

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
Project name and acronym:	Trasformative Roma Art and Culture for European Remembrance — TRACER
Participant:	ALMA MATER STUDIORUM - UNIVERSITY OF BOLOGNA (UNIBO) IN COLLABORATION WITH UNIVERSITY OF FLORENCE (UNIFI), CENTRO DI ANIMAZIONE TRICCHEBALLACCHE (CAT), ASSOCIAZIONE CHI ROM E CHI NO (chi rom chi no), ALTO COMISSARIADO PARA AS MIGRAÇÕES I.P (ACM IP), OPEN GROUP Società Cooperativa Sociale ONLUS (OPEN GROUP), STOWARZYSZENIE ROMOW W POLSCE (StowRomPL), RIBALTAMBICAO - ASSOCIACAO PARA A IGUALDADE DE GENERO NAS COMUNIDADES CIGANAS (RIBALTAMBICAO) and UNIVERSITY OF MINHO (CIEd UNIMINHO).
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Event number:	11.1
Event name:	workshop in Auschwitz – Birkenau
Type:	workshops
In situ/online:	In situ
Location:	Poland
Date(s):	14 th may – 17 th may 2023
Website(s) (if any):	https://www.tracerproject.eu/
Participants	
Female:	39
Male:	19
Non-binary:	1
From country 1 [Italy]:	27
From country 2 [Portugal]:	13
From country 3 [Poland]:	7
From country 4 [Slovakia]:	10
From country 5 [Spain]:	1

From country 6 [Croatia]	1		
Total number of participants:	59	From total number of countries:	6
Description			
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>			
<p>During the experience in Poland the 6 groups of young people were involved in 4 interactive workshops with other international experts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Workshop 1 (14th May from 3 pm to 7 pm): Introduction of participants, presentation of the days' programme and team building - Workshop 2 (16th May from 8 am to 11 am): “Why Roma?” Speech of professor S. Kapralski on the genesis and nature of the persecution of Roma and visit to the Museum of Stowarzyszenie Romow w Polsce Association - Workshop 3 (16th May from 11 am to 2 pm): visit and activities in memory of the uprising on 16 May 1944 at the monument in the Zigeunerlager in Birkenau and at the Judenrampe - Workshop 4 (16th May from 3 pm to 7 pm): reflections on the journey and sharing experiences. <p><u>Workshop 1 (organised by the University of Bologna)</u></p> <p>The Workshop was divided into three parts: a first introduction part in which Prof. Maria Teresa Tagliaventi (University of Bologna) spoke to warmly welcome the participants and introduce the objectives of the event. A second part in which each team introduced itself and finally a third moment in which the groups were invited to get to know each other through socialisation and team building activities.</p> <p>In this occasion, it was introduced to the groups the Instagram profile created by some young people (@tracerproject) and information was shared to contribute with photos and reflections.</p> <p><u>Workshop 2 (organised by Stowarzyszenie Romow w Polsce Association)</u></p> <p>The workshop was divided into two parts : in the first part professor S. Kapralski (Professor of Sociology at the Institute of Philosophy and Sociology of the Pedagogical University of Kraków) had a speech on the genesis and nature of the persecution of Roma people.</p> <p>In the second part of the workshop all the people were invited to visit the exhibition on Roma Culture (Romowie : Historia – Kultura) hosted by Stowarzyszenie Romow w Polsce Association.</p>			

Why Roma?

On the genesis and nature of the persecution of Roma: towards a revision of the concept of genocide

Oświęcim, May 16, 2023

Dr hab. Sławomir Kaprański, Prof. UP

Why Roma? The genesis of genocide.

