



SOUND OF DIVERSITY

28.-30.05.2025
Prague, Czechia

Roma Voices: Celebrating Europe's Diversity at Khamoro

The objective of this international event is to mobilize local practitioners and activists from partner towns and cities to exchange models and share strategies that promote diversity, combat discrimination, and enhance minority participation through cultural, social, and inclusion initiatives at the local level. The event will also explore the role of minorities in shaping Europe's cultural development, with reference to the new EU Roma Strategic Framework for Equality, Inclusion, and Participation.

„Sound of Diversity” is a large-scale Network of Towns initiative aimed at strengthening the role of local authorities in advancing diversity, combating discrimination, and fostering the inclusion of minorities. The network brings together municipalities that host prominent community events, including the Gaming Village Festival in Óbidos (Portugal), the Khamoro Romani Festival in Prague (Czechia), the Multitude Festival in the County of Seine-Saint-Denis (France), the Festival of Various Arts in Aleksandrów Łódzki (Poland), the Festival of Tolerance in Croatia, the Cultural Days of Bârlad (Romania), the People's Feast in Molfetta (Italy), the Greek Dance Fest in Kileler (Greece),

and the Summer Dying Loud Festival in Poland. These events will go beyond traditional town network formats—such as conferences, training sessions, seminars, study visits, and capacity-building workshops—by introducing the „Sound of DiversityStage.” This open-air community space is designed to engage directly with local residents, youth, activists, minority representatives, and experts. It will serve as a dynamic platform to explore key issues related to diversity management, anti-discrimination, inclusion, and the broader EU policy context. The project aims to contribute meaningfully to EU-wide discussions and initiatives, particularly in the framework of EU Diversity Month 2026. It will also support locally hosted Sound of Diversity actions aligned with existing events such as the Cultural Municipal Days in Budapest and Novi Sad, and the „Play with Me” International Inclusive Festival in Ljubljana. Among the expected outcomes of the project are a practical Guidebook on diversity, inclusion, and belonging, as well as tangible improvements to local policies in the participating towns. We are pleased to welcome you to the second event of the Sound of Diversity Network, which will take place in Prague, Czechia, in cooperation with the Khamoro Festival.



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Agenda

28.05.2025

16:00 – Arrival in Prague & Hotel Check-in

Address: Hotel Olympik Congress, U Sluncové 14, 186 76 Prague 8

17:30 – Welcome Dinner

Address: Restaurant Delije. Štupartská 646, 110 00 Staré Město

19:00 – Klajazzromflow Concert @ Čapadlo Summer Terrace

Address: Smetanovo nábř. 6, 110 00 Staré Město

29.05.2025

10:00 – Sound of Diversity: Cultural strategy of the Municipality of Prague @ Dum u Kamenného zvonu

Address: Staroměstské nám. 605/13, 110 00 Prague 1

This opening session marks the official launch of the Sound of Diversity project in the Czech Republic. Participants will be introduced to Prague's cultural policy, with a focus on diversity and inclusion.

Key speakers:

MgA. Jiří Sulženko, Ph.D. – Director Department of Culture and Tourism of the City of Prague

Monika Ladmanová – Head of the European Commission Representation in the Czech Republic

MgA. Kristýna Ročová – Representative of Creative Prague, the city's official organization for the development and support of culture

The session will present local approaches to inclusive cultural policy and provide a foundation for further dialogue and exchange throughout the program.

Moderated by Nikolas Ferenc, Slovo 21.



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Address: Ječná 511/16, 120 44, Nové Město

Address: Hotel Novotel, Kateřinská 38, 120 00, Nové Město

This panel will explore how art, cultural projects, public campaigns, and commemorative initiatives can serve as tools in addressing and challenging antigypsyism. The discussion will highlight examples such as activism, the Khamoro Festival, and initiatives dedicated to the remembrance of the Roma Holocaust.

Moderated by Isabela Mihalache, ERGO.

Address: Kavarna pod Korunami Stromu: Kostnické náměstí, 130 00, Prague 3

Address: Přístavní, 170 00 Praha 7-Holešovice

30.05.2025

Address: Husova 158/20, 110 00, Staré Město

This session will focus on the current situation of national minorities and immigrants in Prague. It will include:

A meeting with representatives of the House of National Minorities, including:

Mgr. Jakub Štědroň, Ph.D. – Director of the House

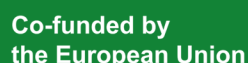
Mgr. Jan Dužda – Roma Coordinator for the City of Prague

Mgr. Jan Janoušek – Specialist for the Integration of Foreigners

An overview of the city's strategies and initiatives aimed at inclusion of minority communities and support for integration of foreigners.

A Q&A segment to encourage dialogue, reflection, and exchange of experience

Moderated by Alice Horáková.



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12:00 – Roma Parade @ Prague city center

13:30 – Lunch @ TBD, Prague city center

15:00 – Children's Day (optional)

20:00 – Traditional Roma Music Concert2 @ La Fabrika (optional)

Contact of the host:

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