

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.

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.

- 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	PASS Social Stimulating Alternative Program
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	The death of 2 children who belonged to the Roma community once again brought to the attention of the public opinion the miserable conditions in which this community lived. Ecovolis was the first organization to launch an awareness campaign called "The Park of Dreams" as a possible solution for the housing of Roma in Albania. In the Tufina area, Ecovolis repaired, completed it with accessories, isolated the first 15 trailers by building one shelter at a time with the area square 10m2, with protection against the rain and the wind.

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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	7 people hired 20 volunteers
Full official address, notably street/post box, postal code, city, country	Ecovolis Rruga Dora D'istria, Tirane, Albania
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Website	www.pass-al.org
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Name (Ms, Mr)	ENED MATO
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2. THE PROJECT

Title of the project	"The Park of Dreams"
Period covered by the project (Section 4 point 3. of the Contest Rules)	From: _____ To: _____ OR Ongoing since: January, 2016
Geographical location of the project (Section 4 point 2. of the Contest Rules)	<i>Tufine, Tirane, Albania</i>
Source of financing of the project	<i>Social media campaign, donations by citizens or businesses</i>
Objectives, design, planning and activities of the project (Section 4 point 1., Section 5, criterion 1 of the Contest Rules): Created the 1st friendly park for Roma population, providing campers as a movable housing solution and increased active citizenship through donations and volunteering, whereby we fight prejudice and discrimination through active citizens' participation. The camp was habilitated with hygienic toilets in 8 divisions (4 for women, 4 for men) and connected to the receptacle of water and the discharge channel. The hygiene accessories and cleaning detergents were habilitated as well. The lightning system was connected in each trailer with LED lightning and the respective secure keys. There were 10 solar panels placed for lightning on 7 columns 7 meters high for the lightning of the street and the park. We built a playground for over 50 children at the park. Swings, seesaw, basketball, ping-pong, game accessories, nets, etc. We have organized 20 cultural activities, games, concerts, readings, dinners, lunches, kiddical masses.	

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 campaign was conceived and adapted as a long-term solution to avoid possible evictions due to land ownership, as the trailers can be moved easily from one place to another. Another advantage of this project is the idea of building a community, by including assistance by people and gradually providing all facilities and public services. In addition to housing, the camp will soon be open a soup kitchen where 300 members of the Roma community will be nourished. This camp will also temporarily accommodate citizens in cases of natural disasters since as it offers optimal conditions for housing and feeding. Together we marked a step forward sheltering dozens of Roma families, a community that deserves a dignified housing, equal rights.

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

For the cleaning, security and maintenance of the park space at the park we've paid 2 part-time members of the Roma community.

20 volunteers who organize activities with the kids each week such as singing, playing soccer, games, etc.

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

Roma women more frequently stay out of the labour market (are inactive), work in informal employment, and receive substantially lower payments for their work. We will open a sewing factory to employ the women since financial freedom means emancipation, liberation, a state of free will.

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	
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.	U.S. Embassy Rruga e Elbasanit No. 103 Tirana, ALBANIA Phone: +(355) 4 2247 285 Fax: +(355) 4 2232 222 https://tirana.usembassy.gov/index.html Netherlands Embassy in Tirana, Albania Rruga Asim Zeneli 10, Tirana, Albania P.O. Box 203 Tirana Albania +355 4 2240828 http://albania.nlembassy.org/

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.

https://www.facebook.com/ecovolis/photos/?tab=album&album_id=1187461931273701

We wish you good luck!