

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 Roma¹ 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.

¹As 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

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

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	Association of Roma of the Branicevo district
Official legal form of the participant. This legal form must be suitable for an NGO.	Non-governmental organization
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	<p>Association of Roma Branicevo district is a non-governmental non-profit organization that consisted of 16 branches which independently operated from 1998 until 2004 when they united in the Association. The total number of Roma living in Branicevo district is 25,000, representing about 11% of the total population. The mission of the Association is to improve the lives of Roma while preserving their own culture and tradition. The aim of the Association is emancipation Roma and their integration in economic, cultural and social life and which is based on social and education programs. The target group of the Association of the Roma population (women, children, youth, students, Roma displaced from Kosovo), as well as assistance to vulnerable non-Roma population from Branicevo district. Main activities include: Solving the existing problems all Roma are facing with (discrimination, prejudice, stereotypes); Improving working and living conditions of Roma; Exchange of information on the situation of Roma and achievements of Roma; Support to social and educational inclusion of Roma at all levels; Initiating the development, rehabilitation and normalization of inter-ethnic relations and support to civil society in Branicevo district; Environmental Protection;</p>

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, i.e. not just the project	Association has between 25-30 people average engaged in conducting its activities, of which 21 are volunteers
Full official address, notably street/post box, postal code, city, country	Zviska St. 13, 12000 Pozarevac, Republic of Serbia
E-mail address	urbo.po@mts.rs
Website	http://www.urbo.org.rs/ https://www.facebook.com/Romski-Edukativni-Centar-Pozarevac-432287300283891/
Statutory registration number, VAT registration number (whichever available)	SRN: 17581058 VAT: 103465838
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2. THE PROJECT

Title of the project	Support to educational inclusion of Roma at all educational levels and support to self-employment in Pozarevac – “Our right to live better”
Period covered by the project (Section 4 point 3. of the Contest Rules)	From: _____ To: _____ OR Ongoing since: 21.12.2015.
Geographical location of the project (Section 4 point 2. of the Contest Rules)	<i>City of Pozarevac and City municipality Kostolac, Branicevo district, Republic of Serbia</i>
Source of financing of the project	<i>EU/EDF funded project; OSI Budapest – MtM Central Serbia (supplementary grant); LSG Pozarevac (staff salary contribution)</i>
<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 young adults are a majority of the beneficiaries.</i></p>	

The overall objective was set to improve educational inclusion and poverty reduction of Roma in Pozarevac, through the achievement of six defined specific objectives, in line with the overall and specific objectives of the Call. The specific objectives were developed to cover the wide range of educational exclusion of Roma children at all educational levels, starting from preschool and to develop active employment inclusion and activation of young educated and additionally trained Roma. All previously developed inter-sector cooperation is being fully set in function through this action. To reassure long term sustainability, objectives were set to obtain complete and reliable needs assessment and to formalize strategic planning through the update of the LAP, which expired during 2015. Social inclusion of Roma is being achieved, not only through the direct educational and employment inclusion, but also through visibility measures targeting the local community and practical inclusion initiative through joint public actions.

The activity clusters are developed to cover educational and social support to pre-school children (30 Roma children) in developing their skills and knowledge through regular weekly engagement. The elementary school children (60 Roma pupils) have been receiving support in catch up mentoring support to master the curricula, safe environment for creative free time activities with transportation and provision of snacks and development of healthy nutrition habits. Higher classes are being additionally supported through the schools with text books and the most vulnerable with wardrobe and toys through public actions. The vocational and high school students (15 Roma high school students) and graduates are being supported through text books, informal education in business related skills (10 Roma youth) with internships in public and private institutions/organizations (30 Roma youth interneers). At the beginning of 2017. it is planned that young Roma (5 young Roma) will be supported in established facilities of the business incubator and registration of private business, technical and expert support during the first year of running the business and micro grants (3 young Roma entrepreneurs will receive grants) for small businesses outside the scope of the incubator. Sustainability is and will be provided through the clusters of activities of establishment of a database on the base of empirical research of needs and development and adoption of a valid LAP. Inter-sector cooperation has been provided through the signed Partnership agreements and involvement of the stakeholders in previous clusters.

