



List of Proposed Role Models-Germany

Nr.1

Title of Role model:	„ The Hunger strike in 1979 was motivated by the Martin Luther King „ Romani Rose - Chainman of the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma
Country:	Germany
Short Description of the Role model: (350 words max)	<p>Thirteen direct relatives of Romani Rose were murdered in concentration camps under National Socialism, including his grandparents in the camps Auschwitz and Ravensbrueck. Since June 1979 he has led the work for the civil rights of German Sinti and Roma before the eyes of the German as well as the international public; he has also fought for their protection from racism and discrimination, for compensation for the survivors of the Holocaust – at the same time announcing the magnitude and the historical importance of the genocide of 500,000 Sinti and Roma in National Socialist occupied Europe. In May 1995, in cooperation with the member organisations of the Central Council, Rose achieved recognition for German Sinti and Roma as a national minority in Germany with their own minority language, connected with their goal of equal participation in social and political life.</p> <p>The Central Council of German Sinti and Roma was founded in February 1982. It is an independent umbrella organisation for 17 national associations. Based in Heidelberg, it is an advocacy group representing the interests of the German Sinti and Roma on the level of policy and civil rights. The Central Council advocates the equal participation of Sinti and Roma in politics and society, and the protection of and support for Sinti and Roma as a national minority. As part of its civil rights work, it is engaged in continuous dialogue with state and regional governments on the implementation of the “Framework Convention for the Protection of National Minorities” in Germany. Due to the efforts of the Central Council, in 1995 the German Sinti and Roma were officially recognised as national minority and – in accordance with the “European Charter for Regional or Minority Languages” – the German Romany was recognised as a minority language. At the international level, the Central Council represents the interests of Sinti and Roma at conferences organised by the EU, the</p>



	<p>European Council, and the OSCE. It is also a member of numerous national and international minority organisations.</p>
<p>Potential Benefits from this Role model (350 words max)</p>	<p>This role model might be a “spark” for many potential or civic activists in the beginning of their career. Many reports claim a low level of Roma political and civic engagement in many European Countries. This model has been a part of a hunger strike in 1979 demanding for Recognition of the Roma Holocaust by the German Federal State. His involvement in the civil right movement is based on his personal loss of 13 close family members during the Holocaust. Nowadays they are registered cases of programs, ostracism and police brutality where Roma community members are the victims. This narrative of being proactive and standing up for Roma civic and political rights might be a counter narrative.</p>
<p>How this Role Model could be used in the project (250 words max)</p>	<p>This Role model could be used in trainings and awareness-raising trainings on Roma Holocaust Education and Roma Leadership in the framework of the methodology of introducing Role models through transformative learning for Roma and vulnerable groups. It brings the element of changing the narrative about the Roma Community and it serves as a good example for standing up for civic and political rights of the Roma.</p>
<p>Multimedia Link or attach file in the folder:</p>	<p>https://zentralrat.sintiundroma.de/romani-rose-bei-markus-lanz-zdf/</p> <p>https://zentralrat.sintiundroma.de/en/central-council/history-of-the-organisation/</p> <p>https://www.roma-sinti-holocaust-memorial-day.eu/recognition/the-hunger-strike-at-the-former-concentration-camp-in-dachau-2/</p> <p>https://adcmemorial.org/en/news/maxim-brisquer-interview-with-mr-romani-rose-head-of-german-sinti-and-roma-central-council/</p>



