ROMACT Programme

CALL FOR EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

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CAPACITY BUILDING AND TRANSNATIONAL COOPERATION

The ROMACT Programme is a joint initiative of the Council of Europe and the European Commission to promote the integration of Roma at local level.

This Call concerns the Transnational Cooperation and Capacity Building Component of the ROMACT Programme (ROMACT TCC Component) which aims at assisting local authorities in better integrating marginalised people, in particular non-nationals of Roma ethnicity.It is based on the assumption that local authorities are best placed to identify challenges and needs in their territories as no one-size-solution fits all. It also draws on expertise of the Council of Europe, more notably in intercultural training and Roma mediators training.

This call for proposals encompasses a range of options to allow applicants to devise an approach tailored to address their needs, within the scope of capacity-building and transnational cooperation.

The Capacity Building and Transnational Cooperation component of ROMACT comprises three modules:
Module A - Intercultural trainings
Module B – Mediation trainings and
Module C – Support for working visits.

This call concerns only the Modules A and B. For Module C – Support for transnational working visits, a Call for Grants will be announced separately.

Interested municipalities are invited to read the guidelines below and fill in the application form.
Deadline: Deadline for applications is 8 May **2017 at 17:00 CET**

Selected applicants will implement their activities upon signature of agreements with the Council of Europe, starting after the 1st of June and concluding no later than the 31st of December 2017.

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Types of activities

A. Intercultural training

This module consists in the provision of intercultural training for municipal staff. Trainings can be provided to any staff of the municipality, including social workers, police, health professionals, education staff and others. Staff engaged in outside organisations and agencies that provide services on behalf of the municipality are also eligible.

Training sessions usually take one day and are delivered in the local language. **A minimum of 10 participants is required to warrant the organization a training session.**

The training is organised by the ROMACT team in cooperation with the applicant and provides the curriculum, the trainers and the training material (in electronic format). The municipality must provide the venue and catering for the participants to the training.

ROMACT does not cover transportation costs or fees / salaries for participants.

When applying for this component, the applicant must explicitly state:

- the rationale for choosing a certain group/type of staff to receive the training; the expected number of participants including their job titles and brief description of their roles in the municipality or in other relevant service provider entity;

- its commitments to cover the costs of the venue and catering.

Once the application is accepted, the date of the training(s) will be agreed with the ROMACT team and the trainers.

B. Mediation Training

This module consists in the provision of training for Intercultural Mediation for staff/mediators already employed or to be employed by the municipality.

Participants will partake in a training cycle using the ROMED curriculum (http:/www.coe-romed.org) on intercultural mediation which includes two one-week training sessions and 6-months on-the-job experience.

When applying for this measure, the applicant must:

- provide a list of participants (minimum 3 participants per application), including a brief description of their roles and how they will implement the mediator skills;
- commit to hiring/employing participants after the training has been completed.

Training will be organized only if a minimum number of 10 participants is reached for the whole country.

The training is organised by the ROMACT team which provides the curriculum, trainers and material (in electronic format). The municipality must provide the venue and catering for participants to the training.

Fees / salaries of participants are not covered by ROMACT.

The timeline of the training will be agreed with the ROMACT team.

How to apply

The application form must be completed and returned along with necessary documents to romact@coe.int by 8 May 2017 at 17:00 CET.

Questions about this call can be addressed to romact@coe.int

Eligibility criteria and selection

This call is open to local public authorities.

Not-for-profit entities can apply if acting under the mandate of the local public authority, **in which case a signed letter of intent from the local authority delegating this entity must be included in the application file**.

Selection of applications will be made by the ROMACT Steering Board which includes representatives of the Council of Europe and of the European Commission.

Applications will be evaluated and selected on the basis of:

- Overall quality of the application
- Concrete, realistic proposals with achievable, measurable results
- Added value of action to address identified challenge
- Link between activity and aims of ROMACT Programme
- Link to previous achievements and to lessons learned from other similar, national and European experiences
- Motivation and commitment to contribute to the ROMACT objective of building the capacity of local authorities to integrate marginalised people, in particular those of Roma ethnicity, notably through a better use of EU funds.

Before submitting their applications, applicants are recommended to subscribe to the ROMACT TCC online platform at: http://coe-romact.org/online-platform

Applicants must also commit – if their application is retained - to participate in at least one meeting organized by ROMACT, in order to share experience and lessons learned.

Timeline:

4 April 2017	Call for proposals published
8 May 2017	Deadline for applications
May 2017	Evaluation of applications and negotiation of activities
May 2017	Notification of results/Signature of agreements
June – December 2017	Implementation of activities
December 2017	Final evaluation