- Why Roma, a small, poor and harmless people, dispersed in European societies, were targeted and persecuted in an organized manner with great and costly institutional effort?
- Irrational disproportion of means and ends!
- Does “antigypsyism” explain everything?
 - Definition: Antigypsyism consists of: (1) the homogenizing and essentializing perception of some groups with the help of stigma “Gypsies” or similar terms; (2) the attribution to such stigmatized groups certain specific deviational features; (3) the creation of discriminatory social structures and practices of violence (Markus End)
- If antigypsyism explains the genocide of Roma, and genocide = practice of anti-Roma violence based on stigmatization, then in fact antigypsyism explains antigypsyism which is the fallacy of circularity.
- It does not mean that we should get rid of the concept of antigypsyism. But we need to explain it first, with the help of other concepts.

Workshop 3 (organised by Stowarzyszenie Romow w Polsce Association)

On the 79th Anniversary of the First Roma Revolt at Auschwitz Birkenau, the international group of Tracer was invited to the commémoration at the monument in the Zigeunerlager in Birkenau. On this official occasion, the group was able to participate in the commemoration of the Roma resistance together with local communities, leaving a flower on the monument erected to commemorate the extermination of the Roma people in Birkenau.

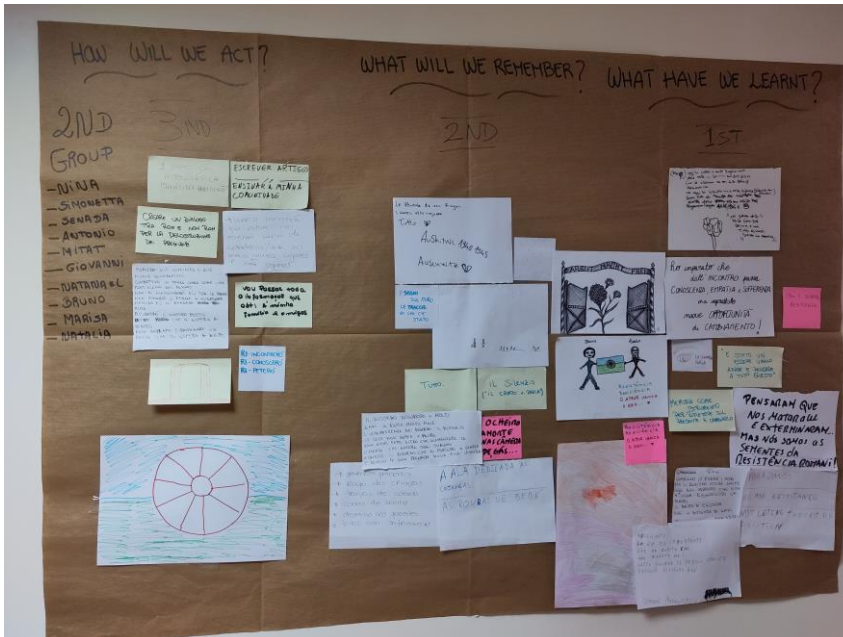


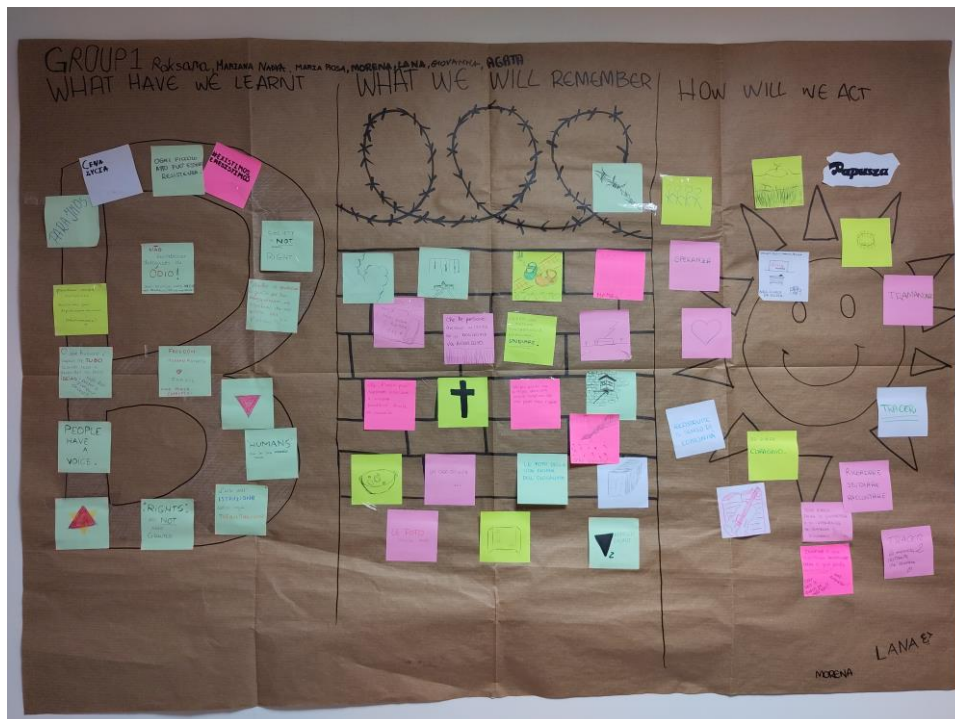
Workshop 4 (organised by University of Minho and ACM)

