



75<sup>th</sup> anniversary  
2 August 2019

# European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day

**Europejski Dzień Pamięci o Holokauście Romów  
Europäischer Holocaust-Gedenktag für Sinti und Roma  
Evropako Gindosko Dive pe Romano Holokosto**

## Commemoration of 2 August 2019

### Program

#### 1 August 2019

*Auditorium Maximum of Jagiellonian University, Krakow*

- 19.00-20.00 Arrival and welcome of international delegations and representatives  
 20.00-22.00 **Concert in memory of the Sinti and Roma murdered during the Holocaust**  
 Roma and Sinti Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Riccardo M Sahiti  
**Recognition of Dr. Piotr Cywinski**, Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum,  
 with the special award of the European Civil Rights Prize of Sinti and Roma  
 22.00 Reception at the Auditorium Maximum

#### 2 August 2019

*Birkenau, camp section B II e*

- 09.45-10.30 Entrance and security-check, walk to the memorial  
 10.30 Arrival of survivors and VIP delegations  
**10.00 Reading of names of the victims at the memorial by Sinti and Roma youth**  
**11.00-12.15 Commemoration ceremony**  
**12.15-12.45 Wreath laying ceremony**  
 13.00 End of the commemoration ceremony
- 13.00 **Lunch and Reception in the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer**, *hosted by Central Council of German Sinti and Roma, and the Roma Association in Poland in cooperation with the State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau*
- 14.30-15.30 **Commemoration ceremony: Speeches by international organizations, parliamentary and governmental representatives**
- 13.00 **Lunch and Youth Conference "Dikh He Na Bister" in the International Youth Meeting Centre** in Oświęcim, hosted by the International Roma Youth Network ternYpe and the Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma
- 16.00 **Opening of the international youth event**  
 16.30 **Encounter of young people with Holocaust survivors**
- Until 20.00 Opportunity to visit the Roma Museum in Oświęcim  
 Until 20.00 Opportunity to visit Auschwitz Museum, in particular the exhibition about the genocide of Sinti and Roma in Block 13

## List of Speakers

*Roma and Sinti Memorial in Birkenau at 11.00*

### **Commemoration Ceremony**

- Mr. Romani Rose, in the name of the organizers – the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma and the Roma Association in Poland
- Ms. Else Baker, Auschwitz survivor
- Ms. Eva Fahidi-Pusztai, Auschwitz survivor
- Mr. Nadir Dedic, Jasenovac survivor
- Rev. Jesse L. Jackson Sr., President of the Rainbow/PUSH Coalition
- Mr. Mateusz Morawiecki, Prime Minister of Poland (tbc)

### **Wreath Laying Ceremony**

According to the protocol established by the organizers

*Centre for Dialogue and Prayer in Oświęcim at 14.30*

### **Commemoration Ceremony:**

#### **Speeches by Representatives of Governments, International Organizations and Parliaments**

- Mr. Roman Kwiatkowski, in the name of the organizers – the Roma Association in Poland and the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma
- Ms. Vera Jourova, Commissioner for Justice and Consumers, European Commission
- Mr. Michael Roth, State Minister for Europe, Germany
- Ambassador Georges Santer, Chair of the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance
- Mr. Jeroen Schokkenbroek, Director for Anti-Discrimination, Council of Europe
- Mr. Dan Doghi, Chief of the Contact Point for Roma and Sinti Issues, OSCE-ODIHR
- Mr. Lord Nicholas Bourne of Aberystwyth, Minister for Faith, Parliamentary Under Secretary of States, United Kingdom
- Mr. Peter Pollak, Member of the European Parliament
- Ms. Soraya Post, Member of the European Parliament 2014-2019
- Mr. Laszlo Teleki, former Hungarian Member of Parliament

*Simultaneous interpretation will be provided during all events:*

*English, Polish, German, Romani*

## Practical and logistical information

**All Venues:** You can find all relevant venues on this Google Map

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**International Conference: Is “Auschwitz only sleeping”?**

**Sinti and Roma Narratives after the Holocaust**

- **Date:** 31 July from 19.30 until 22.00, 1 August from 9.00 until 17.00
- **Venue:** [Auditorium Maximum](#), Krupnicza 33, 31-123 Kraków
- **Program:** [Download the program here](#)
- **Languages:** English, simultaneous translation in Polish, German, Romani
- **Registration:** No registration required

