

Census of forced evictions in living areas occupied by Roma (or persons designated as such) in France

2016

Pointless and unfair: many discreet evictions failed to resolve housing issue

Summary

2016 was characterized by a large number of forced evictions affecting Roma living in very poor conditions in slums or squats. According to the census¹ of the inter-ministerial delegation for access to housing and accommodation, the number of the people living in camps is estimated to be 15,000-17,000² in the entire country, confirming the estimation of NGOs and activists acting on the ground. The figures show that more than six in every ten families have faced forced evictions in 2016.

In total 10,119 Romani people living in 76 living areas have been forcefully evicted by the authorities, a 9% decrease compared to 2015 (11,128 evicted people from 116 living areas). In addition 345 Romani people left seven settlements due to fires caused mainly by bad living conditions.

The forced evictions which occurred during the last quarter of 2016 affected 2 958 Romani people living in 17 living areas, marked a 17% increase from the previous third quarter (2 516 people living in 21 sites).

Sixty-five of the forced evictions were from lands owned by public bodies, compared to 18 from privately owned lands. Only three of them were resulting from the upcoming construction of a building project justifying the need of an urgent eviction.

More than the half of these forced evictions (41 of 76) took place without any court decision, on the basis of safety risk or health hazard notices issued by municipalities or the Prefect. Only

¹ Etat des lieux national des campements illicites, grands squats et bidonvilles, DIHAL, November 2016 : http://www.gouvernement.fr/sites/default/files/contenu/piece-jointe/2016/12/recensement_campements_novembre_2016.pdf

² The figures are confirmed by grassroots NGOs and activists active on the ground

35 of these evictions were in response to summonses by the landowners for illegal occupation or the establishment of squats on their properties.

The circular of 26 August 2012 establishes a legal obligation for the authorities to assess and identify “*solutions aiming to facilitate social inclusion*” for those concerned “*in different fields (education, health care, employment, housing/shelter)*.”³ In fact, alternative shelter was proposed on only 40 occasions, which is more than the half of the total evictions. Moreover, the proposed accommodation concerned only a limited number of the evictees, and in most of the cases they were offered only temporary shelter. All other families and individuals were put out on the street to subsist in highly precarious conditions, forcing them to move on and find somewhere else to live.

In 2016 the number of forced evictions of Romani people in the Ile de France region accounted for 78% of the total, followed by the Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region at 8%; Languedoc-Roussillon 4%; Pays-de-Loire 3%; PACA 3%; and Hauts-de-France 3%.

According to the census of inter-ministerial delegation for access to housing and accommodation, the number of people living in slums and squats in Île-de-France region is estimated at between 6,000 and 7,000 while the forced evictions occurring in that region concerned almost 8,000 people. These figures show that some Roma were evicted many times in 2016 and prove that coercive policy options lead only to cycles of repeat evictions and forced removals, which amounts to a significant squandering of financial and administrative resources, which would could far better be deployed to invest in social assessments and sustainable solutions for housing and accommodation.

In addition to the tally of forced evictions in 2016, many incidents of hate speech and cases of discrimination against Romani people were reported. This confirmed the need for a significant policy response to address the plight of a stigmatised and deeply impoverished population to ensure fundamental rights are respected and that Roma have equal access to basic services.

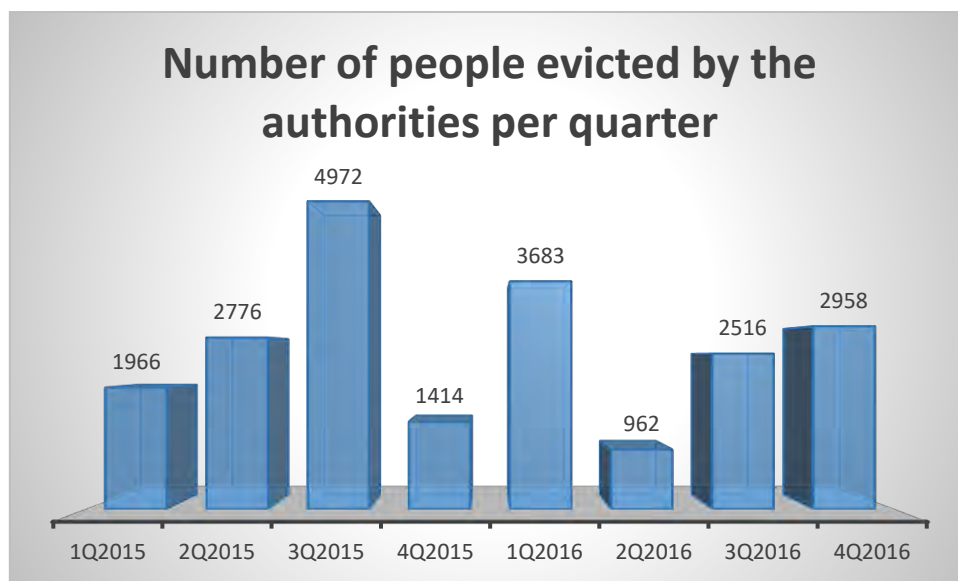
³ Circulaire interministérielle du 26 août 2016 relative à l’anticipation et à l’accompagnement des opérations d’évacuation des campements illicites, p.2 : http://circulaire.legifrance.gouv.fr/pdf/2012/08/cir_35737.pdf

Note:

This census is the result of joint work between the League of Human Rights (LDH) and the European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC). Due to the lack of available official data, this report does not claim to be exhaustive, but does constitute the most detailed and objective account of the current situation of evictions of Romani people in France.

2. Development from previous periods

The following tables detail the identified number of evictions and the trends since the first quarter of 2015. This analysis shows that the number of people evicted in 2016 diminished with 9% compared with the previous year.

