

Roma equality, inclusion, and participation (EQUIP)

Call for applications for capacity-building, campaigning, and advocacy projects.

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 its members from EU Member States to implement **9 CAPACITY-BUILDING, CAMPAIGNING, and ADVOCACY projects that are relevant for Roma communities in their countries.**

These grants are part of ERGO Network's financial support to third parties through its **Annual Work Programme 'Roma Equality, Inclusion and Participation 2023'** funded by the Citizens, Equality, Rights and Values Programme (CERV) of the European Commission. **The maximum project budget is 10,000€.**

All ERGO Network members located in the European Union are eligible to apply for the call for applications. The implementation period of the projects will be from April to November 2023.

Eligibility criteria:

- 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 organisation
- 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.

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Context

Roma people are Europe's largest ethnic minority. Many Roma continue to face antigypsyism, discrimination, and social exclusion, even though EU countries have banned discrimination and have National Roma Strategic Frameworks in place to support Roma inclusion Roma through several holistic approaches and mainstream policies at national level. However, the reports and assessments done by the European Commission and stakeholders from the past decade and the present assessment still show limited results of any Roma integration policies.

We are searching for 9 ERGO Network members from EU Member States with the capacity and knowledge to implement capacity-building, campaigning or advocacy projects.

Activities could include:

- Advocacy and watch-dog activities related to fulfilment of the National Roma Inclusion Strategies and supporting the Roma representation at the National Roma Platforms
- Advocacy and support activities for the inclusion of Roma refugees from Ukraine
- Strengthen the project management or campaigning capacities of local Roma civil society
- Campaign activities to raise awareness of the impact of antigypsyism among specific groups of non-Roma.

This list is non-exhaustive! You can propose your own project ideas that will have a positive impact on Roma communities in your country.

Objectives

- To support local and national Roma civil society (ERGO members) in undertaking advocacy concerning the implementation of national Roma strategic frameworks and other issues concerning Roma on local and national levels.
- To build organizational strength and capacity of grassroots Roma organizations through training courses and other capacity-building activities.
- To support Roma civil society organizations in their efforts to help Roma refugees from Ukraine, either through humanitarian aid, inclusion support, or advocacy.

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- To support Roma civil society organizations in their efforts to combat antigypsyism on a local and national level through the campaign, educational or advocacy activities.

Outputs & results

- The evidence produced by the applicants will be widely distributed at the European level and on social media and will be used as an advocacy tool for policy change.

Financial support

- Project budget up to 10,000€ - *20% co-funding required, so the grant amount will be a maximum of 8000€. Projects connected to refugees from Ukraine do not require co-funding, as they will be co-funded by the European Programme for Integration and Migration (EPIM).*

The anticipated project implementation period is from **May to November 2023**.

Eligible cost categories

- Staff costs
- Travel, subsistence, and accommodation (reimbursed as unit costs based on xxx)
- 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
- Renting of rooms and equipment
- Catering

Non-eligible cost:

- 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

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Application Format

To apply for funding, all applicants are obliged to submit the following documentation:

- **Application form** (narrative), as a signed document (see attached)
- **Budget and budget justification**, as a signed document (see attached)

All applicants are invited to submit their application documentation in English.

Criteria	% Of Score
1. Project Design <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Project Justification: needs described in the proposal are clearly defined and based on recent needs assessments in the local community. - Program Design: the proposed project is aligned to 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 	40%
2. Community Coverage <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Community reach including the number and profile of people targeted by the project. - Ability to reach vulnerable sub-groups 	30%
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) - Previous experience in monitoring and human rights research and reporting 	10%
4. Local experience and presence <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Established presence in the proposed area of operations. - Sound access to the target communities and legitimacy among the target communities - Good relationship with target communities in the proposed area of operations 	20%

Questions, and Submission Instructions

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

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.**

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