

# EU Second Roma Integration Award for the Western Balkans and Turkey



Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina,  
the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia,  
Kosovo\*, Montenegro, Serbia and Turkey

## APPLICATION FORM

(ANNEX 1 OF THE CONTEST RULES)

### **Did you know?**

It is estimated that about 1 million Roma<sup>1</sup> live in the Western Balkans, 2.8 million in Turkey and 6.2 million in the EU. Roma are Europe's largest ethnic minority. They face continued exclusion, segregation and discrimination.

The EU's policy on Roma inclusion, integration and empowerment is placed within an EU Framework for National Roma Integration Strategies up to 2020 adopted by the European Commission in 2011. Within that framework, all 28 EU Member States and all 7 candidate countries and potential candidates for EU membership adopted their National Roma Integration Strategies which they now put in practice.

In June 2016, the Commission adopted its annual report on Roma integration that stresses the following as regards the candidate countries and potential candidates:

- Roma integration continues to be a priority in the enlargement process.
- Enough funding must be ensured to carry out integration measures.
- Attention should focus on implementation by local authorities.
- Roma community should be involved in planning, implementation and monitoring.

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<sup>1</sup> As it is most commonly used in EU policy documents and discussions, the term "Roma" refers to a variety of different groups of people who describe themselves as Roma, Sinti, Kale, Gypsies, Romanichels, Boyash, Ashkali, Egyptians, Yenish, Dom, Lom, Manouches and other, and also includes Travellers, without denying the specificities and varieties of lifestyles and situations of these groups.

- Focus on results on the ground to reduce the gap between Roma and non-Roma.

Find out more: [http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma/index\\_en.htm](http://ec.europa.eu/justice/discrimination/roma/index_en.htm)

Watch a film about Roma: <http://romahomeland.org/>

Watch a short video "A Better Future for Roma" in candidate countries and potential candidates: <https://vimeo.com/143848472>

\*This designation is without prejudice to positions on status, and is in line with UNSCR 1244 and the ICJ Opinion on the Kosovo Declaration of Independence

**Before filling out this Application Form, please read carefully the Contest Rules. You also have to fill out, date and sign the Declaration of Honour.**

*Please fill out this Application Form and send it, together with the Declaration of Honour (Annex 2 of the Contest Rules), by e-mail to*

*[NEAR-ROMA-INTEGRATION-AWARD@ec.europa.eu](mailto:NEAR-ROMA-INTEGRATION-AWARD@ec.europa.eu)*

*by 31 October 2016 23:59:59 of Brussels time (the time of registration in the European Commission's IT system is decisive).*

*("NEAR" is the abbreviation for the European Commission department responsible for the Second Roma Integration Award: the Directorate-General for Neighbourhood and Enlargement Negotiations.)*

*Please make sure that where the Contest Rules require quantified data, e.g. a specific duration or number of staff or beneficiaries, this Application Form contains this data.*

*Where this Application Form requires a limit on the number of words, any words in excess of that limit will be disregarded in the evaluation. Adjust the size of the table cells where necessary to fit the text.*

## 1. THE PARTICIPANT

Full official name of the participant	Udruženje "Obrazovanje gradi Bosnu I Hercegovinu"/ Association "Education builds Bosnia and Herzegovina"
Official legal form of the participant. This legal form must be suitable for an NGO.	NGO

Participant's history, aim and main activities (no more than 300 words). Demonstrate in particular the eligibility criteria under Section 3 points 2. and 3. of the Contest Rules

Association "Education builds Bosnia and Herzegovina" is established on 28<sup>th</sup> of July, 1994 in Sarajevo by 58 citizens of Sarajevo-intellectuals, theatre employees, artists and writers, soldiers and policemen and ordinary citizens.