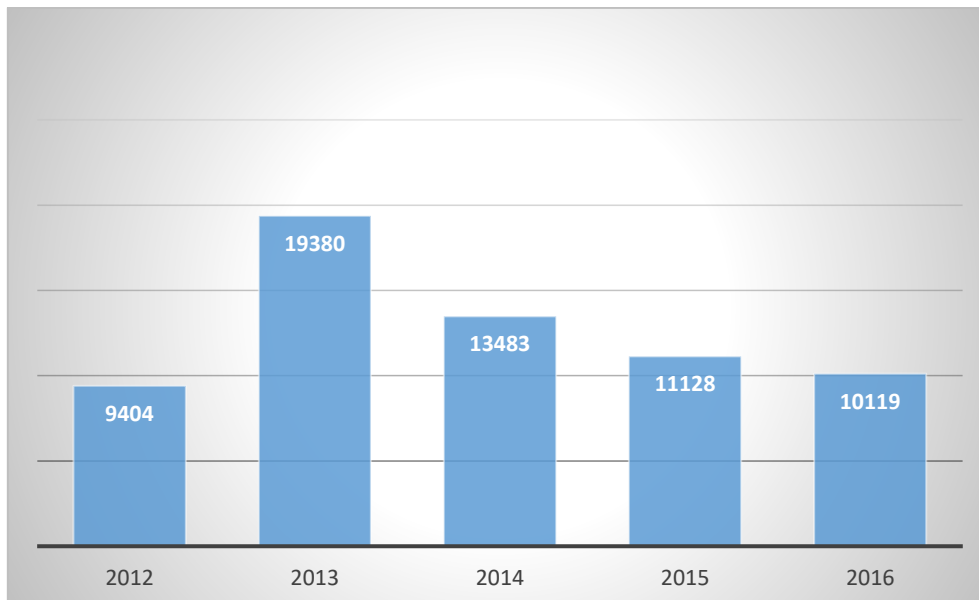


In 2016 the highest number of evictions have been observed in winter period affecting 3,783 people in the first quarter following by the fourth quarter with 3123 evictees, including evacuations due to fire/flood. These results prove the evictions are executed regardless the winter condition. During the last quarter of 2016 forced evictions increased with 17% compared with the second quarter when 962 people being evicted from their living areas.

	Number of evictions executed by the authorities	Fire/flood/personal initiative taken under pressure (number)	Number of evacuated living areas	Shelter proposed to some of the evictees	People evicted by the authorities	Number of people evicted because of fire/flood	Total
1Q2014	27	9	36	17	2904	524	3428
2Q2014	38	2	40	18	3756	51	3807
3Q2014	41	2	43	21	3693	74	3767
4Q2014	32	4	36	15	3130	317	3447
Total	138	17	155	71	13483	966	14449
1Q2015	18	2	20	7	1966	110	2076
2Q2015	25		25	6	2776		2776
3Q2015	47	1	48	11	4972	100	5072
4Q2015	21	2	23	5	1414	200	1614
Total	111	5	116	29	11128	410	11538
1Q2016	25	1	26	13	3683	100	3783
2Q2016	13	1	14	4	962	50	1012
3Q2016	21	1	22	13	2516	30	2546
4Q2016	17	4	21	10	2958	165	3123
Total	76	7	83	40	10119	345	10464

Although the total number of the evictees decreased with 9% in 2016 compared with the previous year, forced evictions remain intensive and concern more than 60% of people living in slums according the figures provided by DIHAL's census published in November 2016.

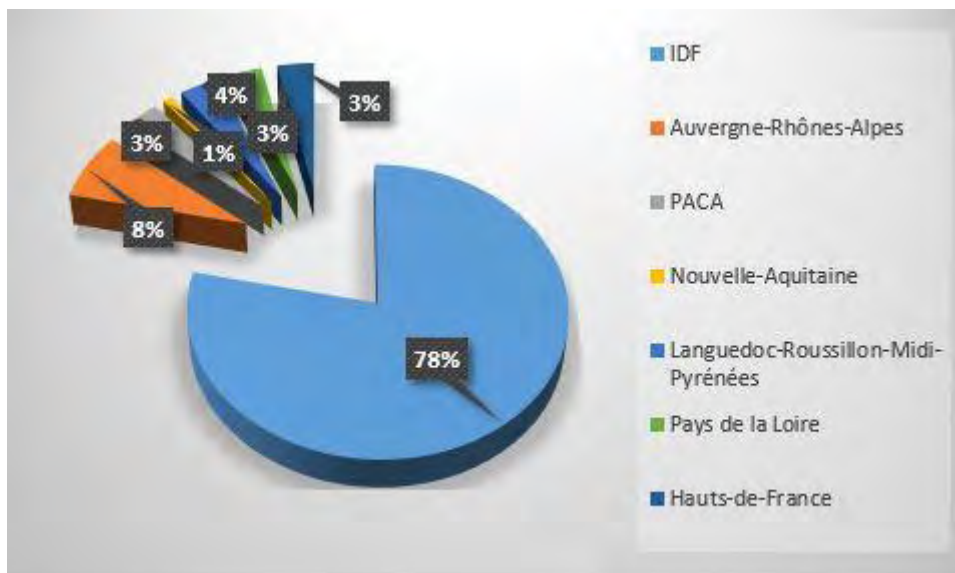
Number of Romani people, forcefully evicted during the last five years



Note: These estimates **do not include** removals from a territory following an administrative decision or repatriation by charter ordered by the Office français de l'immigration et de l'intégration (OFII).

3. Geographical representation of the evictees by region

In 2016 Ile-de-France region continues to concentrate the highest number of evictees: 78% of the total number of 10 464, following by Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes (8%) region, Hauts-de-France (4%), Languedoc-Roussillon (3%), Pays-de-la-Loire (3%), PACA (3%) and Nouvelle-Aquitaine (1%).



4. Harassment, rejections, endangerments, threats, reaction of International bodies

The list below is not exhaustive and provides only a few of the examples of acts of violence, hate speech and various forms of discrimination which occurred since the beginning of 2016.

