



ALLIANCE FOR SOLIDARITY WITH THE SINTI AND ROMA OF EUROPE

The Alliance for Solidarity with the Sinti and Roma of Europe was founded in 2015 at the initiative of the Foundation Memorial to the Murdered Jews of Europe and the RomaTrial e. V. association. It unites nearly 30 organisations of civil society who act together against antiziganism.

The Alliance made its first public appearance in April 2016 on the occasion of the International Roma Day with a rally and an Appeal for Solidarity with the Sinti and Roma of Europe. Since then, the Alliance has been organizing events together with partner organisations around International Roma Day that is held annually on 8 April. The Alliance also demands for dignified forms of commemoration at the historical sites of the persecution and murder of the minority during National Socialism.

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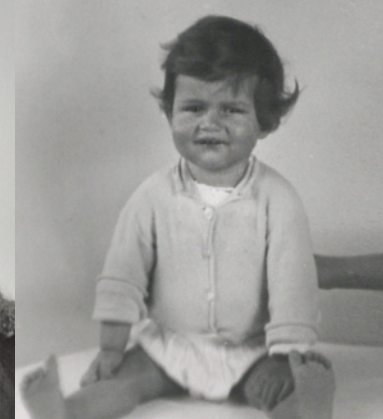
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MEMORIAL TO THE SINTI AND ROMA OF EUROPE MURDERED UNDER THE NATIONAL SOCIALIST REGIME



The Czech human rights activist Jozef Miker demonstrates with the Roma flag for a memorial at the historical site of the Lety camp, May 2016, Photo: RomaTrial e. V.



THE MEMORIAL

The Memorial to the Sinti and Roma of Europe murdered under the National Socialist Regime was designed by the Israeli artist Dani Karavan and inaugurated on 24 October 2012. It consists of a water surface with a flower that is replaced daily. The rim of the well carries the poem »Auschwitz« by Santino Spinelli:

Sunken in face
extinguished eyes
cold lips
silence
a torn heart
without breath
without words
no tears.

Around the water, the names of sites of the genocide are written on stone slabs. The memorial is accompanied by the sound of a violin, playing the piece »Mare Manuschenge« by Romeo Franz.

PERSECUTION, EXTERMINATION AND DENIED COMMEMORATION

Roma and Sinti were discriminated against as »Gypsies« (»Zigeuner«) and persecuted first in the German Reich after the National Socialists' takeover of power in 1933 and then in the occupied parts of Europe after the beginning of the war in 1939, and they were eventually murdered – in gas chambers, mass shooting pits, in concentration and forced labour camps. Up to 500,000 children, women and men fell victim to the genocide.

After 1945, these crimes received no public attention. Well into the 1980s, members of the minority had to fight for their recognition as victims of the racial ideology of the Nazis.

With the memorial, the Federal Republic of Germany acknowledges its responsibility for the Sinti and Roma of Europe murdered under the National Socialist Regime.

BIOGRAPHIES

Lieba Auguste Broszinski was born 20 November 1912 in Masuria (today Poland), photo from the stock of the »Research Centre for Racial Hygiene« Berlin, taken on 8 April 1940. She was interned together with her husband, her seven children and other family members in the »gypsy camp« Contiener Weg in Königsberg and was murdered there in 1942. The largest number of German Sinti had lived in East Prussia.

Adam Ujvari, born on 23 July 1941 is declared »of gypsy origin« and thus as »hereditary ill« and was murdered on 30 March 1944 in the *Am Spiegelgrund* children's clinic in Vienna, photo taken 16 August 1942.