

**Holocaust Remembrance Day**  
**European Commission**  
**27 January 2016, 14:00 - Venue: Berlaymont**

Since 2012, the European Commission has commemorated International Holocaust Day on 27 January. This year, the European Commission will host an exhibition entitled "Roma Memory" dedicated to the history of Roma persecution and extermination during the Second World War.

The exhibition was produced by the Paris-based Yahad In Unum Association, a long-standing beneficiary of the "Europe for Citizens" programme. It will run from 27 January until 19 February at the Commission's Berlaymont building.

The exhibition will be launched during a high-level event at the Berlaymont headquarters of the European Commission, with the participation of Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship, Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality and Father Desbois, Founder and President of Yahad In Unum Association.

The commemoration event will feature the testimony of a Roma survivor.

The event will also draw attention to the ongoing discrimination against the Roma today.

## Programme

**14:00** Opening remarks by Dimitris Avramopoulos, Commissioner for Migration, Home Affairs and Citizenship and Věra Jourová, Commissioner for Justice, Consumers and Gender Equality

**14:15** Statement by Father Desbois, Founder and President of Yahad - In Unum

*Musical interlude*

**14:30** Costel Nastasie, Head of Yahad - In Unum research on the Genocide of the Roma

**14:40** Testimony of a Roma Holocaust survivor

*Musical interlude*

**15:15** Closing remarks by Directorate General Migration and Home Affairs

*Musical finale*

Cocktail for the participants