During the first quarter:

- *"It is apparent that we are witnessing a willingness to terrorize families in order to make them disappear,"* said the Network Education without Borders (RESF in French) in relation to two searches of Roma families in Isère in December 2015.⁴

- The Secretary General Thorbjørn Jagland responded to reports that French police have cleared out hundreds of Roma in Paris: *"It is crucial that the French authorities provide all those who have been forced to leave the [...] camp [...] with adequate, alternative accommodation, particularly as they have decided to take this action during winter"*.⁵

- The term *"Roma pickpockets"*⁶ appeared in some media headlines even though France prohibits the collection of personal data based on ethnic criteria.

- On Thursday 18 February, in Nice, Jean-Marie Le Pen, the ex-chairman of Front National was requested to pay a fine amounting to 25,000 EUR, for describing the presence of Roma people as *"stinging"* and *"odorous"* in a public speech dating back to 2013.⁷

⁴ Le Monde, *Etat d'urgence : en Isère, des perquisitions chez les Roms sans-papiers*, Julia Pascual, 12 January 2016 : <http://delinquance.blog.lemonde.fr/2016/01/12/etat-durgence-en-isere-des-perquisitions-chez-les-roms-sans-papiers/>

⁵ Council of Europe, press release, 3 February 2016: <http://www.coe.int/en/web/portal/-/secretary-general-responds-to-reports-that-french-police-have-cleared-hundreds-of-roma-in-paris?inheritRedirect=true>

⁶ Le Parisien, *Pickpockets roms : la procureure de Meaux salue la coopération avec la police roumaine*, 12 February 2016 : <http://www.leparisien.fr/chessy-77700/pickpockets-roms-la-procureure-de-meaux-salue-la-cooperation-avec-la-police-roumaine-12-02-2016-5540069.php>

⁷ Le Parisien, *Propos sur les Roms : 25 000 € requis contre Jean-Marie Le Pen*, 18 February 2016 : <http://www.leparisien.fr/politique/propos-sur-les-roms-25-000-eur-requis-contre-jean-marie-le-pen-18-02-2016-5558441.php>

- *“The Council of Europe Commissioner for Human Rights expresses his worries about the “climate of anti-gypsyism” which is prevailing within the country. The Minister of Interior replies that property rights should be respected”*.⁸

- After being evicted from their living area in Carquefou on the third of March, and having been chased by the police, Roma resettled in an area which they had previously occupied two years ago.⁹

- *“In an open letter published on 23rd of February, Médecins du Monde denounces the treatment of Roma evicted from Porte des Poissoniers in Paris in the beginning of the month. This eviction was executed despite the legal decision allowing Roma to remain. This humanitarian organisation demanded that doctors providing pro-bono medical care to the inhabitants should be able to complete the medical follow-ups which have already been started”*.¹⁰

- In a report related to police violence, the NGO *Chrétienne contre la torture et la peine de mort* (ACAT) noted that *“numerous allegations of police violence have been denounced during the dismantling of camps and makeshift shelters. Cases of violence have been denounced during the eviction of Roma in Marseille and Paris region”*.¹¹

- A Romani baby died due to a fire in a slum situated in Lille. His parents were remanded in custody¹² even though *“according to the first elements of the investigation”* the fire was due to *“an accident”*.¹³

⁸ Libération, *Le Conseil de l'Europe inquiet des évacuations de Roms sans relogement en France*, 16 February 2016 : http://www.liberation.fr/france/2016/02/16/le-conseil-de-l-europe-inquiet-des-evacuations-de-roms-sans-relogement-en-france_1433623

⁹ Marion Fersing, *L'errance des Roms de Carquefou*, France Bleu Loire Océan, 4 March 2016.

¹⁰ Laurence Moisson, *Médecins du monde dénonce l'expulsion du plus grand bidonville de Paris*, 26 February 2016 : http://www.allodocteurs.fr/se-soigner/affaires-justice/medecins-du-monde-denonce-l-expulsion-du-plus-grand-bidonville-de-paris_18767.html

¹¹ ACAT, *L'ordre et la force, enquête sur l'usage de la force par les représentants de la loi en France*, report March 2016, p.18.

¹² La Voix du Nord, *Bébé rom décédé dans un incendie à Lille: les parents sont en garde à vue*, 21 March 2016: <http://www.lavoixdunord.fr/region/bebe-rom-decede-dans-un-incendie-a-lille-les-parents-ia19b0n3400079>

¹³ BMF TV, *Lille: un nourrisson meurt dans l'incendie d'un campement rom*, 20 March 2016 : <http://www.bfmtv.com/societe/lille-un-nourrisson-meurt-dans-l-incendie-d-un-campement-rom-960553.html>

During the second quarter:

- JP Lecoq, mayor of the 6th district of Paris, made an offensive speech published in the official newsletter of the district: *“Most of the Roma belong to mafia networks which do not hesitate to exploit the weakest (the most vulnerable) of them, reducing them to a sort of modern-day slavery”*.¹⁴

- On 8 April 2016, on the occasion of the International Roma day, *“the Conference of European Churches and the Council of European Episcopal Conferences called for better integration of this community”*.¹⁵

- On Wednesday 14th April, Marc-Etienne Lansade, mayor of Cogolin (Var, 11,000 inhabitants) appeared publically in a Roma slum located in his municipality.¹⁶ He used hate speech and proclaimed his pride in the destruction of the Roma slum.

-The mayor of Wissous (Essonne) boasts of the swiftness with which the slum located in his municipality was evicted.¹⁷

-The mayor of Saint-Ouen (Seine-Saint-Denis) adopted a decree prohibiting the parking of vehicles in order to prevent Roma from seeking shelter in their cars. *“The residents of the neighbourhood are overwrought, explains William Delannoy, the mayor of the municipality (UDI party). For several weeks Roma have lived in trucks or cars which they park on that street. This fact creates serious problems in terms of hygiene and relations with the residents of the neighbourhood. It was necessary to find a solution”*.¹⁸

¹⁴ Edito du maire, notre 6eme, n°292 April 2016, p.3

¹⁵ La Croix, *Les Églises européennes veulent « mettre un terme » aux discours de haine contre les Roms*, 8 April 2016

¹⁶ Le Parisien, *Cogolin : le maire FN se filme dans un camp Rom en cours de destruction*, 14 April 2016,

¹⁷ Letter to the inhabitants of Wissous, Municipality of Wissous, April 2016.

