

Roma equality, inclusion, and participation (EQUIP)

Call for applications for small-scale research projects:

To support local and national Roma civil society in gathering evidence of challenges faced by Roma on a local level through research activities

ERGO Network (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 four small-scale research projects on a topic of interest relevant to their communities to support local and national Roma civil society in gathering evidence of challenges Roma faces on a local level. These four research 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.

All ERGO Network members in European Union Member States are eligible to apply for the grants. The implementation of the projects will take place 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, 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.

Context

Roma people are Europe's largest ethnic minority. Many Roma continue to be victims of antigypsyism, discrimination, and social exclusion, even though EU countries have banned discrimination and have National Roma Strategic Frameworks in place to support Roma inclusion in all areas of life. The reports and assessments done by the European Commission and stakeholders from the past decade and the present assessment still show limited results.

We are searching for three ERGO Network members in EU Member States with the capacity and knowledge to prepare in-depth research to relate or not to Roma strategies that can be beneficial for the Roma communities.

Objectives

- Yield concrete national and EU recommendations for improving Roma access in society and mainstream policies at the national level.
- Inform better delivery of the EU Roma Strategic Framework on Equality, Inclusion and Participation.

Outputs & results

- Three research reports, roughly 10-15 pages long, in English
- The research will be widely distributed at the European level and used as an advocacy tool for policy change.

Financial support

- 4000 Euros

Eligible cost categories

- Staff costs
- Travel, subsistence, and accommodation (reimbursed as unit costs based on country rate)
- Delivery of services (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:

With financial support of the European Union CERV Programme.



- 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 are invited to submit their application documentation in a Word document in English. Applicants are asked to use the font Calibri 11, line spacing – single.

1. Please describe your background and expertise regarding the proposed research topic.
2. Please explain why you find this topic interesting and relevant and how it can improve Roma people's lives.
3. Please briefly describe the method and tools you propose to use to carry out the research.
4. Please briefly describe how the results of this research could be used in further advocacy to achieve policy change.

Selection Criteria

Applications will be evaluated in accordance with the following criteria:

Criteria	% of Score
1. Sound background in the field of Roma inclusion	25%
2. Experience in conducting monitoring and research	35%
3. Quality of methodology and design	25%
4. Quality of the application	15%

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

Please send your application in Word format attached to info@ergonetwork.org by **March 29 at 23:59 CET**.

