

B2 Competition

Tinkers travelled from village to village, mending pots and pans for rural families. During the world economic crisis, many local artisans and shopkeepers protested against this competition from outside. Itinerant traders and craftsmen were increasingly excluded from fairs and markets. Roma and Sinti people were regularly arrested by the police and made to pay heavy fines - just for working!



1910

1951

1927-37

💡 Did you know

... that, in order to protect their skilled workers, craftsmen and shopkeepers, more and more towns and cities and even whole provinces made it illegal for the Roma and Sinti to ply their traditional trades within their boundaries?

✎ Your task

Why do people accept “illegal” work? What are the disadvantages for such workers?

📷 About the photo

Itinerant tinkers in a village in northern Burgenland, Austria, between the wars. Austrian National Library, Vienna, Austria.



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