

**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>

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.

*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.

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

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.

("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	Nongovernmental Organization KHAM-Delcevo
Official legal form of the participant. This legal form must be suitable for an NGO.	Nongovernmental organization

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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	Driven by the need to realize, protect and align their interests and beliefs as well as to perform activities and actions to improve and promote education among young Roma, improving their social status and their involvement in all socio-economic trends in the country, a group Roma citizens founded the humanitarian and charity "Kham" Delcevo. The organization was founded on 20.03.1999 year as non-governmental, non-political and uneconomic organization. In the period of 2000-2002 years the organization underwent a change in its active members because some members left the organization. They registered 4 branches in the municipalities of Berovo, Pehcevo and Vinica and village Crnik, which later, with our financial assistance are re-registered as independent NGOs. In 2011, the organization, under the Law on Associations and Foundations, was re-registered NGO Kham Delcevo. They established new governing bodies and increase membership volunteers. At the same time there was a change in the mission and vision of the organization. 2015 is the year of structural change. A new Strategic Plan was brought in 2015-2018. There were revised vision and mission of Kham as well as the strategic goals. <u>The long term aims of NGO KHAM are the following:</u> 1. Achievement of human rights and respect the principle of non-discrimination 2. Overcoming negative narratives of Romany as workers and improve their competitiveness in the labor market 3. Increasing the frequency and improving the low results of Roma students in the educational process 4. Consistent implementation of health rights and the application of preventive health programs in the Romany community 5. Inclusion of Romany in important social events at local and national level The main activities of NGO KHAM Delcevo are: field visits, education, information, mobilization, lobbying and advocacy, strategic litigation, coordinative meetings and so on.
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	Number of staff: 27 people Employed staff-full time: 13 people Honorary staff- full time:7 Honorary staff- part time:7 Ad-hock voluntary engagement depends from the project activities.

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2. THE PROJECT

Title of the project	Improving Roma Employment through Education and Training Thematic priority 2: Integration of Minority Ethnic Communities in the Labour Market with special focus on women
Period covered by the project (Section 4 point 3. of the Contest Rules)	From: 29.12.2015 To: 29.12.2017 OR Ongoing since: 29.12.2015
Geographical location of the project (Section 4 point 2. of the Contest Rules)	This project is implemented on national level in Republic of Macedonia, through which are covered the following municipalities: Shuto Orizari – Skopje, Delchevo, Vinica, Crnik, we as organization and as co-applicants, we cover: Delcevo, Vinica village Crnik.
Source of financing of the project	European Commission- IPA- Human Resource Development 04 06 01
Objectives, design, planning and activities of the project (Section 4 point 1., Section 5, criterion 1 of the Contest Rules): <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>	

So far, the implemented activities, which directly affect the Roma children from 0-6 years, increased the inclusion and the access to early childhood education and care of 28 Roma children in two Municipalities (Delcevo(13) and Vinica(8)), and one village (Crnik(7)). Their inclusion and integration which start from early ages will lead the Roma children toward future and regular participation in the educational system, and will provide them further development, better integration in the society and will make them ready and qualified individuals for the labour market. Beside the mentioned benefits, the selected children become immunized and vaccinated more regularly than before, and their parents become more aware about the necessity of the immunization process.

Because at the beginning were identified 112 children in Vinica, 25 children in vilage Crnik and 38 in Delcevo (but not all of them can be involved in Kindergarten, based on the kindergartens capacity), from 0-6 years in the targeted localities, through them we identify 175 parents or 175 mothers (older than 18 years) who participate in different activities, Community events (Storytelling, Motivational event, Home community liaisons), organized by the project staff and predicted within the project proposal. Through the Storytelling activity, the involved mothers gain and improve their literacy skills, become more active in the life of their children, and paid more attention on their continuous education, as well as connect with other mothers and exchange knowledge and experience about the above mentioned activities. Through the Motivational event, they learn about different types of Human rights, increased their communication skills, learn about working possibilities within the Agency of unemployment active programmes and so on. The mothers involved in Home Community liaisons activity improve their communication with the Kindergarten staff, develop their creativity through planning an educational sessions in collaboration with the kindergarten. Those educational sessions which are conducted by trained mothers promote the Roma culture and life and contribute toward overcoming of prejudice and discrimination between the stakeholders, especially between the children.

