

Statement

„Romani Women voices“

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In framework of Action plan on improving the situation of Roma and Sinti within OSCE area is defined that participation of Roma in public and political life is meaningful and specially for Romani women. It is important to underline that Romani women issues has to be on agenda and put it into context with other topics. Romani women are the key actors of Romani and social movement. Romani women is person who is mainly in contact with whole family, public institution.

Slovo 21 and Romani women's group Manushe did research with more than 600 Romani women in 2014 in the Czech republic. The results were that most of Romani declare that the education for their children is important. Level of education of Roma women was: 24 %: secondary school without graduation, 11 %: secondary school with graduation, 3 %: university education. And 31 % Roma women are employed.

Roma women must be in key positions and to enter into politics. Women are interested and need a chance. Roma women's group Manushe operates under the motto of education, self-esteem and empowerment, which leads to activism and taking responsibility and power in Roma integration.

Last not least information is that on day 1st of October 2015 at a meeting of the Czech government not it accepted the Proposal of the Minister for Human Rights regarding Legislation Concerning the financial compensation forced sterilization.

Recommendations:

- invite Romani women to one table and discuss
- take and invite Romani women as members of your national delegation
- support the political trainings for Romani women to empowerment and support of Roma women for full participation in both society and politics.
- join Romani women to the country observing in election
- monitor and support financial compensation for victims of forced sterilization