



COMMEMORATIVE INTERNATIONAL ROMA CONFERENCE 1971-2021

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Athens, Greece

Under the **patronage**  
of H.E. the President of the Hellenic Republic  
Ms. Katerina Sakellaropoulou

Under the **Spiritual auspices**  
and **Blessing** of HAH  
Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I

**ORGANIZED BY:**

the Panhellenic Confederation of Greek Roma – ELLAN PASSE,  
and the Lighthouse of the World (Faros tou Kosmou)

**IN COOPERATION WITH:**

Greek National Commission for Human Rights (GNCHR)

University of West Attica

School of Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance – IHRA

Interdisciplinary Laboratory for Black Sea and Mediterranean Studies (ILABSEM), Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

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President: **Vasilios Pantzos**, President of ELLAN PASSE, member of the Greek Roma community

Vice President: **Giannis Mantzas**, political scientist, member of the Greek National Delegation to the IHRA, scientific advisor of ELLAN PASSE, member of the Greek Roma community

**SECRETARIAT:**

**Eirini Rapou**: mediator at the Roma Community Centre in Florina, educator, member of Education Committee of ELLAN PASSE, BoD member of the Greek Roma Mediators and partners, member of the Greek Roma community

**Sofia Souta**: certified mediator for social inclusion of Roma children, member of the Education Committee of ELLAN PASSE, founder and president of the non-profit organization “Romani Hope”, founder of the Sports Club SC Roma, member of the Greek Roma community

**Paraskevas Selim**: Student at the Department of Environmental Engineering, Democritus University of Thrace, Founding Member of the Lighthouse of the World, member of the Greek Roma community

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1. **Vasilios Pantzos**
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3. **Ilias Giannopoulos**: attorney at law in Athens, legal counsellor of Ellan Passe
4. **Eirini Rapou**
5. **Sofia Souta**

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1. **Giannis Mantzas**
2. **Spyros Marchetos**, attorney at law and historian, assistant professor at the School of Political Sciences, Aristotle University of Thessaloniki, president of the Education Committee of ELLAN PASSE
3. **Paul Isaac Haguel**: member of the Greek National Delegation to IHRA, president 2022 Committee for the Roma Genocide
4. **Vemund Aarbakke**: Balkan studies, associate professor of political science in Political Science Department, AUTH
5. **Gabriel Amitsis**: Attorney at law in Athens, Professor of Social Security Law, Department of Business Administration – Social Policy Sector, Faculty of Administrative, Economics and Social Sciences, University of West Attica, Director of Research Laboratory in Social Administration, University of West Attica

**CENTRAL COORDINATORS – PRESENTERS OF INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE:**

**Ilias Giannopoulos**: attorney at law in Athens, legal counsellor of Ellan Passe

**Maria Zerva**: Economist, Mandated Regional Advisor for the Development of Programs and Vulnerable Social Groups of Attica



**1<sup>ST</sup> DAY: 8 April (12:30 – 20:00)**

**12:30 – 12:40** Central Coordinators – Presenters

**12:40 – 12:50** Welcome message by Ellan Passe President, Mr. Vasilios Pantzos

**GREETINGS OF OFFICIALS**

**12:50 – 13:00** H.E. President of the Hellenic Republic Ms. Katerina Sakellaropoulou

**13:00 – 13:10** HAH Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I (recorded message)

**13:10 – 13:20** The Prime Minister, Mr. Kyriakos Mitsotakis, is represented by the Secretary General of Social Solidarity & Poverty Alleviation of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, National Contact Point for Roma, Mr. George Stamatis

**13:20 - 13:25** President of the Hellenic Parliament, Mr. Konstantinos Tasoulas (written statement)

**13:25 – 13:30** His Beatitude Archbishop of Athens and all of Greece, Ieronymos II (written statement)

**13:30 – 13:40** Ms. Theano Fotiou on behalf of the president of SYRIZA, Mr. Alexis Tsipras

**13:40 – 13:50** Mr. Vasilis Kegeroglou, Secretary of parliamentary group of KIN.AL, on behalf of the president of PASOK and KIN.AL, Ms. Fofi Gennimata

**13:50 – 14:00** Secretary General of KKE, Mr. Dimitris Koutsoumpas (recorded message)

**14:00 – 14:10** Mr. Kriton Arsenis on behalf of the Secretary of MeRA 25, Mr. Yianis Varoufakis

**14:10 – 14:20** Mayor of Athens, Mr. Kostas Bakoyiannis

**14:20 – 14:30** Ambassador, President of IHRA, Special Envoy of Ministry of Foreign Affairs for Combating Anti-Semitism and Safeguarding the Holocaust Memory, Mr. Christodoulos Lazaris

**14:30 – 14:40** President of Greek Roma Mediators and Partners, Mr. Konstantinos Paiteris

**14:40 – 14:50** f. Athenagoras of “Faros tou Kosμου”, H.M. Neapolis & Stavroupolis

**14:50-15:05** break

**15:05 – 15:10** Central Coordinators – Presenters

**15:10 – 15:25** Keynote Speaker Mr. Gabriel Amitsis, Attorney at law in Athens, Professor of Social Security Law, Department of Business Administration – Social Policy Sector, Faculty of Administrative, Economics and Social Sciences, University of West Attica, Director of Research Laboratory in Social Administration, University of West Attica



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**FIRST ROUND TABLE: Housing Policies en route to integration**

15:25 – 15:30 Central Coordinators – Presenters

15:30 – 15:35 Coordinator: Mr. George Pierrakos, Professor of University of West Attica, Social Administration Laboratory

