

## Roma equality, inclusion, and participation (EQUIP)

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

ERGO Network ([www.ergonetwork.org](http://www.ergonetwork.org)) brings together around 30 members from across Europe and supports organisations with a shared perspective on Roma grassroots empowerment and equal citizenship to challenge stereotypes and combat stigmatisation. We mobilise and connect organisations and individuals that share and express our values – active citizenship, shared responsibility, and passion – to strengthen and empower Roma civil society's involvement in local, national, and European decision-making 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 relevant to 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 2024**, 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 in the European Union are eligible to apply for the call for applications. The implementation period of the projects will be from May to November 2024.

#### 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 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 antigypsyism's impact among specific non-Roma groups.

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

## Objectives

- To support local and national Roma civil society (ERGO members) in undertaking advocacy concerning implementing national Roma strategic frameworks and other issues concerning Roma on local and national levels.
- To build organisational strength and capacity of grassroots Roma organisations through training courses and other capacity-building activities.
- To support Roma civil society organisations in their efforts to help Roma refugees from Ukraine through humanitarian aid, inclusion support, or advocacy.
- To support Roma civil society organisations in their efforts to combat antigypsyism locally and nationally through campaign, educational or advocacy activities.

## Outputs & results

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- 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€

The anticipated project implementation period is from **April to November 2024**.

### Eligible cost categories

- Staff costs
- Travel, subsistence, and accommodation (reimbursed as unit costs based on country rate; check the financial template)
- Delivery of services (experts, trainers, lecturers, designers, translators, interpreters etc.)
- Purchase of equipment (about 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

### 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
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<p><b>1. Project Design</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Project Justification: The needs described in the proposal are clearly defined and based on recent needs assessments in the local community.</li> <li>- 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</li> </ul>	<b>40%</b>
<p><b>2. Community Coverage</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community reach includes the number and profile of people the project targets.</li> <li>- Ability to reach vulnerable sub-groups</li> </ul>	<b>30%</b>
<p><b>3. Technical and institutional implementation capabilities</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Demonstrated ability to deliver project objectives (experience delivering similar projects in targeted sectors)</li> <li>- Previous experience in monitoring and human rights research and reporting</li> </ul>	<b>10%</b>
<p><b>4. Local experience and presence</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Established presence in the proposed area of operations.</li> <li>- Sound access to the target communities and legitimacy among the target communities</li> <li>- Good relationship with target communities in the proposed area of operations</li> </ul>	<b>20%</b>

### Questions and Submission Instructions

**All communication** related to requests for an application should be sent via email to [c.tanasie@ergonetwork.org](mailto: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](mailto:info@ergonetwork.org), **by March 29 at 23:59 CET.**