# Documentation and publications

The Documentation Centre, dating back to the 90's, supports the FSG's objective of promoting an intercultural society where Roma can fully and freely exercise their citizenship and contribute to the enrichment of universal culture.

In order to meet the objective of disseminating knowledge about Roma culture, the FSG has a specialised library (paper, digital and audiovisual) divided into the following sections: Art, culture and history; Associationism; Discrimination and racism; Education; Legislation; Interculturality and co-existence; Youth and Roma women; Language and literature; Social and intercultural mediation; The media; Population; Religion and religiousness; Health, Social services; and Housing.

The FSG Documentation Centre lends the following services:

- Library: We offer a traditional on-site consultation service for outside users and for Foundation workers. Our Web page also offers an online consultation and reference service to cover any request for information on the Roma community.
- Mediatheque: We have a whole series of audiovisual materials on Roma (documentaries, programmes, films, music, teaching material, etc.) which can be viewed and heard at the Documentation Centre itself.
- Newspaper library:Contains a wealth of press clippings about the Roma people both in

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hard and digital copy dating back to 1967. This service is responsible for the paper and digital publication of the monthly magazine *Gitanos en la Prensa* (Roma in the news) which was disseminated to 1,650 users in 2007.

Selective dissemination of information: Each quarter we publicise the Documentation Centre's new acquisitions by means of a series of digital bulletins.



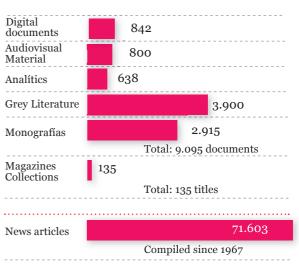
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- > Cultural activities: In collaboration with the different Foundation offices, reading workshops are implemented within the framework of adult and children's education programmes undertaken by the FSG.
- **Exhibits:** We currently have three exhibits ) which travel around all of Spain as part of cultural events and actions related to the Roma community, interculturality and human rights. The first is called "Culturas para compartir. Gitanos hoy" (Sharing cultures. Roma Today) which traces the history and current situation of the Roma community focusing on its traditions and culture stressing the reciprocal enrichment of Roma and non-Roma. This exhibit basically focuses on children and adolescents in school contexts and comes with support material such as posters and a teacher's guide. However it can be used by other groups as well: social organisations, adults taking part in a cultural or training activity, interested professionals, etc. The second exhibit is called "Mujeres gitanas, participando" (Roma women participating) and consists of photographs showing the contribution made by Roma women to education, employment, politics and art. The third exhibit is a support resource for education professionals working in culturally heterogeneous educational contexts with Roma students or students from other cultural groups. This is a Teaching Attaché Case containing a selection of materials designed for use by schools, associations, institutions and public and private organisations to teach values and intercultural co-existence and to increase awareness of the Roma community.



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#### **INFORMATION RESOURCES**



Access to documents and services is free of charge. In 2007 the Centre received 636 requests for information through the Documentation Centre's Web page, in-person queries, e-mail, telephone, post and fax. Those requesting information are Roma associations, students and researchers, different public and private social action organisations, the media and NGOs.

Through its 2007 Action and Cultural Promotion Assistance, the Ministry of Culture published an information leaflet for the Documentation Centre to publicise its materials, resources and services.

## **PUBLICATIONS IN 2007**

### > Technical Annals Series

This is composed of framework documents featuring theory, data and results and includes sociological studies, informative manuals, conference minutes, research and the results of evaluations and reports.





#### Acceder: 2000-2006 results report. For the employment of the Roma population. FSG Area of Employment

Madrid : Fundación Secretariado Gitano, 2007. 71 p. + 1 DVD awareness-raising campaign. (Spanish version available and monographic results report for Andalusia, Castile-Leon, Madrid, Valencia, Castile-La Mancha, Aragon, Murcia, Basque Country, Extremadura, Asturias, Navarre, Catalonia and Galicia)

#### **)** Work materials series

These materials target the users of the actions and programmes and the field professionals' practical work sessions and include handbooks, teaching material, worksheet material for classroom/workshop use, guidelines and action strategies.



#### > Practical experience series

In 2007 the FSG launched a new series of publications designed to collect materials which disseminate all the different dimensions of Roma culture including kitchen recipes, poems, stories, songs and personal experiences having to do with the Roma culture.