¹⁸ Le Parisien, *Saint-Ouen, Le maire barre la rue pour chasser les Roms*, 13 April 2016.

- A family of 12 was evicted from the hangar where they lived in Villeneuve-Saint-Georges due to a flood. The family was denied access to a gymnasium sheltering other victims of the floods.¹⁹
- On Tuesday 14 June, in Lille, many English football supporters humiliated Romani children by throwing coins and bottles at them.²⁰
- On 20 June, the Ligue des droits de l'homme (LDH) denounced the distribution of OQTF (Obligation to leave the French territory document) to the inhabitants of the slum located in rue Coignet (Saint-Denis). The local section of the LDH denounced the decision of the Prefect of Saint-Denis to distribute collectively OQTFs to the families living in that slum without taking into account their individual situation and this, despite of the efforts for integration of some of the families”.²¹
- “A Roma slum was targeted by gunfire in the night from Saturday to Sunday, reported by [Infos-H24](#) ”.²²
- On 22 June, Denain, a French official was charged with ordering an arson attack on a Romani grocery store.²³

¹⁹ Le Parisien, *Les Roms plantent leur tente devant la mairie de Villeneuve-Saint-Georges*, 5 June 2016.

²⁰ FR3, *Euro : à Lille, des Anglais humilient des enfants roms en leur jetant des pièces et des bouteilles*, 15 June 2016

²¹ *Soutien aux familles du terrain Coignet de Saint-Denis*, Press release of the local section of LDH Seine-Saint-Denis Plaine Commune, 22 June 2016.

²² 20 Minutes, *Montpellier : Un camp rom aurait été la cible de coups de feu*, 23 May 2016.

²³ Le Monde, *Incendie d'une épicerie roumaine à Denain : le directeur de cabinet mis en examen*, 22 June 2016 : http://www.lemonde.fr/police-justice/article/2016/06/23/incendie-d-une-epicerie-roumaine-a-denain-le-directeur-de-cabinet-mis-en-examen_4956846_1653578.html

During the third quarter:

An increased number of attacks against Roma were reported during the third quarter indicating a clear heightening of tension between Roma and other people living in France. Two of the attacks took place in Marseille in the space of a couple of weeks. Roma children were denied access to education, violating their human rights as well as national²⁴ laws. In general, Roma continue to be subjected to hate speech.

- Romeurope denounces the unlawful eviction of Roma people living in “Coignet” slum in Saint-Denis: *“Dozens of families have been left on the street [...] due to a forced eviction “that the ECHR had yet ordered to stop after being urgently notified. Despite the protests of activists and the lawyer of the families, the Prefecture continued the illegal eviction and the destruction of the living place”.*²⁵

- A Romani child was *“beaten black and blue”* by three men when he tried to get water from a public fountain. This assault on a child reveals what the media called *“a tense climate”* in Marseille²⁶.

- A petition is launched by NGOs to support Roma families in Montreuil who have been left on the street by the authorities due to an eviction. Alternative accommodation was not proposed to the evictees.²⁷

- A *“tension”²⁸* between Roma living in a slum in Marseille and young people living in the same neighbourhood led to a violent attack against the inhabitants of the slum the night of 15 to 16 August. Médecins du monde condemned *“the deterioration”* of the relationships between Roma

²⁴ Art. L131-1 of the Education code stipulates that education is compulsory for all children of both sexes, French and foreigners, between the ages of 6 and 16

²⁵ Romeurope press release, 7 July 2016.

²⁶ La Provence, *Marseille : un enfant rom roué de coups par des voisins ?*, 21 July 2016 : <http://www.laprovence.com/article/edition-marseille/4043811/un-enfant-rom-roue-de-coups-par-des-voisins.html>

²⁷ Médiapart, *167 personnalités se mobilisent pour les familles Roms de Montreuil (pétition)*, 24 August 2016 : <https://blogs.mediapart.fr/juliette-keating/blog/240816/167-personnalites-se-mobilisent-pour-les-familles-roms-de-montreuil-petition>

²⁸ Jean-Jacques Fagni, deputy Prosecutor in Marseille said for "l'Obs", 17 August 2016.

and neighbours, strengthened by the lack of “*substantive policies*.”²⁹

- Roma families living in the street in Montreuil were attacked by six men with knife.³⁰

- Children living in squats and slums are denied access to school. In 2016, they “*continue to be deprived from this fundamental right [...]*” says the Collectif pour le droit des enfants roms à l’éducation.³¹

- Roma children are denied access to education in Maubeuge, Arnaud Decagny, the mayor of the municipality, “*persists*” in its refusal to enrol Roma children in school.³²

- “*I cannot digest [host] all the misery of the world*” says the mayor of Saint-Ouen to justify his refusal to enrol a Roma child in school.³³

- A-14-year Roma girl died after being electrocuted in a squat where she lived in Grenoble. The accident happened when an electricity cable fell into the basin where the girl washed herself.³⁴

- A two-meter-high trench was erected by the authorities around a Roma slum in Pierrefitte sur Seine.³⁵

- Eleven Roma people have been forcefully evicted by some individuals in Montreuil without any legal decision or municipal notice.³⁶

- More than 67% of Roma children and teenagers are out of school in France. The CDERE survey shows “*an urgent need to react*”.³⁷

²⁹ La Provence, Marseille : violente attaque sur un campement de Roms, 17 August 2016 : <http://www.laprovence.com/article/edition-marseille/4078155/violente-attaque-sur-un-campement-de-roms.html>

³⁰ Mediapart, *Montreuil, les familles Roms menacées!*, 22 August 2016: <https://blogs.mediapart.fr/gilles-walusinski/blog/220816/montreuil-les-familles-roms-menacees>

³¹ CDERE, press release, Paris, 31 August.

