

EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

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PROJECT	
Participant:	Somnakuno Drom Roma Noi Civil Egyesulet (Somnakuno)
PIC number:	880440968
Project name and acronym:	Kethane – Together: European Network for Roma Inclusion and Building Intercultural Understanding (KethaNETWORK)

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
Event number:	wp6
Event name:	Roma Rights & Representation Forum
Type:	Forum
In situ/online:	[in-situ]
Location:	Nagykálló. Hungary
Date(s):	26 04 2026
Website(s) (if any):	
Participants	
Female:	29
Male:	13
Non-binary:	0
From country 1 [hungary]:	42
From country 2 [name]:	
From country 3 [name]:	
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Total number of participants:	42	From total number of countries:	1
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Description

Provide a short description of the event and its activities.

The Roma Rights & Representation Forum was organised on 26 April 2026 in Nagykálló, Hungary, bringing together 42 participants, including 29 women and 13 men, from the local Roma community. The forum was developed in response to the recognition that many members of Roma communities regularly interact with public institutions, local authorities, healthcare providers, educational establishments and social services while often lacking sufficient information about their fundamental rights and the practical mechanisms available to protect them. Limited legal awareness frequently results in uncertainty, vulnerability and difficulties in self-advocacy during everyday interactions with public institutions.

The forum combined rights-based learning with dialogue, collective reflection and the exchange of personal experiences. Participants discussed real-life situations involving public administration, healthcare, education and social services, reflecting on the practical difficulties they encounter when accessing public services or exercising their rights. Many participants described uncertainty about available complaint procedures, institutional responsibilities and where to seek assistance when experiencing unequal treatment or discrimination. Others shared that they often hesitate to ask questions or challenge decisions because they fear that their concerns will not be taken seriously or will not lead to meaningful change. These discussions provided an opportunity to collectively examine the barriers affecting participation and access to rights.

The programme focused on strengthening participants' understanding of human dignity, equal treatment, protection against discrimination, fair and respectful treatment, civic participation and access to justice. Through practical examples, facilitated discussions and case-based exercises, participants explored how these rights apply in everyday situations and became more familiar with available support mechanisms and legal remedies. Particular attention was devoted to recognising the difference between cultural identity and structural social disadvantage, encouraging participants to reflect on how poverty, educational disadvantage, limited access to information and broader social inequalities influence opportunities and participation within society.

A central objective of the forum was to strengthen legal awareness, reinforce participants' confidence in exercising their rights and support more effective communication with public institutions. The discussions also aimed to encourage active civic participation by highlighting that representation extends beyond formal political structures and includes everyday community engagement, asking questions, expressing concerns, participating in local initiatives and contributing to dialogue with decision-makers. Participants reflected on how respectful communication, transparency and equal treatment can strengthen trust between Roma communities and public institutions.

Throughout the forum, participants engaged openly and actively in the discussions. According to the feedback collected during the closing session, participants considered the practical nature of the discussions particularly valuable, as they addressed situations encountered in their daily lives rather than abstract legal concepts. Several participants stated that they had never previously received accessible information about their fundamental rights and emphasised that this knowledge would help them navigate institutional procedures more confidently, recognise situations involving unequal treatment and seek assistance when necessary. Participants also highlighted the importance of continuing similar community-based rights awareness activities in order to strengthen self-advocacy, mutual trust and active participation within Roma communities.

Participants actively engaged throughout the forum and openly shared their personal experiences concerning interactions with public institutions, local authorities, healthcare services, education and social support systems. Many participants reported that they had previously been uncertain about their legal rights, available complaint mechanisms and the practical steps they could take when facing unequal treatment or discrimination. Through discussion of real-life situations, participants developed a clearer understanding of **human dignity, equal treatment, protection against discrimination and access to public services**, while gaining greater confidence to ask questions, seek assistance and advocate for their rights. Participants highlighted that the workshop helped them recognise that understanding and exercising their rights is not a source of conflict but an important element of

self-protection, responsible citizenship and active participation in community life. Feedback also indicated a strong need for continuing similar rights-awareness activities within Roma communities.

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	2026.08.15.	Initial version (new MFF).
2.0	2026.08.27	Logos and acronym added