**Memorial Concert of the Roma and Sinti Philharmonic Orchestra**

- **Date:** 1 August from 20.00 to 22.00
- **Venue:** [Auditorium Maximum](#), Krupnicza 33, 31-123 Kraków
- **Program:** [Download the program here](#)
- **Welcome and Arrival:** entrance and welcome drink from 19.00
- **This memorial concert includes the distinction of Dr. Piotr Cywinski**, Director of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum, with the special award of the European Civil Rights Prize of Sinti and Roma
- **Reception after the Concert:** You are invited to the reception at the same venue after the concert (at 21.45-22.00) with drinks and light food, hosted by the organizers on the occasion of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the European Civil Rights Award of Sinti and Roma.
- **Parking:** Be aware that buses and cars can shortly drop the guests in front of the building, but no parking can be guaranteed at the venue.

**Commemoration Ceremony of the European Roma Holocaust Memorial Day**

- **Date:** 2 August from 11.00 until 13.00
- **Venue:** [Roma and Sinti Memorial in BIIe](#), Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum
- **Wreath Laying Ceremony and Flowers:** Please [inform the organizers](#) if you plan to lay a wreath during ceremony; the ceremony will follow a protocol decided by the organizers. Wreaths should be delivered by 9.00-9.30 AM to the Info Point at the entrance to BIIe. Please contact us if you need help to arrange a wreath.
- **Parking**
  - **Parking 1:** The road leading directly to the entrance of section BIIe is reserved exclusively for the buses and cars of Holocaust survivors, elderly people and political/diplomatic representations. Drivers are requested to send the license plate number to the organizers: [jonathan.mack@sintiundroma.de](mailto:jonathan.mack@sintiundroma.de). Security staff will only allow registered cars to enter.
  - **Parking 2:** There is an additional parking lot [next to the church](#), before entering the secured area and parking 1.
  - **Parking 3:** Group buses are requested to park at the communal parking lot, [Czernichowska 57, 32-600 Brzezinka](#). We recommend the arrival until 9.30 AM, as it is a 20-30 min walk to the commemoration place, and groups need to pass security.
- **Entrance Time:** Guests are invited to enter the area BIIe and to walk to the Roma and Sinti memorial from 9.45 until 10.30 AM, delegations of survivors and VIP representatives are expected at 10.30 AM.

- **Arrival and Security:** The entrance to the commemoration site will be restricted, participants should arrive early enough to pass the security at the entrance. Please adhere to instructions of the Museum Security, guides and employees of the Museum, as well as of volunteers of the commemoration ceremony. The Museum Security recommends that guests do not bring bags that are bigger than a A4 paper.
- **Registration:** All guests of the commemoration ceremony are kindly asked to confirm their attendance [through the online form](#) or to communicate directly with the organizers.
- **Support for Elderly People:** Electric cars are available at the entrance of Bille for those who cannot walk to the Roma and Sinti Memorial. Priority attention is given to the survivors and elderly people.
- **Languages during the Ceremony:** simultaneous translations are available in English, Polish, Romani and German
- **Media staff:** Journalists are requested to confirm their attendance before the event, and to meet the organizer's media team at the Info Point at the entrance on Bille. Interview requests to speakers and high-level representatives should be submitted beforehand.  
Contact: Thomas Baumann: [thomas.baumann@sintiundroma.de](mailto:thomas.baumann@sintiundroma.de)

#### Commemoration Ceremony: Political Speeches in Centre for Dialogue and Prayer

- **Date:** 2 August from 13.00 to 16.00
- **Venue:** [Centre for Dialogue and Prayer](#), Maksymiliana Kolbego 1, 32-602 Oświęcim
- **Lunch:** The guests of the ceremony are invited to the lunch and reception hosted by the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma, and the Roma Association in Poland in cooperation with the State Museum Auschwitz-Birkenau.
- **Program:** From 14.30 until 15.30 the program of the commemoration ceremony continues with the political speeches of representatives of governments, international organizations and parliaments; 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer. The list of speakers has been decided and closed by the organizers.
- **Parking:** Parking is available directly at the Centre.
- **Registration:** All guests of the commemoration ceremony are kindly asked to confirm their attendance [through the online form](#) or to communicate directly with the organizers.

