



Press Release 15<sup>th</sup> of September 2017

SAVE THE DATE – THE FIRST EDITION OF THE ROMA FESTIVAL "AKE DIKHEA?" FROM THE 19TH-22ND OF OCTOBER 2017 IN BERLIN'S MOVIEMENT

**The Roma Film Festival invites you to a manifold program, which sets out to open your eyes and expand your perspective.**

Antiziganism makes one blind. Blind towards the heterogeneous, complex reality, which does not apply to the widely spread stereotypical notion of Roma and Sinti. On the occasion of this being the fifth year since the inauguration of the Memorial to the Sinti and Roma of Europe Murdered under the National Socialist Regime the festival poses the question: Ake dikhea? Do you see?

**The festival stands for a unique and participatory selection process:** different players, organizations, as well as individuals and filmmakers with Romani backgrounds, have until the 17th of September 2017 to put forward movies, which will then be selected and curated by a professional [jury](#) into eight slots. Thanks to pan-European networks, themes and perspectives that would otherwise remain hidden are made available to be discovered. Additionally, the majority of the five international jury members has a Romani background. The results will be announced on the 1st of October 2017. A large amount of Roma and Sinti participation points to the fact that the chosen movies will critically reflect the usual clichés and stigmatizing prejudices.

The film festival invites the visitors to see the world through the eyes of Roma and Sinti for four days. What topics are important to this European minority? How do they see themselves and how do they want to be seen? Alongside film screenings, the festival will enable the audience to speak with several of the filmmakers, attend panel discussions with experts, workshops, parties, and screenings for schools. We look forward to welcoming you soon to the film festival AKE DIKHEA?



The festival is organized by the Berlin-based, self-organization [RomaTrial](#) in cooperation with Germany's oldest cinema [Movimento](#), the agency [Journey 2 Creation](#), the self-organized film school [filmArche](#) as well as the [Evangelischen Akademie zu Berlin](#), [ROMADAY](#), the Alliance for solidarity with Sinti and Roma of Europe, is providing friendly support. The project is funded through the [International Visegrad Fund](#) and our media partner is [taz.die Tageszeitung](#).

You can find more information on our official website: <http://roma-filmfestival.com/>

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