

ERiac, November 10, 2025

Dear ERiac Members,

As the Chair of the Board of the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERiac), it is my great honour to invite you to participate in the **VIII ERiac General Assembly**, which will take place on **29 November 2025** in a **hybrid format – physically in Bucharest, Romania, and online via Zoom**.

This year's General Assembly marks a new chapter in ERiac's history. With the election of a new Board and a renewed Barvalipe Academy, and the presentation of ERiac's 2026–2030 Strategy, we stand at a moment of profound renewal and collective responsibility. Together, we are setting the direction for the next five years of our common journey — one that builds upon the legacy of the past while responding to the urgent realities of the present.

The VIII General Assembly will provide a space for open dialogue, reflection, and commitment. We will collectively examine how ERiac can further strengthen its impact as a European institution, guided by our core values: dignity, participation, cooperation, and respect for Roma arts and knowledge. At a time when culture and democracy in Europe face new challenges, ERiac remains steadfast in its mission to serve as the Roma people's cultural home, a place where creativity, memory, and identity are celebrated and protected.

Your participation, whether in person or online, is vital.

The General Assembly is not only a formal decision-making platform, but also a moment of unity and inspiration for our community. The strength of ERiac comes from the active engagement of its members, whose voices, visions, and experiences guide our collective work. Your presence will contribute to shaping the Institute's future and reaffirming our shared commitment to the cultural advancement and recognition of Roma across Europe.

The day will conclude with the **TAJSA Roma Cultural Heritage Prize Ceremony**, held in the evening at the historic [Romanian Athenaeum](#). This annual celebration honours a Roma individual whose work redefines and revitalises Roma cultural heritage, inspiring pride and continuity for future generations.

The VIII General Assembly is more than a meeting — it is an invitation to reflect on who we are as a community, what we have achieved together, and where we are heading as the European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture enters a new decade of action.

I warmly encourage you to join us in Bucharest or connect online and take part in this defining moment for ERiac's future. Together, let us reaffirm our unity, strengthen our vision, and continue to build a lasting legacy for Roma arts and culture in Europe.

With highest regards,

**Mensur Haliti**  
*Chair of the Board*  
European Roma Institute for Arts and Culture (ERiac)