

## EVENT DESCRIPTION SHEET

PROJECT	
<b>Participant:</b>	[6] - [SUCAR DROM]
<b>PIC number:</b>	[912213900]
<b>Project name and acronym:</b>	[Give voice to our memories. Den zor amare paramisienghe] — [GIVO]

EVENT DESCRIPTION	
<b>Event number:</b>	WP4-Event-004-Italy
<b>Event name:</b>	DAI VOCE AI NOSTRI RICORDI. DEN ZOR AMARE PARAMISIENGHE
<b>Type:</b>	[Cycle of Communities Events - participatory activities]
<b>In situ/online:</b>	In-situ
<b>Location:</b>	Italy: Mantua, Prato, Ferrara, Modena, Reggio Emilia, Isernia, Lanciano
<b>Date(s):</b>	27/01, 07/02, 15/02, 14/03, 15/03/2026
<b>Website(s) (if any):</b>	
Participants	
Female:	36
Male:	46
Non-binary:	
From country 1 [Italy]:	82
From country 2 [name]:	
From country 3 [name]:	
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Total number of participants:	82
From total number of countries:	1
Description	
<i>Provide a short description of the event and its activities.</i>	
<p>From January to March 2027, GIVO held participatory gatherings with descendants of Sinti survivors affected by the Roma and Sinti genocide during World War II in Italy: Mantova (27 January), Prato (7 February), Ferrara, Modena, and Reggio Emilia (15 February), Isernia (14 March), and Lanciano (15 March). We confirm that there were no overlaps among the participatory activities held in these locations. The only constant was a research group that facilitated the events and conducted the</p>	

interviews, comprising Luca Dotti and Carlo Bernini (SUCAR DROM, project partner) and Luca Bravi and Silvia Bencini (UNIFI, project partner).

The purpose of the events was (i) to engage local Roma communities in the shared commemoration of the Roma and Sinti genocide; (ii) to establish and strengthen support for commemorative practices undertaken in the communities by contacting local politicians, activists, and Roma communities themselves; (iii) to collect oral testimonies from descendants of Roma survivors, aiming to amplify their postmemories and reinforce Romnja commemorations.

On January 27, 2026, Holocaust Remembrance Day, the customary commemoration of the persecution and extermination of Roma and Sinti during the Nazi-Fascist era was held at Platform 1 of the Mantua Railway Station. Participating were the Sinti community of Mantua, the Sucar Drom association, and the Sinti Culture Institute, along with representatives of Mantua's institutions and citizens. The commemoration, an established event for several years, sees the Mantua Sinti community intervene to remember how anti-Gypsyism led to the genocide of European Roma and Sinti during Fascism and Nazism. The commemoration takes place at the sculpture commemorating the Porrajmos, unveiled at the station in 2022. Following a speech by a representative of the Mantua Sinti community, the Mayor of Mantua, the President of the Provincial Council, and the President of the Jewish Community delivered remarks. The ceremony concluded with a moment of prayer led by the Pastor of the Sinti Evangelical Church, accompanied by songs. This year, the ceremony was an opportunity to present to those present the European Project GIVO – Give Voice to our Memories, a project that addresses the historical silence surrounding the Roma and Sinti genocide. Institutional figures were also contacted for future interviews, and signatures were collected from those participating in the commemoration.

On February 7, 2026, the UNIFI team at GIVO held a meeting with key witnesses who could recount the processes of historical narration and memory construction affecting the Sinti community of Prato. Collective and individual interviews with descendants of Sinti survivors were recorded.

On February 15, 2026, the UNIFI team of GIVO held a meeting with key witnesses who could recount the processes of historical narration and memory construction affecting the Sinti community in Modena and Ferrara and individuals in Reggio Emilia. Collective and individual interviews with descendants of Sinti survivors were recorded.

On March 15, 2026, the UNIFI team at GIVO held a meeting with key witnesses who could recount the processes of historical narration and memory construction affecting the Sinti community of Isernia and Lanciano. Collective and individual interviews with descendants of Sinti survivors were recorded.

The materials collected during the events will be used to enhance further commemorative practices regarding the Roma and Sinti genocide in Italy by continuing discussions with local politicians, activists, and communities about the establishment of a transnational city network for the remembrance of the Roma and Sinti genocide; conducting ethnographic analysis of the collected records for (i) producing research outcomes; and (ii) creating mnemonic records on the commemorative website of GIVO.

The EDS is published at this link: <https://www.spgi.unipd.it/givo>

HISTORY OF CHANGES		
VERSION	PUBLICATION DATE	CHANGE
1.0	01.04.2022	Initial version (new MFF).