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CALL FOR PARTICIPANTS  
for International Training

**“Community organizing - tool for Roma civic engagement”**

**Date: 10<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016**

**Venue: Struga, Macedonia**

### **Short description of the project:**

Most of the Roma believe that they have not benefited from the achievements of European Union or put in question those achievements due to being excluded and rarely consulted. During the policy-making process their involvement is marginal, and their voice is not heard. EU citizenship should be applicable for everyone, no matter on social, ethnic or political background.

The project comes up with incentives which will articulate the notion for community organizing as a new form of civic participation; it aims for activities involving volunteers to solve community problem which not only help to create the conditions for better and more participation and volunteering, but which also contribute significantly to active citizenship and reinforce a bottom-up grassroots movement through empowerment of citizens and communities, and strengthening our democracies and inter-cultural dialogue in the longer term.

### **About the training**

It will bring participants from all over the Europe. The training will provide knowledge and skills for the model of community organizing mainly covering: why we organize, volunteers recruitment, campaign, planning and taking actions, leadership development, building strong relationships, working with the media etc.

### **PROFILE OF THE PARTICIPANTS**

Present will be Roma and non-Roma youth leaders, activists, multipliers, and volunteers who are active in Roma communities and experienced in working with Roma communities and/or Roma youth.

### **Participants must also:**

- be able and committed to act as multipliers in civic engagement for the benefit of Roma communities in a sense to lobby and advocate to be solved some local problem ( infrastructure –asphalt, suvage, running wather etc) and/or social problem ( employment, health, housing, education etc).
- be familiar with the situation/ needs of the Roma community in their country
- be motivated to develop their competences in advocacy, anti-discrimination work, human rights and to share their experiences with other participants
- be aged 18 –
- be committed to attend for the full duration of the course
- be able to work in English, or check with the coordination that translation can be provided through other participants or team members
- be resident in one of the European countries, Albania and Serbia.

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## **Costs and Accommodation**

There is no participation fee. The organizers cover the costs for accommodation, board and any program-related costs. Travel costs are reimbursed during the seminar or afterwards by bank transfer based on a fully presented travel reimbursement claim (flight bookings, boarding tickets, invoices, bus/train tickets), based on the cheapest means and up to a certain amount:

- Western Europe max. 250 Euro,
- Central and Eastern Europe 200 €;
- Albania and Serbia max 60 eur

for questions contact the organizers.

The accommodation is going to be in **Hotel Ambient** in Struga, Macedonia.

## **Application procedure**

All interested applicants must to fill out the online [Application form](#) until 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016

The results will be announced up to 28<sup>th</sup> March 2016. All the applicants will receive an answer to the application

*If you have question related to the tranining course please feel free to contact us on: [com.organazing@gmail.com](mailto:com.organazing@gmail.com)*