

*Recording the Institutional framework and  
practices of structural racism on the ground of  
National origin and investigating methods of  
effectively resolving the problem*

## **22nd National Round Table Against Discrimination**

*Tuesday, December 12, 2023 // 19:00*

*The event will take place online via Zoom platform*

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## **Work schedule**

*Brief greeting from Mr. Michalis Tremopoulos, Vice President of "ANTIGONE", municipal councilor of Thessaloniki and former Member of the European Parliament.*

*Brief greeting from Mr. Costas Paiteris, President of the Union of Greek Roma Mediators and Associates and former Deputy Mayor of the city of Agia Varvara of Attica.*

### **First Section (19:00 - 20:30)**

#### **Description & identification of the gaps and lacks that allow the existence of structural racism in Greece**

*Coordinated by Mr Apostolos Papadopoulos, Professor of geographic and social analysis of the rural area at the Department of Geography of "Harokopio University", and Director of Institute of Social Research at the National Centre of Social Research (NCSR).*

1) *"Findings through the presentation of the report of "ANTIGONE" for the Program 'Tackling structural and institutional racism in 8 EU member states' and commentary on the comparative findings of key partner M.P.G". (speaker Ms. Vasso Karzi, Lawyer of Athens, author of the Report, and scientific advisor of "ANTIGONE").*

2) *"Racial Profiling: institutional and structural discrimination by law enforcement bodies based on ethnic and racial characteristics» (speaker Ms. Tina Stavrinaki, Assistant Professor of International Law at Utrecht University Law School, and Vice-President of the Committee for the Elimination of All Forms of Racial of Discrimination (CERD) of the United Nations).*

3) *"Issues of structural discrimination against the Greek Roma in the light of the National Strategy 2021-2027", (speaker Dr. Gavriil Amitsis, Professor of Social Security Law / Director of the Social Management Research Laboratory of the University of Western Attica, Scientific Manager of the planning of the National of the Roma Integration Strategy 2021-2027).*

4) *"Problems of structural racism arising from actions and attitudes of the public administration (Municipalities, schools, hospitals, etc.) towards the Roma" (speaker Mr. Yiannis Mantzas, political scientist of University of Thessaloniki, Special adviser on Roma issues) .*

5) *"Regulations and practical applications of the labor legal regime that produce unequal and racist treatment at the expense of foreign migrant workers" (speaker Mr. Apostolos Kapsalis, assistant professor of Labor and Immigration at the Department of Social Policy of Panteion University and scientific associate of the INE/GSEE - Labor Institute of the General Confederation of Greek Workers.).*

6) *"Policies of inequality and religious discrimination against the Muslims of Thrace", (speaker Mr. Abdulhalim Dede, retired journalist of the Muslim Minority of Thrace).*

7) *"Experiences from the perennial phenomenon of racism and xenophobia against African immigrants in Greece" (speaker Mr. Jean -Didier Totow, immigrant of African origin, president of the Community of Congo in Greece).*

## Second Section (20:30 - 21:30)

### ***Recommendations & suggestions to facilitate policy development & implementation address structural racism***

*Coordinated by Ms Katerina Pournara, Lawyer in Athens and member of the Administrative Board of the "Hellenic League for Human Rights" (HLHR).*

1) *"The good practice of the operation of the Network for Recording Incidents of Racist Violence as a useful experience for the fight against structural racism" (speaker political scientist Ms Garifalia Anastasopoulou, Assistant Coordinator of the Racist Violence Recording Network - RVRN).*

2) *"Presentation of proposals of the Greek Ombudsman as a National Mechanism for Investigating Incidents of Arbitrariness regarding ways to deal with structural racism due to ethnic origin" (speaker Ms Anna Lytra, lawyer, scientific associate of the Greek Ombudsman).*

3) *"The positive example of the establishment of an Observatory for the defense and protection of Roma rights" (speaker Mr Spyros Karakaisis, political scientist of the Leiden University with a Master's degree in Nationalism and Ethnic Conflicts).*

4) *"Hate speech as a background for structural racism, especially in relation to the refugee population" (speaker lawyer and educator Ms. Agapi Houzourakis, Head of Advocacy at the Greek Council for Refugees - ESP).*

5) *"Proposals for optimal social integration from field experience regarding Roma communities" (speaker Mr. Christos Iliadis, post-doctoral researcher, independent expert specializing in Roma issues).*

**Discussion follows**



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