



Dosta! Newsletter



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Launch of Dosta! campaign in Bosnia and Herzegovina

A workshop took place in Sarajevo on 5-6 December with the aim of training civil servants to monitor and evaluate laws that assure equal treatment of Roma. The workshop is part of a

joint programme of the Council of Europe and the European Commission called "Equal Rights and Treatment for Roma in South East Europe".

The Dosta! Campaign, which is also part of the joint programme, was launched in Bosnia and Herzegovina on 4 December.

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TV Spot

The **Dosta! campaign TV spot** is finalised. It is posted on the Dosta! and Council of Europe websites. Two versions (lasting either 25 or 50 seconds) in BETA SP format are available upon request and are

free of charge. The TV spot is available in English, French, Albanian, BCS, Macedonian, Serbian and international version.



International Day of Tolerance

Strasbourg, 15.11.2006- On the occasion of the International Day of Tolerance, Terry Davis, Secretary General of the Council of Europe, pointed out that even today there are people in Europe who are treated

in discriminatory and racist ways. He claimed that simply saying 'Never again' is not enough 'We must change mentality to change reality'. On the same day, the Commissioner for Human

Rights, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg, was in Slovenia following up on reports of a Roma family which had been moved from their home in order to protect them from their neighbours. The next day, Mr.



Hammarberg stressed that European governments need to take

stronger actions to ensure that the current increase in xenophobia, islamophobia and anti-tziganism is curtailed. "I fear that if European governments do not take stronger action, these trends will become irreversible", the Commissioner said.

"Governments should actively protect the ideals on which most of Europe has been built."

Conference on Romaphobia

The Forum of European Roma Young People (FERYP) held a conference entitled 'Romaphobia and Anti-Gypsyism: Old Phenomena and new Challenges in Europe' from 17 – 22 November in Strasbourg. The conference

was supported by the Dosta! campaign and enabled 20 young Roma from various European countries to come to Strasbourg, to meet each other, to discuss common experiences of discrimination and to think about tools for



fighting anti-Gypsyism. The report of this conference will be published on the Dosta! site.

Director Tony Gatlif announces winners of Dosta! video competition

"The Fortnight of Roma Cinema' took place in Strasbourg between 1-14 November 2006. The film festival included seven critically acclaimed movies shown at the Odysée cinema.

On 7 November, internationally renowned director Tony Gatlif announced the winners of an international video competition which is part of the Dosta! campaign. The task of amateur film makers and associations was to produce a short video promoting the Dosta! campaign's messages. The first prize, worth 2000 euros, went to the Serbian Roma Students Association which had competed with a one-minute long commercial emphasising everyday discrimination. The second prize went to Fondacija Tuzanske Zajednice from Bosnia and Herzegovina, and the third prize to Hajde da... Group from the Republic of Serbia.



Training course in Albania and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Two training courses for authorities in charge of the National Strategy/Action Plans for Roma took place in Albania and in "the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia in September and

November as part of the 'Equal rights and treatment for Roma' project. The goal was to improve the authority's monitoring and evaluation of the Roma strategies as well as to raise awareness of Roma culture and to combat prejudices.

Negative image of the Roma in the press prevails

Recent surveys from Romania and Italy show that media coverage about Roma is still mostly negative in essence. In Italy, Roma-related issues were given extensive media treatment during the 2005-2006 local council election campaigns, but hardly any

Roma representatives were quoted. Articles about Roma were largely based on stereotypes and prejudice.

In Romania, 20 out of 76 articles about Roma published in national media and 140 out of 395 articles

published in local media shed a negative light on the Roma.

Other awareness-raising campaigns

Beware of your prejudice

Prague (November 2006) – A public service announcement encouraging Czechs to be aware of their prejudices is being aired on Czech national television and in cinemas across the country for a month starting from October 16.

The 30-second spot begins with a non-Roma Czech male having just boarded a Prague tram. When he realises his wallet is missing, the man blames a Roma youth, assuming he has stolen the wallet. In the end a young girl points out that the missing wallet

is on the floor of the tram car, and the man, embarrassed, realises his mistake. In the final frame, a slogan in Czech reminds viewers to “Beware not just of your possessions, but also of your prejudices.”

In addition to the TV and cinema spots, posters were created and a website (www.predsudky.cz) was launched to provide further information about the campaign. Visitors to the site can download videos, posters and other campaign material.

Racism breaks the game

The Romanian Football Federation together with the Roma Initiative Office, the Monitoring Press Agency, the National Council Against Discrimination and the European Roma Grassroots Organisation organised a series of actions meant to stimulate social dialogue and promote tolerance and fair-play through football between 27th-30th October. This was the first phase of a year-long campaign focused on promoting social issues through football. A second phase will take place in January 2007.

Announcements

The Dosta! leaflet in English, French and BCS language is now available for downloading! Other language versions will soon be available on Dosta! website.

The winning video of the first prize of the Dosta! campaign's video competition is also online.

All Dosta! campaign video mate-

rial is available free of charge for national television stations. Contact info@dosta.org

The stereotypes section of the Dosta! homepage has been updated; a new section on Anti-Gypsyism has been created. The tools section in the local languages is also new.

A new photo gallery 'Portraits of the Roma' has been added to the Dosta! homepage.