³² La Voix du Nord, *Des enfants Roms privés de rentrée scolaire par le maire de Maubeuge*, 2 September 2016.

³³ Le Figaro, *Saint-Ouen/Rom: le maire ne peut pas "digérer toute la misère du monde"*, 20 September 2016.

³⁴ FranceBleu, *La jeune fille Rom électrocutée à Grenoble est décédée*, 7 September 2016.

³⁵ ERRC, 15 September 2016.

³⁶ Médiapart, *Montreuil. Rue fée d'herbes*, 21 September 2016.

³⁷ Collectif pour le droit des enfants roms à l’éducation, *Ados en bidonville et en squats : l’école impossible !*, Press release, 27 September 2016.

During the fourth quarter:

-One year after a conference dedicated to the evaluation of the regional strategy for “illegal camps” took place in Paris, several NGOs denounced the lack of any significant achievement in the implementation of the strategy. In an open letter published on 20th October, CNDH Romeurope stated *“the issues are still treated on local basis, without taking into consideration the regional dimension of the problem, and lead to successive and repetitive evictions which make social inclusion, school enrolment, and access to health care impossible”*.³⁸

-18 November: To mark Universal Children’s Day, the French Ombudsman (Défenseur des droits) published an annual report dedicated to the rights of the child.³⁹ He claimed in this report *“the administrative status of the parents, their employment status, or any external factors for the family situation such as the low school attendance of other children living in the same settlement are illegal grounds for justifying any refusal for school enrolment”*. Also he highlighted that such decisions *“infringe the fundamental right to education as well as the principle for equal access to public services and may, according to the situation, be considered as discrimination based on origin, nationality, living area, moreover the vulnerability due to economic status, which is forbidden by articles 225-1 and 2 and 432-7 of the Penal Code”*.

-On 28th of November Paul-Marie Coûteaux, a former candidate from the far-right party FN-Rassemblement Bleu marine, withdrew his appeal following a guilty verdict for making a speech suggesting that Roma people be *“concentrated in camps”*, thus making the court judgement definitive.⁴⁰

-It was reported in the media that the inhabitants of Pierrefitte-sur-seine called for the evacuation of the Roma camp located in the municipality.⁴¹

-A few months after being dismantled, the Roma slum located near Porte de la Chapelle in Paris has been reassembled. Without any sustainable solutions for accommodation, Roma families

³⁸https://www.romeurope.org/IMG/pdf/lettre_ouverte_au_prefet_de_region_idf_collectif_romeurope_idf.pdf

³⁹ Défenseur des droits, Droit fondamental à l’éducation : une école pour tous, un droit pour chacun, rapport novembre 2016 : <http://www.defenseurdesdroits.fr/sites/default/files/atoms/files/2016-rae.pdf>

⁴⁰ <http://www.ouest-france.fr/societe/justice/condamne-pour-ses-propos-sur-les-roms-l-ex-candidat-fn-renonce-l-appel-4643139>

⁴¹ <http://www.leparisien.fr/pierrefitte-sur-seine-93380/pierrefitte-les-habitants-reclament-l-evacuation-du-camp-de-roms-28-11-2016-6387774.php>

came back to the same place and recreated a slum. The number of its inhabitants increased significantly because of other evictions occurring in the region.⁴²

-NGOs reply to Stéphane Ravier, Senator-mayor, after his statement has been published in the newsletter of 13/14 district in Marseille “Journal du Maire du 13/14” in December, qualifying the Roma living areas as “*wild camps*⁴³” and condemn the “*expensive*” and “*inefficient*” forced evictions executed without any sustainable solutions for accommodation, says CCFD Terre solidaire, Rencontre tsigane, LDH, Médecins du monde, Ecole au present, in a press release, 11 December.⁴⁴

-NGOs denounce the “*negligence*” of the public authorities during the forced eviction carried out on 8 December in Pierrefitte-sur-Seine, leaving more than 600 Roma people, including 150 children on the street without any shelter being proposed to them despite the winter conditions.⁴⁵

-“*This is not a Roma camp, this is a slum*” claimed researchers, grassroots activists and social workers, contesting the usage of the term “camp” which makes a link with the notional of nomadism. They asserted that the “*slums are caused by extreme poverty in which some people live in France [...]*” where [in slums] the “*Roma communities are over-represented due to different socio-economic factors*”.⁴⁶

- “The repeated refusals to enrol these [Roma] children in school is clearly illegal and represents discrimination based on the living area” stated the French Ombudsman in response to the refusal of the mayor of Hellemmes to enrol three Romani children in school. After having been alerted by NGOs the Ombudsman found “an infringement of the right to education and discrimination which is prohibited by the legislation infringing superior interest”.⁴⁷

⁴² <http://www.lci.fr/societe/paris-un-campement-de-roms-se-reforme-porte-de-la-chapelle-2016636.html>

⁴³ La Provence, 13 December 2016 : <http://www.laprovence.com/actu/en-direct/4241440/roms-les-associations-repondent-a-ravier.html>

⁴⁴ <http://www.rencontrestsiganes.asso.fr/2016/12/le-singulier-combat-de-stephane-ravier/>

⁴⁵ Secours catholique and MRAP, press release, 13 December: http://seinesaintdenis.secours-catholique.org/IMG/pdf/communiqu%C3%A9_presse_SC93_MRAP-1-2.pdf

⁴⁶ LBB, Ceci n’est pas un camp de Roms, ceci est un bidonville, 5 December 2016:

<http://lyonbondyblog.fr/LBB/ceci-nest-camp-de-roms-cest-bidonville/>

⁴⁷ France 3, Hellemmes: le refus de scolariser des enfants roms est “illégal”, selon le Défenseur des droits, 16 December 2016: <http://france3-regions.francetvinfo.fr/nord-pas-de-calais/nord/lille-metropole/lille/hellemmes-refus-scolariser-enfants-roms-est-illegal-defenseur-droits-1157053.html>

-In December the case of Manuel Valls' statement against Roma communities was taken to the European Court for Human Rights after the case failed before domestic courts. The NGO La Voix des Roms expects to provoke a reflection about the "penal status of ministers" and "equality before the law".⁴⁸