**a)Six thousand and four beneficiaries**, including 1.240 children and youth of the Roma national minority have received scholarships in the total value of **2.777.445 EUR (≈ 5.429.905 BAM)**;

**Our greatest accomplishments are reflected in:**

1. Project Overcoming Post-Traumatic Consequences through Psychosocial Rehabilitation, Recreation and Education of Children, Youth and Parents/Guardians
2. Printing and selling the calendar
3. Scholarships provided from the Fond Pavao Jusuf Urban Ibruljević
4. With education into the future, providing scholarships for Roma national minority children
5. Scholarships from the Tanja Mihać Fond

**b)Three thousand and nine hundred and twenty-seven** beneficiaries participated in tourist and educational projects in 18 European countries, Canada, Uruguay and at Lake Boračko in BiH; the total material value of journeys amounting to **556.579 EUR (≈1.088.112 BAM)**;

**c)Forty-five thousand two hundred and ninety-four children and young people** have been given support in the form of school supplies, sports gear and other forms of material support, the value of which is **1.679.524 EUR (≈3.283.470 BAM)**;

**d)For six hundred and sixty-five** beneficiaries, mothers and young people, we organized a psychosocial workshop worth **275.393 EUR (≈538.395 BAM)**;

**e)The Association** has donated teaching and sport appliances, ceramic boards, computer equipment and books to the libraries and did the reconstruction of school buildings and gyms of around **twenty schools** in B&H, the total value of which is **205.626 EUR (≈402.000 BAM)**;

**f)The Association** has its own social assets (house with a garden, motor vehicles, computer resources, etc.) worth over **350,000 EUR (≈684.250 BAM)**.

**Over the past twenty-two years 55.980 children, youth and their families** have used the Association's services in the value of **5.494.568,79 EUR (≈10.741.882 BAM)**.

## Annex 1: Application Form

Staff count: approximate number of people, voluntary or paid, full-time or part-time, directly carrying out <u>all</u> the activities of the participant,	The Association "Education build Bosnia and Herzegovina" counts only two full-time employees, two part-time employees, and approximate twenty ad hoc volunteers.
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## 2. THE PROJECT

Title of the project	"With education into the future"
Period covered by the project (Section 4 point 3. of the Contest Rules)	Ongoing since: Academic/school 2005/2006 year
Geographical location of the project (Section 4 point 2. of the Contest Rules)	Whole Bosnia and Herzegovina (both entities included- Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and Republica Srpska)
Source of financing of the project	External- 90% of funds comes from Open Society Fund of Bosnia and Herzegovina, 10% from individuals and collective donors.
<p>Objectives, design, planning and activities of the project (Section 4 point 1., Section 5, criterion 1 of the Contest Rules):</p> <p><i>Please explain in no more than 500 words how the objectives, design, planning and activities (completed by the date of submission of this application) of the project can directly positively affect the Roma children and youth (below 18 years) and/or young adults (18-30 years) in terms of inclusion, integration and/or empowerment, with expected long-term effects on their lives. If the beneficiaries of the project belong to various age groups, please explain and confirm that Roma children and youth and/or</i></p>	

Eleven years of continuous support for the education of children of Roma national minority has resulted in extraordinary success by the large number of Roma pupils, thanks to scholarships, able to freely or at least easier to go through the educational process in high schools, after which many enter a higher educational institutions and successfully attended them. The current results of the project showed that among members of Roma national minority, as parents as children and young people, prevails full awareness of the importance of education for their inclusion in normal life and social trends, where it is necessary to continue with the material and moral support to Roma families to cross the threshold of their scandalous economic status of sending children in schools seems unattainable luxury.

However, regardless of the years of work, effort and knowledge, it can't be said that the final goal is achieved, because the need for this type of support is still high given the evident increase the interest of young Roma men and women in the process of applying for the scholarship. Therefore, it is reasonable justification for the scholarship project in the context of the interests and needs of wider community on inclusion of Roma population in regular education, considering that only educated members of Roma national minority can be competitive in labor market and create conditions for solving existential problems. We do hope that in this new generation of educated young Roma men and women to be more and more people who would be willing to devote a part of their time and skills to civic activism, means that they would be more actively involved in work of Roma associations and thus facilitate further organizational strengthening of Roma civil society in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Regarding this, further strengthening of Roma civil society is crucial, because no one can so well represent the interests of Roma national minority as member of this nation themselves, and, above all, educated Roma men and women as in the point of view of social sensitivity towards marginalized groups contribute to the empowerment of Roma community and affirmation of bosnian and herzegovinan society as a whole.

