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Congratulations on Europe Day!

International Romani Union - IRU is the only global Roma lobbying organization and represents all Roma. IRU protects the Roma people from all negative occurrences, in all forms of discrimination, hate speech, segregation, intolerance, violence and genocide. We respect the fundamental human rights, the equality between all genders, the climate protection and the basic democratic principles of freedom and the standard of living. We are in collaboration with European Union institutions. The IRU will work towards increasing the trust between the community and the institutions and Roma citizens.

The IRU wishes all the peoples of Europe a happy Europe Day, despite the corona, our common invisible enemy. On May 9, we Roma want to be with all European nations and to celebrate peace and unity in Europe. The Roma want to be part of European society: as active actors, participants and influencers.

The IRU Parliament has taken the initiative on the Roma Ombudsman because the situation of the Roma in Europe is not yet good. The Roma people are still in a margin in European societies. The increased anti-gypsyism, nourished by racism and populism, the abuse of social media, in order to Foster tension and violence towards the Roma Community, emphasizes the need for the establishment of an independent body, the Roma Ombudsman.

The IRU has its own ECOSOC status in UN. The Roma people have a rich culture and we are part of a multicultural European civilization. We have common European values.

Happy Europe Day!

