

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.
- 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>

¹ 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.

*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	Roma Women of Vojvodina
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	<p>Date of entry in the Register: 22.02.2007</p> <p>The registration number of the organization of the Agency of the Republic of Serbia, the EBRD registers: 130-024-00-00257 / 2007-07.</p> <p>Decision on the registration ADJUSTMENT:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - issue of decision date:17.03.2011. -no. decision-BU 5180/2011 - Code 9499-core activities; other activities <p>Membership based organizations, association.</p> <p>Vision: Roma inclusion and equality with all ethnic communities.</p> <p>Mission: We are contributing to social development and reducing inequality in all aspects of society through providing adequate support to Roma men and women and encouraging them to be self-organized.</p> <p>The objectives of the Association are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Advancing and improving the state of the health and safety of Roma people and in particular Roma women, children and youth. 2. Enhancing and improving the situation of Roma education and especially education of Roma children and youth 3. Improvement and preservation of Roma culture, traditional old crafts. 4. Improving and upgrading the state of the Roma economy, employment and entrepreneurship development and particularly Roma women and youth.
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	The Association currently has 30 active members (male/female) and about 20 supporters and volunteers.
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Website	/

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2. THE PROJECT

Title of the project	<i>"Do you know? Can you?"</i>
Period covered by the project (Section 4 point 3. of the Contest Rules)	From: 01/02/2016. To: 31/07/2016 OR Ongoing since: _____
Geographical location of the project (Section 4 point 2. of the Contest Rules)	<i>Identify a precise location of the project, including the candidate country or potential candidate for EU membership</i> Municipality of Novi Bečej, Republic of Serbia
Source of financing of the project	<i>It can be internal (participant's own funds) or external (one or more donors). Please specify.</i> The Social Inclusion and Poverty Reduction Unit of the Government of the Republic of Serbia
<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>	

General Objective:

Enable reducing obstacles faced by young Roma men and women in employment and self-employment.

Specific objectives:

1. Increase level of activity of young Roma men and women in employment and self-employment.
2. Significantly increase the employability of young Roma.
3. Activate actors in the local labour market to recruit young Roma.

The idea: Activities of the project proposal unemployed young Roma men and women have set up in the position of an active subject and enabled them to break down barriers (prejudice, discrimination, lack of education and competitiveness in the labour market) through cooperation and direct contacts with employers and other entities of the labour market, by raising the level of training and awareness of employment and activation of potential for cooperation between the employment of this target group and by the actors of the local labour market.

Implemented activities:

1. Data collection and database creation.
2. Common workshop users and project participants.
3. Meetings with businessmen and other stakeholders of the labour market
 - 3.1. Active public information
 - 3.2. Formation and functioning of an open group for cooperation
4. Group meetings for internal monitoring

Target groups:

The direct beneficiaries of the project: unemployed young Roma men and women aged 15 to 30 years of 200, which is included in the total population in this age, (120 young Roma women and 80 young Roma men).

Indirect beneficiaries:

-Local entrepreneurs, companies and other economic entities 100 of them

Final users:

- Local self-government
- Local public services (CSW, NES and others)
- Citizens municipalities

With this project we have significantly reduced the obstacles and barriers that young Roma face in employment, insisting the direct participation of target groups in all project activities and bringing face to face with employers. In their cooperation we opened space for breaking prejudices that exist essentially in ignorance and long term way for building trust and cooperation, which is a pillar for elimination of inequalities.

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:

1. Higher level of activity and common solutions designed for the employment of young Roma.
2. Higher level of educated and informed direct beneficiaries about the options and methods for employment and self-employment.
3. Formed active and functional group for cooperation (direct beneficiaries and employers).
4. Formed functional and operational database on the problems and possibilities of user groups for employment.

The project has been significantly raised the level of qualification, activity and motivation of direct target group for employment at that level and made positive change. Direct users, with our support, got a kind of hope to get a positive outcome of his efforts for employment. They have been moved for job search that represents a major improvement comparing the previous motivation. We changed vision and attitudes towards indirect target group of young Roma. This is a completely new approach both for users and for the public sector and other actors. Beneficiaries have reacted very positively and accepted the role of active subjects of their own employment. Private entrepreneurs were also open to change in the relationship. The direct target group was involved in all activities of the project and placed in the position of the subject, which is supported by the project team. All agreed solutions from workshops were respected and users were motivated with concrete results: two were employed and one of them opened his own firm (a women).

Mechanisms for monitoring and reporting on project implementation established at the very beginning of the activities. The person for monitoring and reporting was the project coordinator with the support of the beneficiaries of the project, which consisted of a network collecting information, monitoring of realization indicators. Monitoring was internal and external to the funder. There were: indicators of achievement of objectives, results and activity. There were also meetings of coordinators and project beneficiaries (members of the team meeting with the selected workshops and activist), where they analyzed the information, reports and corrections, consultation for the successful implementation of further activities). There were 5 such meetings during the project.

Means testing indicators were: reports on all activities of the project, input exit polls, list of presence at project events. Dynamic of the periodic reporting was every three months so a financier could carry out monitoring on its part at any moment.

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.

Participants in implementation of the project were:

Roma people: Project Coordinator, Head of workshops and four activists.

The share of direct beneficiaries in the implementation of project activities:

1. Meetings with businessmen and other stakeholders of the labour market (ten).
2. The meetings of the group for internal monitoring (five)
3. The establishment and functioning of the Open Group for Cooperation (ten)

On the implementation of project activities actively participated in a total of 25 direct beneficiaries, young Roma.

Non-Roma.

1. Associate:

He participated in the workshops, a member of the group open for cooperation and team meetings with business entities

Introducing users to the ways and possibilities of employment, labour market animation for learning in a group for cooperation and employment profile.

2. Entrepreneur (partner in the project)

He participated in the workshops, a member of the group open for cooperation and team meetings with business entities

89% of Roma participated into their implementation of the project.

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.

Among the direct beneficiaries of the project at the age of 15 to 30 years participated 120 young Roma women and 80 young Roma men.

More Roma women participated because the extent of the lack of competitiveness in the labour market, lack of education, discrimination and prejudice is much higher than young Roma women.

They are also in a greater degree of unemployed and often find themselves in a situation of double discrimination of women, both from the majority community and within the Roma community itself.

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

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 and substantial.

Our organization has coordinated, organized and carried out all the activities of the project:

1. Data collection and database creation.
2. Common workshop for users and project participants.
3. Meetings with businessmen and other stakeholders of the labour market

3.1. Active public information

3.2. Forming and functioning of an open group for cooperation

4. Group meetings for internal monitoring

Partner participated as:

- Participant in workshops (lecturer on the topic of experience in the private business).
- Member of Open group for cooperation and team meetings with companies.

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.

Štamparija Bačkalić DOO
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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.

We wish you good luck!