The other component of the project includes women and men above 18 years in order to complete their primary and secondary education. The aim of these activities is to produce qualified Roma which will be active in the labor market. So far 33 people (Roma women and man) are involved in primary education, and 8 men and women in secondary education.

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.

The results achieved to this stage are the following:

- 28 children (0 to 6 years) are enrolled in three kindergartens(Delcevo,Vinica and village Crnik)
- Three partnership agreement are signed with the kindergartens
- 48 Family Social Profiles, 28 from this project and 20 from the project Inclusion of Roma children
- 10 workshops are held with women for community empowerment
- Allocation of 504 books in three localities for families who have children from 0-6 and how participate in the Story telling activity
- 33 Roma are selected with incomplete primary education(20 of them will be financial supported by the project in order to finish their education, and 11 of them will be supported by the Civic university for Adult education)
- 8 persons are selected with incomplete secondary education (6 from them are women 2 are man)
- 5 motivational events are held in village Crnik , 4 in Vinica and 4 in Delcevo with women
- 68 family visits are conducted in Delcevo,Vinica and village Crnik, which are having children from 0 to 6, for each of them, the project staff opened dossier with basic and health data
- 36 mothers so far participated in non-formal reading sessions

We measure the results achieved by the children with the received weekly reports regarding their attendance submitted by the kindergarten staff. The community events are measured with the lists of participants and minutes prepared from each meeting. The participation of the selected people in primary and secondary education is measured by list of participant, exams, list of passed exams and at the end when they end their education, than we will measured with the number of received diplomas.

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.

In the project are involved 8 people, form which 6 are Roma and 2 are non-Roma. Full time paid staff are two Roma the Project manager and Project assistance 100%, the Financial administrator (non Roma) is involved 25% of its time, two Roma mediators are with 45% engagement, the Social educator and social worker (one non Roma person who held the above mentioned positions), Assistant lecture- Roma person in include with 40% of its time, Home Community Liaisons Trainer- Roma person included with 20% of its time and Local trainer which position still pending.

The share of involved Roma in the project is 80%.

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.

From 0 to 6 years we have 18 boys and 10 girls involved in the project from three different localities, the number of the boys is bigger because from 2012-2015 the number of born boys is bigger than then the girls.

From 18-30 we have 21 men's and 12 women`s who are interested about the activity, regarding the completion of their primary and 6 men and 2 women are include secondary education. So far most of the women are interested to participate in the Community events-219 women`s, and be part of the development of their children.

We can conclude that the number of the women, above 18, that participate in activities as beneficiaries within the project is bigger than the man, which lead to the specific objective number 3 from the project: Empower Roma women and combat gender and ethnic discrimination through establishment of empowered and education groups.

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.	The share of the implementation of the project by NGO KHAM Delcevo is 37%. With this share NGO KHAM has responsibility to implement the activities enlisted in the detailed Action plan, prepare and submit periodic narrative report, develop and update education database, outreach and enrolment of the project participants, provide the second chance primary education and tutoring activity, outreach and enrolment of project participants for second chance secondary education, facilitate the access enrolment and attendance in ESD and preschool services, organize home school community liaisons for Roma parents, strengthen capacity of preschool teachers to deliver inclusive education, organize training in reading.
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.	Cooperating entities: Project promoter: Roma Education Fund/Roma Oktatasi Alap Legal status: Nongovernmental organization Legal Entity File Number:6000326509 EuropeanAid ID: HU-2011-BOO-1703060203 Postal address: Terez Korut 46, Budapest, Hungary 1066 Website: www.romaeducationfund.org Co-applicant: NGO Ambrela Shuto Orizari- Skopje Legal status: Nongovernmental organization Legal Entity File Number:40330007013699 EuropeanAid ID: MK-2010-FAC-0509438420 Postal address: gorgi Penkov 11a,1000 Skopje Website: www.ambrela.org.mk

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.
<i>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.</i> https://www.facebook.com/delcevo.kham/?fref=ts (on this page are published ongoing activities from the projects implemented by NGO KHAM, there are pictures and short information about each event);

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YFvzkzaya30&feature=youtu.be> (this video is regarding the start of the project and information about it, enrollment of Roma children in preschool education);
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCsG0shdkXFTjmEdcFCCskWw> (on this page we are publishing media and public presentation interview about the projects)
<http://www.khamdelcevo.org.mk/programazavrabotuvanje.html> (on our web site we promote our work and important documentations, publication about the organization, and organizational activities)

We wish you good luck!