-"Romani families and Syrian refugees are targeted by Bruno Beschizza." The mayor of d'Aulnay-sous-Bois was found to have misused the Road Code by issuing fines to beggars after the court judged Mayor Beschizza's orders against begging to be illegal.⁴⁹

-Swastikas and racist messages attacking Jewish and Romani people were discovered at the Anne Frank nursery school in an eastern suburb of Paris, Montreuil. In the act of vandalism carried out over Christmas Eve, slogans of "*Juden verboten*" (Jews forbidden) and "*Sales Juifs et Roms*" (Filthy Jewish and Romani people), were found painted on the front gate of the nursery.⁵⁰

⁴⁸ LCI, 14 December:

⁴⁹ France soir, Seine-Saint-Denis: le maire d'Aulnay-sous-Bois utilise le code de la route pour verbaliser les mendiants, 29 December 2016: <http://www.francesoir.fr/societe-faits-divers/seine-saint-denis-le-maire-d-aulnay-sous-bois-utilise-le-code-de-la-route-pour-verbaliser-les-mendiants-sans-abris-roms-syriens-sdf-migrants>

⁵⁰ <https://www.rt.com/news/371885-france-anne-frank-school-swastikas/>

5. Results for the first quarter of 2016

Forced evictions of Roma living in France																		
Address	Municipality(ies)	Department	Region	Date	Quarter	Nombre Total evictees	reason for the eviction					Motive			type of the land owner			Source/resolution
							Number of people evicted by the authorities	nbr	Nbr of people evicted because of fire/flood	nbr	Shelter (1 = partial)	order of the Mayor/ Prefect (48h flagrancy)	legal decision of TGI or TA	personal initiative taken under pressure	Public	building project	Private	
118 rue Bergson	Saint-Etienne	Loire	Auvergne-Rhône-	9/01/16	1Q2016	40	40	1				1						Le Progrès 8 January
La Feysine	Villeurbanne	Métro Lyon	Auvergne-Rhône-	12/01/16	1Q2016	100	100	1				1						Rue89 Lyon 12 January
Rue Jacquard	Yaulx-en-Yvelin	Métro Lyon	Auvergne-Rhône-	12/01/16	1Q2016	250	250	1				1						Rue89 Lyon 12 January
Rue du Dauphinée	Saint-Priest	Métro Lyon	Auvergne-Rhône-	12/01/16	1Q2016	70	70	1				1						Rue89 Lyon 12 January
Boulevard Ney	Paris	Paris	IDF	3/02/16	1Q2016	400	400	1				1						Le Monde 3 February
Usine de la Eriche SIAAP	Episy-sur-Seine	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	5/02/16	1Q2016	100	100	1				1						LDH Paris 18
Rue des deux parcs	Noisiel	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	12/02/16	1Q2016	120	120	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
AM 332	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	12/02/16	1Q2016	200	200	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
AN016	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	12/02/16	1Q2016	20	20	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
AN016	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	18/02/16	1Q2016	15	15	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
AN006	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	18/02/16	1Q2016	10	10	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
La Forestière	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	17/02/16	1Q2016	100	100	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
Squats des Biosquets	Cannes	Alpes-Maritimes	PACA	17/02/16	1Q2016	7	7	1				1						Nice Matin 17 February
Quai de la société Paprec	Lagny-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	23/02/16	1Q2016	300	300	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
Plouys	Vatrellos	Nord	Hauts de France	24/02/16	1Q2016	100												Nord Eclair
420 bud National	Marcheille	Bouches-du-Rhône	PACA	26/02/16	1Q2016	48	48	1				1						La Provence
Moulin Boisseau	Marquefou	Loire-Atlantique	Pays-de-la-Loire	27/02/16	1Q2016	300	300	1				1						Breizh-Info 2 March
Rue de la Lys	Halluin	Nord	Hauts de France	28/02/16	1Q2016	12	12	1				1						Nord Eclair
Chemin des Frés	Wisous	Essonne	IDF	3/03/16	1Q2016	400	400	1				1						Le Républicain
Cité Descartes	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	3/03/16	1Q2016	100	100	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
Bvd de Parilly	Lyon	Métro Lyon	Auvergne-Rhône-	4/03/16	1Q2016	60	60	1				1						Rebellion 5 March
Près de la gare du centre	Argenteuil	Val-d'Oise	IDF	9/03/16	1Q2016	17	17	1				1						Le Parisien 11 March
Chemin de fer et D301	St-Etienne-sous-Forêt	Val-d'Oise	IDF	8/03/16	1Q2016	300	300	1				1						Le Parisien 8 March
Av Roger-Salengro	Villeurbanne	Métro Lyon	Auvergne-Rhône-	10/03/16	1Q2016	54	54	1				1						Lyonnais 11 March
Rue Graham Bell	Bussy-St-Georges	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	23/03/16	1Q2016	500	500	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée/LaMame
131 Chemin du Corps de garde	Chelles	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	23/03/16	1Q2016	60	60	1				1						Franceurope 30 March
1er trimestre 2016						3733	3683	25	100	1	13	14	11	17	3	9		