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.

Achieved results so far:

1. Target group – Roma children and youth below 18 years

30 Roma preschool children received support in developing their skills and knowledge through regular weekly engagement;

30 Roma elementary school children received support through mentor classes, additional 30 will be included through further implementation of project activities;

15 Roma elementary school children received support through providing text books and school material;

15 Roma high school children received support through providing text books and school material;

50 young Roma improved social position through creative use of free-time and public initiatives;

30 Roma children provided with second hand clothing and toys;

2. Target group – Roma young adults (18-30 years)

6 Internees received support through providing internship programme in private and public institutions

2 of internees engaged in full time employment status

10 young Roma are currently receiving support through business development skills training

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 out the project. Therefore, describe clearly the people who carry out (implement) the project.

The project team consists of 7 persons, of which 2 are Roma, while 1 is young adult Roma women. Share point is set to 28.6% in project team.

There are 4 engaged mentors for elementary school classes – 2 of them are Roma teachers and 1 is Roma women – share point is set to 50%

There is one translator for Romani language – 1 young adult Roma woman – 100%

14 volunteers engaged in project implementation from local Roma settlements, 5 are Roma women – share point is 100%

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 project.

Project aims at providing support to Roma children and young adults with special focus to Roma girls and women.

Among preschool children there are 17 out of 30 beneficiaries who are Roma girls – 56.7% share

Regarding 30 Roma elementary school children who have received support through mentor classes, there are 14 Roma girls – 46.7% share

Among 15 Roma elementary school children who have received support through providing text books and school material – 10 of them are Roma girls, share point at 66.7%

Among 15 Roma high school children who have received support through providing text books and school material – 11 of them are Roma women, share point at 73.3%

There are 50 young Roma who improved social position through creative use of free-time and public initiatives, among them 19 Roma women and girls – share point 38%

Among 30 Roma children provided with second hand clothing and toys there are 21 Roma girls who received support – share point 70%

Among 6 internees who were engaged in internship process 5 of them are Roma women – share point 83.3%

There are 10 young Roma who are currently receiving support through business development skills training – among them 8 women, share point 80%

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>	<p>Project implementation partner – LSG Pozarevac has appointed two project team members, the LSG coordinator and the PR of the project, both engaged with 30% of working hours respectively</p>
<p>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.</p>	<p>Co-applicant: Local self government Pozarevac; governmental body; Drinska St. 2, 12000 Pozarevac, Republic of Serbia SRN: 07271239 VAT: RS100438011</p>

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.

Provide the link and a short (maximum 30 words) explanation for each item of visual material. Do not provide more than 10 items; any items beyond this limit will be disregarded during the evaluation.

<https://www.facebook.com/Romski-Edukativni-Centar-Pozarevac-432287300283891/>

- Official Facebook page of Association of Roma of the Branicevo district

<http://boom93.com/info/lokalne-vesti/31818/za-300-dece-u-obrazovanju-za-nove-preduzetnike...-.html> - Project opening conference

<http://www.hitradio.rs/vest/6064/danas-je-svetski-dan-roma> - Celebrating International Roma Day and Promoting project activities

<http://www.hitradio.rs/vest/5912/predstavljen-novi-projekat-podrske-u-obrazovanju-i-samozaposljavanju-roma> - Promoting project activities

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kREks_FvVS4 - Promoting project activities

<https://pozarevac.rs/poziv-za-ucesce-u-projektu-nase-pravo-da-zivimo-bolje-3/> - Call for taking part in project implementation

<http://www.rts.rs/page/radio/sr/story/23/radio-beograd-1/2476021/romano-them.html> - Promoting project activities on National Broadcasting Radio

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=O2rFFmGQBnM> - Distribution of text book and school material

We wish you good luck!