During this workshop all participants were placed in 5 groups, each group with young people from different countries. They worked in 3 stations :

- What we have learned?
- What will we remember?
- How we will act?

Each group spented 30 minutes in each station, then moving to the next. In each station, they registered/ drew ideas, thoughts, messages in a poster, using one's mother tongue and/or English. At the end, the posters were displayed on the walls for all participants to see and each group was asked to briefly explain the work done.





Photos, videos and the documentation collected will soon be available in a dedicated area of the project website.

Some relevant pictures have been posted on an Instagram page dedicated to the project @tracerproject

<https://www.instagram.com/tracerproject/?igshid=NTc4MTlwNjQ2YQ%3D%3D>

Links to websites where news of the events were published:

- <http://www.stowarzyszenie.romowie.net/-817.html>
- <https://unacertaideadi.altervista.org/2023/06/attraversare-auschwitz-il-progetto-tracer-viaggio-della-memoria-sul-porrajmos-attraverso-le-generazioni/>
- [https://www.facebook.com/chiromechino/posts/pfbid0Xtz3tAWgqNrbmqkm7wbn94VZyPkrjMKuXhvkLHMdRCB8VgSVYj37y8j6g7H1Vrl?__cft__\[0\]=AZUYyXv2SYddb2God67lg2zYozfdLq6izGLitZ01nogXrZdEFCSPeKbDrAOitwLvwznMTrB6D1DGmj4mzJgOmv4hr210PS4_42YDAgtVo2D2NPDUUIqdN2Sznrol73KScueEhRPwvzcC4Mqh39JePQOp4efQ0-MdX0sGSYuwIET7R5ZzGRbUPTR1aemnKTI0_gw6fQxaZyjA55Kf3MxkzZWwherscw4qLZ-bK5frE19FLA&tn=%2CO%2CP-R](https://www.facebook.com/chiromechino/posts/pfbid0Xtz3tAWgqNrbmqkm7wbn94VZyPkrjMKuXhvkLHMdRCB8VgSVYj37y8j6g7H1Vrl?__cft__[0]=AZUYyXv2SYddb2God67lg2zYozfdLq6izGLitZ01nogXrZdEFCSPeKbDrAOitwLvwznMTrB6D1DGmj4mzJgOmv4hr210PS4_42YDAgtVo2D2NPDUUIqdN2Sznrol73KScueEhRPwvzcC4Mqh39JePQOp4efQ0-MdX0sGSYuwIET7R5ZzGRbUPTR1aemnKTI0_gw6fQxaZyjA55Kf3MxkzZWwherscw4qLZ-bK5frE19FLA&tn=%2CO%2CP-R)

Notes:

A form was used to collect participants' signatures. Sensitive data are held by the Department of Education of University of Bologna and by each local partner.

Other materials (included the event description sheet) are posted on TRACER website

<https://www.tracerproject.eu/news/young-leaders-meet-poland-0>