, 17 October 2014. See the [programme](#) of the event.
- *Discussion of experiences of division of housing services* as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers events, Institute of Sociology of the Academy of Sciences of the Czech Republic, Prague, 21–22 October 2014.

### Upcoming events

- *The 7th Meeting of the Scientific Committee* will be held at the Council of Europe Paris Office on 7 November 2014. See the [draft agenda](#) of the meeting.
- *Ethnicity: a political, social and/or cultural construct. The work, vision and contribution of Nicolae Gheorghe in understanding the Roma*, organised as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Makers events, Bucharest, The Museum of Romani Culture, 12 November 2014. See the [call for papers](#).
- *The Nordic Meeting* will be organised as part of the NCP meetings series at Södertörn University, Centre for Baltic and East European Studies, on with the participation of Network members from Finland, Sweden and Norway (exact date to be confirmed).
- *Seminar Series Crime and Health* will take place as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Making events in London, 3–4 December 2014.
- Seminar organised as part of the Bridging the Gap between Academia and Policy Making events in Bratislava, Slovak Republic, 26–27 February 2015.
- *The 2015 Annual Meeting and Conference of the Gypsy Lore Society* will be held in Chişinău, Moldova, 10–12 September 2015. See details on the [webpage](#) of the GLS.

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