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WEBINAR

Intergenerational activities
with foreign-born older people



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Roma elderly in Hungary: the challenges of healthy ageing the role of intergenerational support in caring for the older Roma people.

SUMMARY

The Roma or Gipsy population is the largest ethnic minority in Europe with an estimated 10-12 million people. It is commonly noted that the demographic characteristics of the Roma people significantly differ from those of the majority populations, and their natural demographic indicators (high fertility and mortality rates, low life expectancy at birth, etc.) are similar to populations in the stage of demographic transition. Recent studies indicate that morbidity rates among the Romas are also significantly worse throughout Europe, suggesting that they are more commonly and more seriously ill during their shorter lives. This presentation aims to highlight some underlying factors behind these unfavourable demographic and health indicators, as well as introduces the legal, institutional and cultural context of Roma elderly care in Hungary. Intergenerational aspects, such as the views and attitudes of adult Roma descendants towards elderly care will also be discussed, based on some current interview and questionnaire surveys.

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