Nr.2

Title of Role model:	Romeo Franz a Romani man, a Sinto and the son of a Holocaust survivor - Member of European Parliament
Country:	Germany
Short Description of the Role model: (350 words max)	<p>Romeo Franz (born 28 October 1966) is a German musician, human rights activist and politician of Alliance 90/The Greens who has been serving as a Member of the European Parliament since 3 July 2018.^[1] From 2003 until 2013, he was a board member of the Central Council of German Sinti and Roma.</p> <p>In addition to his committee assignments, Franz is a member of the European Parliament Intergroup on LGBT Rights¹ and the European Parliament Anti-Racism and Diversity Intergroup.</p> <p>He is a Romani man, a Sinto, and the son of a Holocaust survivor. His wish is that nobody will ever have to endure what his family and he had to endure during the darkest times of the history – he lost six aunts and uncles during the Holocaust – or the cruel antigypsyism the Roma Community experience on a daily basis.</p> <p>He is the first ever Sinto from Germany to be elected to the European Parliament. His predominant work is dedicated to bringing a law. He believes that only with legislative action will Romani people be able to exercise their rights as equal citizens and will we be able to ensure that our financial support gets to where it is urgently needed.</p>
Potential Benefits from this Role model (350 words max)	Roma political representation is the weakest point at all levels. It is a widespread experience of the Roma Community being manipulated and corrupted for the election purposes. All over Europe there are only a few examples of Roma elected politicians.



	<p>This role model has been involved in political parties with a main purpose to fight for Roma and Sinti rights in Germany and across. Self representation and bottom up approaches in the Roma Community are the core features for sustainable participation and empowerment of the Roma Community. This role model has been trying to get into politics a long time ago but he was persistent and it came at the right time as he describes. Moreover he gives hope for many potential Roma politicians to run and be elected.</p>
<p>How this Role Model could be used in the project (250 words max)</p>	<p>This Role model could be used in Roma political schools and Leadership training as a case study in the framework of the methodology of introducing Role models through transformative learning for Roma and vulnerable groups. The presentation of this role model contributes to higher motivation of the potential Roma activists who are planning to run in the elections.</p>
<p>Multimedia Link or attach file in the folder:</p>	<p>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WPKsT7--6Ps</p> <p>https://romeo-franz.eu/</p>



Nr.3

Title of Role model:	Roxanna-Lorraine Witt manager of the Save Space e.V. dealing with intersectionality, Inclusion, Digitalisation and Empowerment
Country:	Germany
Short Description of the Role model: (350 words max)	<p>Roxanna-Lorraine Witt was born into a Sinti family in Minden in 1993.</p> <p>She studied marine biotechnology before taking over the management of the education department at the Documentation and Cultural Center of German Sinti and Roma.</p> <p>Roxy grows up in a fatherless household with strong women, female role models, like her grandmother, who survived the Holocaust. She also experienced Gadje racism during her studies. Fellow students anonymously send her pictures of Hitler. But she successfully resists it.</p> <p>She is now co-founder of the “save space” association for intersectionality, inclusion, digitization and youth culture and co-founder of the digital platform “RomaSintiWireOnline”. In her work, she deals with radicalization processes on the Internet and regularly gives lectures on topics related to anti-racist work.</p> <p>Roxanna brings the voice of many Roma and Sinti women and believe that those affected are experts in their own life realities and as such have the highest level of competence in formulating solutions</p>
Potential Benefits from this Role model (350 words max)	<p>This model brings the element of active participation and raising the voices of many young Roma women to become activists. Tacking into account her personal story and the hardship she passed through, can be identified by many Roma community members. The way she resisted practically made her stronger and became today an activist who is influencing many others to join in the fight and become activists. She is publicly and fearless speaking for these issues. She is a role model for many Roma young women but also men.</p>



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<p>How this Role Model could be used in the project (250 words max)</p>	<p>This Role model could be used in trainings and awareness-raising trainings on Antigypsism, Anti racist education and Gender equality in the framework of the methodology of introducing Role models through transformative learning for Roma and vulnerable groups. The aim of presenting this model would be to motivate Roma women and men to bring something positive back for their Community by being active citizens.</p>
<p>Multimedia Link or attach file in the folder:</p>	<p>https://savespaceofficial.com</p> <p>https://www.dw.com/de/roxy-berlin-revolution/a-55907805</p> <p>https://romblog.net/romblog-academy/</p>