

Roma equality, inclusion, and participation (EQUIP)

Call for applications for ERGO Network members for grants to coordinate National Roma Coalitions 2023

ERGO Network (www.ergonetwork.org) brings together around 30 members from across Europe and supports organizations with a common perspective on Roma grassroots empowerment and equal citizenship to challenge stereotypes and combat stigmatization. We mobilize and connect organizations and individuals that share and express our values – active citizenship, shared responsibility, and passion – to strengthen and empower Roma civil society involvement in decision-making at local, national, and European levels and to address existing shortcomings of policies targeted at Roma.

ERGO Network is providing grants to six of its member organizations from EU Member States to coordinate national Roma civil society coalitions. These coalitions should facilitate the exchange of experience, pooling of resources, and formulation of common standpoints at the national level.

These 6 grants are part of ERGO Network's financial support to third parties through its **Annual Work Program 'Roma Equality, Inclusion and Participation 2023'** funded by the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) of the European Commission.

The implementation period of the projects will be from May to November 2023.

Eligibility

- Be a member (full or associate) of the ERGO Network
- Be established in a Member State of the European Union
- Be a legal entity, a non-profit organization
- Respect EU values as laid down in Art.2 of the Treaty on European Union and the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.
- Not be a sub-contractor of ERGO Network
- Adhere to ERGO Network's safeguarding policy, have their own safeguarding policy or agree to start developing a safeguarding policy.

We will select the projects according to these criteria:

- Previous experience on the topic
- Trackable cooperation with ERGO Network
- Existing networks with relevant partners
- Experience in capacity-building
- Quality of the applications submitted.

Objectives

- Disseminate information on relevant policies among Roma NGOs and collect information that can feed into relevant national and EU policies.
- Support smaller (pro-)Roma CSOs in their advocacy work toward national authorities.
- Coordinate Roma civil society with a view to organizing common advocacy activities relating to national Roma strategies and other relevant issues.

Expected results

- More efficient advocacy on Roma issues on a national level and increased pressure to implement EU policies on a national level
- Better feedback from the national level to EU decision-makers on Roma-related issues in Member States through better coordination of civil society.
- Better organized, less fragmented Roma civil society in the EU Member States with the largest Roma population.

Financial support: 5000 Euros

Please provide a detailed budget with your application.

Accommodation, travel, and subsistence costs will be reimbursed according to unit costs, based on your country's rate under the 2021-2027 multi-annual financial framework (see annex attached).

Eligible cost categories

- Staff costs
- Travel, subsistence and accommodation (reimbursed as unit costs)
- Delivery of services (experts, trainers, lecturers, designers, translators, interpreters etc.)
- Purchase of equipment (in relation to the percentage used by the project)
- Printing and postage costs (telephone costs?)
- Renting of rooms and equipment
- Catering

Non-eligible costs:

- Debts and provisions for losses or debts
- Items or activities already financed in another framework.

- Purchases of land or buildings
- Currency exchange losses
- Taxes, including VAT
- Credit to third parties.
- Projects supporting political parties or illegal activities
- Retroactive financing for projects that are already in implementation or completed

Application

All applicants should submit their application documentation in a Word document in English, describing why they are qualified to fulfil the objectives and answering the questions below IN DETAIL. Applicants are asked to use the font Calibri 11, line spacing – single.

If you would like to apply for a grant to coordinate a National Roma Coalition, please answer the following questions as detailed as possible:

Describe the setting of the coalition (formal, informal, leading to formalization, etc.) and how many organizations are or will be included.

What issues are you planning to discuss?

Which advocacy goals do you set for the coalition? (Regarding the National Roma Frameworks, Partnership Agreements, Recovery, and post-Covid-19 measures?)

How will you achieve these goals?

Which deliverables will you provide?

When and where will you meet?

How will you ensure the visibility of the coalition's work?

Which risks might occur?

Criteria	% of the score
1. Relevance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Needs described in the proposal are clearly defined and based on recent needs assessments in the local community. - The project is relevant to the fight against antigypsyism and the social inclusion of Roma 	30%
2. Project Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The proposed project is aligned with project objectives and outlined illustrative activities - The programmatic approaches are clearly defined and technically sound, demonstrate essential linkages between activities, cost-effectiveness, and incorporate best practices 	20%
3. Community Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The project reaches relevant communities, including vulnerable sub-groups. - Roma are involved in the design, implementation, and evaluation of the project. 	20%
3. Technical and institutional implementation capabilities <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Demonstrated ability to deliver project objectives (experience delivering similar projects in targeted sectors) - Cost-effectiveness of the activities covered by the project proposal 	20%

Please send your application in word format with a detailed budget using the unit cost in the annex attached to info@ergonetwork.org, by **April 30 at 23:59 CET**.

All communication related to requests for an application should be sent to c.tanasie@ergonetwork.org