#### International Youth Conference "DIKH HE NA BISTER"

- **Date:** 2 August from 13.00 until 19.00
- **Venue:** [International Youth Meeting Centre](#), Legionów 11, 32-600 Oświęcim
- **Lunch:** The lunch for the international youth groups is hosted by the International Roma Youth Network ternYpe and the Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma in cooperation with the International Youth Meeting Centre in Oświęcim.
- **Program:**  
Lunch from 13.00 until 15.30  
Youth panel with international youth organizations from 15.00 until 15.45  
Official Opening at 16.00 with Commissioner Jourova, State Minister Roth  
Meetings of young people with Holocaust survivors from 16.30 until 18.30
- **Parking:** Parking is available for a limited number of cars at the Youth Centre. Buses can drop their participants at the Youth Centre and park for free at the [PKS Parking](#) next to the Auschwitz Museum (signs of the DIKH HE NA BISTER event are required).
- **Registration:** Groups are asked to contact the organizers before the event to clarify the arrangements.

### Visit the Auschwitz Museum (main exhibition) on 2 August

- **Opening Hours:** 2 August, enter the Museum before 19.00; the Museum closes at 20.00
- **Special Opening Hours:** The exhibition about the Genocide of Sinti and Roma – located in Block 13 of the Auschwitz Museum – is open until 20.00.
- **Free entrance passes:** Please contact the organizers (before or on the spot) if you are interested in free entrance passes to the Auschwitz Museum.
- **Venue:** Enter through the regular visitor entrance ([Main entrance of the Auschwitz Museum](#), entrance from the street side: Stanisławy Leszczyńskiej).  
**Attention:** No bags bigger than the size of A4 paper can enter through the security check; in case you can lock your bags at the Museum's visitor centre.
- **Guided Tours:** For a guided tour, make arrangements with the [Museum visitor centre](#).
- **Block 13 – Exhibition about the Roma Genocide:** [additional information about the exhibition](#); [photo series](#) by the Auschwitz Museum
- **Special Exhibiton:** The exhibition “The Long Path to Recognition of the Roma and Sinti Holocaust” of the Documentation and Cultural Centre of German Sinti and Roma documents the civil rights struggle of Roma and Sinti in Europe for recognition of the Holocaust and against structural antigypsyism in nowadays Europe. The exhibition is displayed from 31 July until November 2019 in the entrance area of the Auschwitz-Birkenau State Museum.

### Visit the Exhibition about Roma History and Culture in Oswiecim

- **Special Opening Hours:** 2 August from 16.00 until 20.00
- **Venue:** [Association of Roma in Poland](#), Berka Joselewicza 5, 32-600 Oświęcim
- **Contact:** Władek Kwiatkowski: [dialog24@wp.pl](mailto:dialog24@wp.pl)
- **Languages:** Audio guides are available in Polish, English and German
- **Further information:** [website](#)

### Bus Transport from Krakow to the Commemoration Ceremony

- **Departure Venue:** [in front of the Pedagogical University in Krakow](#), Romana Ingardena 4
- **Departure Time:** 2 August at 8.00 AM (last bus should leave at 8.15 AM at the latest)
- **ATTENTION Institutions:** Just invited institutions already depart at 7 AM at the same venue or are picked up at their hotels if agreed before.
- **Program:**
  - Bus arrives in Birkenau at 9.30-9.45 AM
  - After the ceremony the bus transfers the guests at 13.00-13.30 to the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer or/and the International Youth Meeting Centre.
  - Return Bus: we try to arrange two options of return at 16.30 and at 18.30 from the Centre for Dialogue and Prayer and the International Youth Meeting Centre. Please contact us for any specific requests, e.g. early departure to the airport.
  - Arrival in Krakow by 17.30-18.00 or 19.30-20.00.
- **Registrations:** If you registered for the bus travel through the online registration form, we included you in the bus list.
- **Attention:** If you travel to the commemoration ceremony by car, you are requested to send the car's license plate number to the organizers.

### Contacts

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