

# **The need for a European policy supporting Romany culture**

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The Romany culture is the heritage of humanity. It is a transnational culture and full of prismatic complex facets that survives in Europe and the world in conditions that are often difficult to more than six centuries. She is alive thanks to the survival strategies implemented by different groups of Roma, Sinti, Manouches, Kale and Romanichals that have grown and defense within their own families. In Europe there is one policy in favor of Romany culture, but it is exploited in a despicable organizations "pro-Gypsy" unscrupulous trivial for their policies. The legislative actions at European, national and regional authorities were directed to the protection of culture Romany, protection behind a guardian or a better controller. The Romany culture needs a promotion through the same individuals who live daily and a real advancement in public opinion, which in truth is private a great law: that of knowledge. The Roman world is filtered only through negative stereotypes: public opinion not only knows nothing of what are the cultural traditions of various Romany community, but above all do not know the different artistic expressions Romany: literature, painting, theater, etc.. To understand and value the culture Romany must exit ethnocentrism and limiting must be rooted prejudices of undress. It is difficult, I understand, but it is a necessary effort to part of everyone to promote effective intercultural and create the foundations for a modern society without ethnic conflicts. The word interculturality, today, is used in a very ambiguous and is often synonymous with mere aware of the existence of another cultural reality. Interculturality, however, has a meaning deep and consists essentially of the "live" another culture. Only "live" a different culture allows us to enrich our luggage and enlarge human cultural horizons. Interculturalism is a resource that removes the specter of flattening of the human race. Now we must think about how many opportunities the public has to "live" real culture Romany, in its richness and complexity of expression. The public is deprived of a right. It took over so many factors here: first, poor information that becomes easily misinformation, with the repetition of images and stereotyped clichés certainly not conducive to dialogue, but on the contrary, discounted create prejudices, attitudes hostilities. Are then outlined the policies of rejection

implemented against Roma arrived in Europe in the fifteenth century policy of expulsion, imprisonment, extermination, deportation, assimilation. The Roma, Sinti, Manouches, the Kale, the Romanichals, the 5 major groups with their several subgroups constitute the paradigmatic Roman world is commonly referred to as "gypsies", did not arrive in Europe with weapons or with warlike intent. The only people in the world not he had never declared war on anyone, because he never had the need to claim a territory and then to undermine other people for a settlement, it was never organized into formations terrorist to vindicate their rights existential, cultural and social. The Romany culture, based essentially on the concept of "pure" and "unclean", inherited from the ancient Indian culture, and expression of a society based on the simple concept of give and take and reciprocate, does not provide murder (mardipé) or war (merripé) as absolutely considered "impure". To initial curiosity in European populations did take over the hatred of these populations forcibly itinerant repressine already escaping from the Persians, the Byzantines (In Romania the Roma were enslaved for 5 centuries and affrancatesi from slavery only in 1858!) Ottoman Turks. In Europe, instead of finding refuge and a "homeland" that offer products of its business (musicians, ranchers, horse traders, craftsmen and workers of iron and copper) have "found" other repressions. The first call against Kale, and died Sephardic Jews in 1492 is by so-called "Catholic Kings" Spanish. Under the influence of the court Spanish, having relatives in Europe, these edicts were easily extended to other countries, including Italy divided, the time in so many "Lords". These were real nation states which demanded the removal of all those races that somehow way affected the "purity" the local breed. Hence the misunderstandings we drag up to date. The Romany community were forced to live in hiding, away from population centers, and especially without rights. Continuously expelled, when they were not used in hunting prey or as publicly executed as a wrongfully convicted of "cannibalism", went to ongoing search for safe havens. The movement and the solidarity of their group helped to survive. Nomadism, as has been outlined in Europe, has therefore been the result of policy of refusing them where the Romany community have found the ideal conditions remained at confirms that the Romany community were seeking a homeland. For this we have littered Roma, Sinti, Kale, and Manouches Romanichals around the world in all continents with over 12 million people. The situation of Roma is definitely better than in Italy especially in Eastern Europe Europe where there are Roma MPs and political parties are organized and where the great events allowing greater cultural dissemination, and preservation of our cultural and linguistic heritage. In Hungary and in Spain is part of the Romani culture national heritage. In Italy, unfortunately, mainly because