6. Results for the second quarter of 2016

Forced evictions of Roma living in France																		
Address	Municipality(ies)	Department	Region	Date	Quarter	Nombre Total evictees	reason for the eviction					Motive			Land			Source/resolution
							Number of people evicted by the authorities	nbr	Nbr of people evicted because of	nbr	Shelter (1 = partial)	order of the Mayor/ Prefect (48h flagrancy)	legal decision of TGI or TA	personal initiative taken under pressure	Public	building project	Private	
Parking ancienne prison	Loos	Nord	Hauts de France	8/04/16	2Q2016	85	85	1										La Voix du Nord 8 April
Rue du Pont	Faches-Thumesnil	Nord	Hauts de France	8/04/16	2Q2016	15	15	1										La Voix du Nord 8 April
Bois de grâce, AL 017	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	12/04/16	2Q2016	24	24	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
Camp des Aubrettes	Cogolin	Var	PACA	13/04/16	2Q2016	80	80	1										Le Parisien 13 April
Bois de l'Epine	Ris-Orangis	Essonne	IDF	21/04/16	2Q2016	48	48	1				1						Essonne Info 21 April
AK 23, AC 192	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	9/05/16	2Q2016	35	35	1				1						Coll. Val Maubuée
113 Cours de la Libération	Grenoble	Isère	Auvergne-Rhône-	26/04/16	2Q2016	80	80	1				1						Ploce Gre net 27 April
Route de Villevaudé	Annet-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	18/05/16	2Q2016	200	200	1				1						Le Parisien 10 May
Zone de Vouzay	Cran-Gevrier	Haute-Savoie	Auvergne-Rhône-	1/06/16	2Q2016	35	35	1				1						Le Dauphiné 2 June
Parking ancienne prison	Loos	Nord	Hauts de France	8/06/16	2Q2016	20	20	1				1						La Voix du Nord 9 June
Près de la gare du centre	Villeneuve-St-	Val-de-Marne	IDF	9/06/16	2Q2016	50												Le Parisien 9 June
canal de Louroq	Bobigny	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	15/06/16	2Q2016	30	30	1				1						
Rue de Soubsie	Roubais	Nord	Hauts de France	22/06/16	2Q2016	60	60	1				1						La Voix du Nord 22 June
Av du Président Wilson	Saint-Denis	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	28/06/16	2Q2016	250	250	1				1						ERRC
2nd trimestre 2016						1012	992	10	60	1	4	5	8	11	16	1	2	

7. Results for the third quarter of 2016

Forced evictions of Roma living in France																			
Address	Municipality(ies)	Department	Region	Date	Quarter	Number Total evictees	reason for the eviction					Shelter (1= partial)	order of the Mayor/ Prefect (48)	Motive legal decision of TGI or TA	personal initiative taken under pressure	Land			Source/reaction
							Number of people evicted by the authorities	nbr	child en	Nbr of people evicted because of	nbr					Public	building project	Private	
near the St-Denis train station, Colignet str.	Saint-Denis	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	6/07/16	3Q2016	130	130	1				1							Le Parisien, 6 July 2016
Sartrouville str.	Nanterre	Haut-de-Seine	IDF	18/07/16	3Q2016	30				30	1								Le Parisien, 18 July 2016
Chemin rural	Goussainville	Val-d'Oise	IDF	20/07/16	3Q2016	160	160	1				1							Le Parisien, 20 July 2016
parc Flaubert	Grenoble	Isère	Auvergne-Rhône-	20/07/16	3Q2016	60	60	1				1	1						France 3, 20 July
Montaudran	Toulouse	Haute-Garonne	Languedoc-Roussillon-	25/07/16	3Q2016	386	386	1				1							20 Minutes, 25 July 2016
(23 rue Adrien Meslier) foyer CARA	St-Ouen	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	26/07/16	3Q2016	300	300	1				1							Le Figaro 26 July 2016
Hôtel du Nord	Vaucluse	Lyon	Auvergne-Rhône-	27/07/16	3Q2016	29	29	1				1							Mediapart 27 July 2016
250, boulevard de la Boissière	Montreuil	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	28/07/16	3Q2016	50	50	1				1							Le Parisien, 28 July 2016
A4 route de Malnoue	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	3/08/16	3Q2016	400	400	1				1	1						Press release Romeurope
48 bis bul. Wilson	St-Denis	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	4/08/16	3Q2016	250	250	1				1	1						Mediapart, 4 August 2016
quai de Clichy	Clichy	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	10/08/16	3Q2016	15	15	1				1	1						Le Parisien, 10 August 2016
tricole industrielle, N 6	Brucy	Essonne	IDF	18/08/16	3Q2016	55	55	1				1	1						Le Parisien, 18 August 2016
rue de Lyon (15e)	Marseille	Bouches du Rhône	PACA	18/08/16	3Q2016	70	70	1	34			1	1						Marsactu, 18 August 2016
Edouard-Colonne str.	Nanterre	Hauts-de-Seine	IDF	23/08/16	3Q2016	40	40	1				1							Le Parisien, 23 August 2016
AN16	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	23/08/16	3Q2016	50	50	1				1	1						Romeurope, press release
la plaine du Var	Nice	Alpes-Maritimes	PACA	30/08/16	3Q2016	50	50	1				1	1						France 3, 30 August 2016
AK23	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	31/08/16	3Q2016	40	40	1				1	1						Romeurope, press release
AN6; AK18; AN17	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	20/09/16	3Q2016	80	80	1				1	1						Romeurope, press release
squat	Montreuil	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	21/09/16	3Q2016	11	11	1				1	1						Mediapart, 21 Sept 2016
industrial zone, chemin du	Mérignac	Gironde	Nouvelle-Aquitaine	22/09/16	3Q2016	60	60	1	15			1	1						Sud-Est, 22 Sept 2016
île des impressionnistes	Chatou	Yvelines	IDF	22/09/16	3Q2016	250						1							Le Parisien, 22 Sept 2016
squat 134 av. de l'Yser	Mérignac	Gironde	Nouvelle-Aquitaine	29/09/16	3Q2016	30	30	1				1							Sud-Est, 29 Sept 2016
						Total	3Q2016	2446	2386	20	10	13	13	3	1	19	3		

