

Dear all,

in this month's newsletter we would like to present government's new strategy to combat social exclusion in which In IUSTITIA's suggestions were taken into account. We also encourage you to read a summary of a TV debate on the topic of Roma minority situation in the Czech Republic, followed by our insight into the usage of the term anti-gypsyism, which in the Czech public discourse, is being presented as if it does not carry any racist attitude. Finally, you will find an update on activities and events in which In IUSTITIA had taken part during last months.

Enjoy the reading!

Al Jazeera on the Romani in the CR

The Qatari television station Al Jazeera had broadcast a very interesting studio debate on the topic of Roma minority in the Czech Republic. The main reason for the interest in the situation of the Romani people is the recent outbreak of anti-gypsy sentiments in some of the towns in northern Bohemia (...). Although at a first glance it may seem that the main motivation behind the marches was a regular urge for retaliation for a particular incident, there is a flipside which was described as: "one of Europe's best kept dirty secrets", namely the anti-gypsyism, according to Gwendolyn Albert from Romea.cz.

Read the summary on the TV discussion [here](#).
Watch the whole debate [here](#).

Overwhelmed by anti-gypsyism

We are constantly being convinced from different directions that the current entirely nationwide anti-Romani sentiments are not racism, but a separate kind of hostility aimed at not all the Romani, but only at those inadapted, disrespectful towards this and that, those because of whom the term GYPSY was coined, with all its negative connotations. In fact, the word is not that new again, but rather emptied first and filled with a completely new sense.

Read the whole article [here](#).

STRATEGY TO COMBAT SOCIAL EXCLUSION

The government has adopted a strategy to combat social exclusion. During the works of the Security Committee In IUSTITIA's remarks and knowledge about working with victims of hate violence were used. This resulted in priority in protecting victims of crime, which next year should be fulfilled by adopting a new law on victims of crime, in creation of which, In IUSTITIA had also participated.

In IUSTITIA attended the conference "Anti-discrimination Directive 2000/43 and 2000/78 in practice" in Trevir on September 26th-27th 2011. Directives implement the principle of equal treatment between people irrespective of racial or ethnic origin and prohibit all forms of discrimination, in employment and in access to it, on the grounds of religion or belief, disability, age and sexual orientation.

FACING FACTS

In IUSTITIA took part in the Facing Fact! programme.

Facing Facts! is a two years project financed by the European Commission aiming to improve monitoring and recording of hate crimes and incidents throughout the European Union.

Among the main goals of the project are the standardization of criteria for compatible hate crime/incident data collection, training the civil organizations to gather and analyze data to advocate, holding the governments accountable to existing international agreements so that the civil society and public authorities work together as well as improvement of cooperation between different socio-cultural groups.

More about the project you can find [here](#).

In IUSTITIA in the past months

In media and during the Ministry of Interior seminar the opinion had occurred that **the ethnicity of perpetrators could temporarily be monitored** in order to avert the current tendency of automatic blame Roma for each crime committed. „Monitoring of ethnic or national membership of offenders is unconstitutional in the first place, then virtually impossible. According to the Charter of Fundamental Rights and Basic Freedoms ethnicity should not be harmful to anyone and anyone can choose their own nationality. **Monitoring skin color or ethnic origin of offenders, which for example occurred to some extent in the United States, subsequently leads to the so-called racial profiling,**” said Klara Kalibová for the server Romea.cz

We examined the theme of hate violence in the Vrtule Club on October 6th, 2011 at **a meeting with the staff and workers of low-threshold centers**. We enjoyed the mutually beneficial exchange of experience with this specific violence among young people. We believe that it was not the last meeting of this sort and that together with the low-threshold clubs and their clientele, we will initiate a successful partnership, which will aim to minimize the hate violence between the youth and help those young people who have already experienced hate violence.