of associations "pro-gypsies" and self-styled "experts" often made by unscrupulous opportunists, the affirmation of a Romany intelligentsia is delayed with significant detrimental consequences for our own cultural existence. Over the past 40 years the Italian state through local government has bestowed within the country hundreds of billions in favor of the Romany population which unfortunately have not had any cultural benefit from these funds, rather it is seen increasingly confined to the "camps", or in the "modern concentration camp" and a true emblem of racial segregation, in the repugnant and that the name meant to recall the concentration camps of Nazi-Fascists where over half a million Roma and Sinti were barbarously massacred. Unfortunately, in Holocaust Memorial Day which is celebrated on January 27 this is often omitted and without the memory of the massacre of Roma, homosexuals, Jehovah's Witnesses and antifascist memory becomes mutilated. The Roma crammed and stuffed into "civilian camp" lose their identity and their ancient culture. This is what happened to the Indians of America, which had to live in the ghetto of the reserves were "impaired" and today most of them are alcoholics and drug addicts. Clearly frustrated and disillusioned with the Roma from the territories of former Yugoslavia forced to live in Italy in "lazi plebeians" and that in their cities of origin were living in houses (often in comfortable villas), with their jobs and their jobs, "explode" and then have a relationship completely negative with the surrounding society. Social facts are simple models to high cultural and the error of the individual has an impact on the sentencing of all the Romany community. In reality, the Romany culture is not well known and is mystified. The pro-Gypsy organizations, with their boorish welfarism, to justify their "power" and creating "ziganopoli" through "bogus projects" lavishly financed have a vested interest in the situation changes and it is clear that they do not know what to do with artists and intellectuals Rom capable of thinking and self represent. The Romany culture is identified in its language. The Romany language has nothing to do with the Romanian language, nor with languages Romance, but it is a language closely related to the neo-Indian languages like Hindi and derives from Sanskrit. Being passed down orally has been enriched over the centuries of the words people with whom you come in contact, and has been enriched by borrowings of the ancient Persian, Armenian and ancient greek, and then in Europe and the borrowings of the spoken dialects Europe according to the itinerary below. It's a very lively and as a living language and every language has numerous dialectal variants. For thirty years the Romany language is written and created a thriving literature that unfortunately very few know. Personally I think the lack of recognition of our language, under the protection linguistic minorities, as a minority language by the Italian Parliament is due to total lack of

understanding that is rooted in complete misinformation. Even the Cimbri in Italy are just 800 people, had the just and sacred right to their language recognition, when in fact with over 100 thousand Roma and Sinti people living in Italy at least 6 centuries have not had this privilege. I sincerely hope that this law and mutilated magazine is incomplete, that there is more information and less bias because the opinion public is deprived of the right to knowledge, the Romany language, I repeat, belongs to humanity, not only with the people that it is expressed. Every culture deserves the same respect, "the other" really is us, the fear of revealing the afraid of himself, so should not meet, but being. We must overcome the "concept of Gypsy," the time is ripe now to delete the word from our vocabulary, because it expresses an ethnic, but a feeling of adversity, Having regard to the burden of negativity that is encased. It should be replaced with Romany population or community Romany also because the Roma, Sinti, Kale, Manouches, Romanichals, with their countless subgroups, using the Romani language. Roma, Sinti, Kale, Manouches, Romanichals ethnonyms are, or how we define ourselves, "Gypsy" is a term that Gage (the non-Roma) we have given in a derogatory manner. Other concepts have to be overcome: how to nomadic and gypsy camp. Nomadism as it is developed in Europe has a cultural connotation, but it was the result of policies persecutory, Romany communities were "forced" to move continuously as the field nomads, today, justifies racial segregation and discrimination. In a civilized society this situation is no longer tolerable. Neglect, theft and begging are not expressions cultural, but social phenomena and as such should be addressed. Culture is another thing, I do a example: when we talk about Italian culture, can not be explained on the mafia and the first of criminality, terrorism and pedophilia and speak of Leopardi and Verdi. Romany culture is the only one to be "forcibly" confused with the more deleterious aspects of his community, as if only the Romany community had defects. This attitude actually conceals a desire not knowledge, raise racial barriers and a violent confrontation. Public opinion is not so only remain ignorant and in complete disinformation, but without the right to knowledge of a culture, heritage of humanity. The united Europe, civil and democratic, it must be created through the respect of its peoples and among these there is also the Romany population. This is a principle that has become the heritage of all those companies who want to progress not only in economic terms, but also from the human, social and culture.

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