Results achieved of the project (Section 5, criterion 2 of the Contest Rules):

*Please explain in no more than 500 words the results (achieved by the date of submission of this application): how the project was able to directly positively affect the Roma children and youth (below 18 years) and/or young adults (18-30 years) in terms of inclusion, integration and/or empowerment, with expected long-term effects on their lives. Explain how you have measured these results and how these findings have been or will be used to adjust the objectives, design, planning or activities of the project*

Association "Education builds B&H" from 2005/2006 academic year, mostly from grants of Open Society Fund Bosnia and Herzegovina and nine other donors, is implementing a project entitled "With education into the future" in order to materially and morally support the regular education of young Roma men and women of Bosnia and Herzegovina in high schools and universities.

In the eleven-year period of implementation of the project was awarded 1.240 scholarships, or 77% compared to the number of applicants, where the young Roma women account for 47%, which denies the stereotype of indifference of Roma women for education. Of the total number, 104 children and young members of Roma national minority in Sarajevo Canton- municipality Hrasnica, Ilidža, Ilijaš, Stari Grad, Centar, Novo Sarajevo, Novi Grad, Tarčin i Semizovac had used the scholarship, some several times in continuously. Given that 364 or 23% of Roma children registered in previous contests for the scholarship, due to limited funds is not eligible for scholarships, as well as the uncertainty of insurance of grant and donor funds in the future, is justified by the need to find new sources of funding and supporting education of young Roma women and me, especially as, unlike declarative, concrete support focused on education of members of Roma national minority a priority for the integration of Roma community in BH society.

Share of Roma staff carrying out (implementing) the project (Section 5, criterion 3 of the Contest Rules):

*Please describe, in no more than 300 words, how many people – paid or volunteer, full-time or part-time – are directly carrying out (implementing) the project. What is the share in % of Roma among these people?*

*Do not confuse the people who carry out (implement) the project and the people who benefit from the project! For example, teachers and social assistants carry out a project while children benefit from it. However, sometimes it may be difficult to distinguish: for example, unemployed people may receive training as beneficiaries of the project and at the same time they can be employed by the project or do volunteer work to carry*

Members of Roma national minority participate in following activities in this project:

- After closing scholarship contest, one of the three-member board is member of Roma national minority, and he/she takes part in deciding who meet requirements of the contest.
- In addition to scholarships, we organize summer holidays where young Roma men and women takes part in. This part of activity is implemented by Roma volunteers who maintain contacts with Roma NGOs, motivate young Roma men and women to be involved in the work of NGO sector.

Share of women and men (girls and boys) among beneficiaries of the project (Section 5, criterion 4 of the Contest Rules):

*Please state, in no more than 300 words, what the share of women and men (girls and boys) is among the beneficiaries of the project. If there are gender imbalances, please explain them and explain how these findings have been or will be used to adjust the objectives, design, planning or activities of the project. If the project is intended to benefit one gender only, please justify why that is appropriate to achieve the objectives*

Of the total 1,240 young Roma who have received a scholarship from the 2005/2006 year to today, 643 of them were men (53%), while 597 were girls (47%). Since this is a national minority that lives on the margins of society, it is considered that the girls do not attend school or do not want to study. Our experience suggests otherwise, that is presented in the results, the percentage of both genders is almost balanced.

**3. COOPERATING ENTITIES (fill out only if applicable –  
Section 3, point 4. of the Contest Rules)**

<p>Describe in no more than 300 words the share of implementation of the project by the participant, i.e. without the cooperating entities. This share must be meaningful</p>	
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List the cooperating entities. For each entity, provide its full official name, its legal form, its official address and its statutory and/or VAT registration number.

#### **4. SUPPORTING VISUAL MATERIAL**

In compliance with the Contest Rules (Section 6), visual material supporting this application (e.g. photos, videos, brochures) is only accepted if it is openly available on the internet in electronic format (a website, YouTube, Vimeo, Facebook etc.). Provide links below and explain the material, in particular how it shows various aspects of the project. The supporting visual material itself may be in any language.

<http://ogbh.com.ba/en/holidays-lake-boracko/>

(Participation in summer holidays which are held on Boračko lake.)

<http://ogbh.com.ba/en/continuation-implementation-project-education-future/>

(Signing scholarship contracts and round table on the theme "I'm learning to become a useful member of society.")

<http://ogbh.com.ba/en/uspjesna-realizacija-jos-jednog-projekta/>

(Gifts with sport equipment for Roma pupils and students.)

<https://www.facebook.com/OGBiH/>

(Facebook page of Association "Education builds B&H" with all our activities.)

**We wish you good luck!**