8. Results for the fourth quarter of 2016

Forced evictions of Roma living in France																				
Address	Municipality(ies)	Department	Region	Date	Quarter	Number Total evictees	reason for the eviction					Shelter (1= partial)	order of the Mayor/ Prefect (48)	Motive legal decision of TGI or TA	personal initiative taken under pressure	Land			Source/reaction	
							Number of people evicted by the authorities	nbr	child en	Nbr of people evicted because of	nbr					Public	building project	Private		
place Jean-Jaurès	Montreuil	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	3/10/16	4Q2016	50	50	1				1	1						Le Parisien, 4 October 2016	
squat boulevard d'Halluin	Roubaix	Nord	Hauts de France	7/10/16	4Q2016	40	40	1											La Voix du Nord, 7 October 2016	
motorway A6	Grigny	Essonne	IDF	11/10/16	4Q2016	50			50	1	1								Le Parisien, 12 October 2016	
square in front of Carrefour	Goussainville	Val-d'Oise	IDF	13/10/16	4Q2016	400	400	1				1							Le Parisien, 13 October 2016	
Ardouin street	St-Ouen	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	21/10/16	4Q2016	600	600	1				1	1						RFMTV 21 October 2016	
Seine harbour	Vigneux-sur-Seine	Essonne	IDF	03/11/16	4Q2016	160	160	1				1	1						Essonne Info, 3 Nov 2016	
between A5 B and D 305	Évy-Grégy-sur-	Seine et Marne	IDF	08/11/16	4Q2016	250	250	1				1	1						Le Parisien, 8 Nov 2016	
Railway station	Argenteuil	Val-d'Oise	IDF	08/11/16	4Q2016	150	150	1				1							Le Parisien, 9 Nov 2016	
avenue Jean-Jaurès	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	IDF	08/11/16	4Q2016	150	150	1				1	1						Essonne Info, 9 November 2016	
Croix-Poussé cemetery	Lyon	Rhône	Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes	09/11/16	4Q2016	12	12	1	6			1	1						Lyon Flondu Blog, 9 November	
Jule-Ladoumègue stadium	Montigny-le-	Yvelines	IDF	10/11/16	4Q2016	33	33	1				1	1						78 Actu, 10 Nov 2016	
New theatre	Montreuil	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	14/11/16	4Q2016	50	50	1				1	1						Le Parisien, 14 Nov 2016	
Cargo Rhin Fidelity street	Marseille	Bouches-du-Rhône	PACA	20/11/16	4Q2016	35			35	1	1								La Marseillaise, 20 Nov 2016	
CGT House	Corbeil-Essonne	Essonne	IDF	26/11/16	4Q2016	50			50	1									Le Parisien, 26 Nov 2016	
High school Molière	Villeneuve-d'Ascq	Nord	Hauts de France	28/11/16	4Q2016	30	30	1				1	1						Nord Eclair, 28 Nov 2016	
A4	Noisy-le-Grand	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	08/12/16	4Q2016	80	80	1				1	1						Val Maubuee, grassroot NGO	
NI	Pierrefitte-sur-Seine	Seine-Saint-Denis	IDF	08/12/16	4Q2016	700	700	1				1	1						Le Parisien, 8 Dec 2016	
bordure francilienne	St-Thibault-des-	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	09/12/16	4Q2016	200	200	1				1	1						Le Parisien, 11 Dec 2016	
AN006	Champs-sur-Marne	Seine-et-Marne	IDF	12/12/16	4Q2016	40	40	1				1	1						Val Maubuee, grassroot NGO	
squat, av de Cannes	Cagnes	Alpes-Maritimes	PACA	20/12/16	4Q2016	13	13	1	3			1	1						Nice-Matin, 21 December 2016	
near Vasarely foundation	Aix en Provence	Bouches du Rhône	PACA	29/12/16	4Q2016	30				1									La Provence, 29 Dec 2016	
						Total	4Q2016	3123	2958	17	165	4	10	9	2	17	4			
						Total	2016	10464	9869	75	345	7	40	41	36	2	66	3	19	

Annex

Description of the data used in the study

The study identified the name of the living site, the municipality, the number of evictees, the causes of the forced evacuation, rehousing proposals, the legal basis for the eviction (leaving proceedings initiated by the owner of the site, or notice issued by the mayor or the prefect) and the sources of information in each case.

Each forced evacuation is described in the most comprehensive manner and only verifiable information obtained from reliable sources, listed below, is recorded.

Definitions and Vocabulary:

In France, land is evacuated and the person is evicted. In terms of law, land is evacuated as well as buildings when these measures are taken in the area; an eviction is a process in which these measures concern the person. On the other hand, the term "living area" defines the place where people live, which could be a slum, a squat, a disused hangar ... or a functional or non-functional caravan. The name of the living area is mentioned in the source of information, for instance "le Hanul". The exact address is also noted when this information is available.

The municipality refers to where the living area is situated. Cases are frequent when the area overlaps several municipalities, for example: Noisy-le-Grand/Bry-sur-Marne. These cases often lead to confusion: many different reports appear regarding what is in fact the same living area. Particular attention has been paid to this fact in order to guarantee that the information is accurate and not duplicated.

The dates mentioned in the study refer to the day on which the forced eviction took place.

The number of evicted persons is always mentioned in the source of information.

The forced eviction might result from expulsion for illegal occupation or health hazards or an accident (fire). Many cases can be cumulative. For instance in Massy (Essonne) in 2010, there was a distribution of OQTF (Obligation to leave the French territory document), fire, an eviction

order, confinement, voluntary returns (ARV in French), forced returns and destruction of what remained of the living area by the municipal authorities.

When solutions for housing are mentioned in the source of information, it is mentioned also in the figures. They are usually partial, because in most of the cases, they separate families, and concern only mothers with young children whom are given emergency accommodation for a few days. For this reason, they are often refused by those concerned.

The nature of the decision certifying the evacuations is recorded. It can be taken by the Court (Magistrate' Court, Regional Court, Administrative Court, Court of appeal), or can be provoked by a notice for health hazards or other dangers ordered by a municipality or a Prefect.

The number of unforced departures is recorded as well. In general these are often provoked by police harassment or threats.

The owner of the land may be a private person or public body. The category "public" includes municipalities, departments, local or national authorities, as well as any other body under the State authority (for example Réseau Ferré de France). The category "private" includes private legal entities or physical persons.

The "source" is the origin of the information. The same case can be present in many sources. Each source is recorded. Only the most reliable and the most accurate were selected: press and media articles, press releases, and direct testimonies transmitted and broadcast by an NGO.