

Capacity Building for Roma Health Equity

19 May, 16:30-18:00, ONLINE

Antigypsyism is a persistent issue that leads to marginalisation of Roma in many facets of life. This event, organised by the [Roma Health Network](#), will zoom in on the issue of inequalities in health that exist between Roma and non-Roma. Building capacity to address mental health will be the topic of conversation, with an introduction of a new mental health model and its application in practice.

Despite being Europe's largest ethnic minority, the Roma suffer from lower access to employment, education, healthcare and housing. Within these sectors, there are many social determinants of health which influence this imbalance with the general population. An often-overlooked aspect in Roma access to healthcare is the disproportionate strain that their living conditions have on Roma Mental Health (RHM). These effects make it more difficult for Roma to participate and grow in society. In order to achieve Roma health equity, every aspect of marginalisation in access to healthcare must be addressed.

This is a capacity building event with an emphasis on Roma Health. The first part of this event focuses on the **mental health model** developed by the **Coalition for the Study of Health, Power and Diversity (CESPYD)** for an OSF White Paper. The model will be explained, after which its application in North Macedonia is explained by representatives of the **Association for Emancipation, Solidarity and Equality of Women (ESE)** and **NGO Kham Delčevo**. To get the discussion rolling, after this the floor is opened for discussion for additional ideas on how to improve Roma Health.

*This is an **online event** in relation to the **2022 Romani Week** organised by the office of **MEP Romeo Franz**. Event will consist of **presentations** held by Roma NGO representatives with the goal to share best practices and exchange contact information to promote **capacity building**.*

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Agenda

16:30-16:40 Welcome Tomas de Jong, Policy Assistant for the Roma Health Network at EPHA	The event is opened with an introduction of the topic and the speakers
16:40-17:00 Mental Health Model Daniela E. Miranda: CESPYP and University of Seville Belén Soto Ponce: University of Seville	CESPYD's mental health model which was developed for an OSF White Paper will be explained. This includes how it came to be and what it entails.
17:00-17:25 North Macedonia Capacity Building Borjan Pavlovski (ESE) Zoran Bikovski (KHAM Delčevo)	Zoran Bikovski and Borjan Pavlovski will describe the application of this model in local communities in North Macedonia.
17:25-17:50 Open Floor/Discussion Moderated by Tomas de Jong, EPHA	An opportunity is given here for members from the audience to reflect on the mental health model, or to talk about some of their own health-related projects or practices. It is concluded with a short introduction of the COPASAH network
17:50-18:00 Wrap-up Tomas de Jong, EPHA	The topics that were discussed are briefly revisited in a summary. After this the event will be concluded and relevant contact information will be shared

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