**Speakers:**

15:35 – 15:50 Mr. Frode Overland Andersen, Norwegian Ambassador in Greece (recorded message)

15:50 – 16:05 Mr. George Stamatias, Secretary General of Social Solidarity and Poverty Alleviation of the Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs, National Contact Point for Roma

16:05 – 16:20 Mr. Spyros Milonas, Mayor of West Achaia

16:20 – 16:35 Mr. Thanasis Vasilopoulos, Mayor of Kalamata

16:50 – 17:05 Mr. Spiros Frementitis, president and founding member of the voluntary organization EQUAL SOCIETY – SOCIETY OF EQUAL CHANCES

17:05 – 17:20 Mr. Jan Hero, Vice Chair of ADI-ROM of the Council Of Europe (and representative of Slovakia in ADI-ROM)

17:20 – 17:35 Ms. Rena Papadaki Skalidi, Deputy Mayor of Social Services in the Municipality of Iraklio, Crete

17:35 - 17:50 discussion

17:50 – 18:05 break

**SECOND ROUND TABLE: Education and Employment. Examples of good practice and integration processes**

18:05 – 18:10 Central Coordinators – Presenters

18:10 – 18:15 Coordinator: Ms. Eirini Rapou, mediator at the Roma Community Centre in Florina, educator, member of Education Committee of ELLAN PASSE, BoD member of the Greek Roma Mediators and partners

**Speakers:**

18:15 – 18:30 Ms. Oksana Marafioti, Author and Educator

18:30 – 18:45 f. Athenagoras of “Faros tou Kosmou”, H.M. Neapolis & Stavroupolis

18:45 – 19:00 Ms. Ramiza Sakip, Advisor for Education in the municipality of Suto Orizari in Skopje, the Republic of North Macedonia

19:00 – 19:15 Mr. Angelos Hatzinikolaou, Teacher at the 5th Intercultural Primary School of Menemeni (Dendropotamos), Phd in Education by School of Primary Education of the Aristotle University of Thessaloniki

19:15 – 19:30 Mr. Bruno Gonzalez, Educator - Activist, Portugal

19:30 – 19:45 Ms. Matina Vavouli, Principal of the 7<sup>th</sup> Primary School of Aspropyrgos

19:45 - 20:00 discussion

**END OF 1<sup>ST</sup> DAY**



**2<sup>ND</sup> DAY: 9 April (10:00 - 16:00)**

**THIRD ROUND TABLE: From traditional medicine to the Covid-19 era. Equal and essential access to healthcare**

10:00 – 10:05 Central Coordinators – Presenters

10:05 – 10:10 Coordinator: Mr. Nikos Anastasiou, graduate of Nursing School, University of the Peloponnese, and educator of healthcare professionals in secondary education

**Speakers:**

10:10 – 10:25 Ms. Zoi Rapti, Deputy Minister for Mental Health (recorded message)

10:25 – 10:40 Mr. George Patoulis, Regional Governor of Attica, President of Medical Association of Athens

10:40 – 10:55 Ms. Brisilda Taco, Manager at Romano Kham, Tirana, Albania

10:55 – 11:10 Mr. Stephane Laederich, Executive Director, Roma Foundation (Romani Fundacija), Switzerland

11:10 – 11:25 Mr. Konstantinos Paiteris, President of Greek Roma Mediators and Partners

11:25 – 11:40 Ms. Afroditi Retziou, Psychiatrist, President of Hospital Doctors Federation in Greece

11:40 - 11:55 discussion

11:55 – 12:10 break



**2<sup>η</sup> Ημέρα: 9 Απριλίου (10:00 - 16:00)**

**(POLITICAL) ROUND TABLE: Policies for Roma, the example of Greece**

**12:10 – 12:15** Central Coordinators – Presenters

**12:15 – 12:20** Coordinator: Mr. Giannis Mantzas, political scientist, member of the Greek National Delegation to the IHRA, scientific advisor of ELLAN PASSE

**Speakers**

**12:20 – 12:35** Ms. Domna Mihailidou, Deputy Minister of Labour and Social Affairs (recorded message)

**12:35 – 12:50** Ms. Sia Anagnostopoulou, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, SYRIZA

**12:50 – 13:05** Ms. Nadia Giannakopoulou, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, KIN.AL

**13:05 – 13:20** Mr. Lefteris Nikolaou Alavanos, Member of the European Parliament, KKE

**13:20 – 13:35** Mr. Kriton Arsenis, Member of the Hellenic Parliament, MeRA25

**13:35 – 13:50** Professor Nikos Alivizatos

**13:50 – 14:05** President of GNCHR, Professor Maria Gavouneli

**14:05 – 14:20** President of Ellan Passe, Mr. Vasilios Pantzos

**14:20 - 14:35** discussion

**14:35 - 14:50** break

**14:50 – 14:55** Central Coordinators – Presenters

**14:55 – 15:55** **Presentation of the initiative: «Observatory for the Advocacy and Defense of Human Rights of Roma»**

The ROM initiative is implemented within the framework of the Active Citizens Fund program with coordinating partner the Organization of Equal Society and partners the ELLAN PASSE - Panhellenic Confederation of Greek Roma and the Union of Greek Roma Mediators and Partners.

**15:55 – 16:00** **cultural event** from musician Alexandros Sangouris from the «Lighthouse of the World» (Farow tou kosmou)

**END OF 2<sup>ND</sup> DAY**