

Europe's Roma

The term "Roma" refers to a group of people that have been migrating across Europe for centuries and now form the biggest ethnic minority in the European Union.

An estimated 10 million Roma live in Europe;
main countries 



- **Language**
Different dialects of Romani
- **Origin**
Linguistic and genetic evidence indicates the Indian subcontinent

- **Religions**
Catholic, Orthodox, Islam, Protestant, Hinduism
- **Discrimination**
Face social exclusion in access to jobs, education, health care and other public services

- **"Gypsy"**
Greek; previously Roma people were wrongly thought to originate in Egypt
- **Migration**
To Europe, began around 1000 A.D.