EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

Roma inclusion and empowerment & funding opportunities in the area of health

24 June 2021
The EEA Grants are funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The Grants have two goals:
1. To contribute to a more equal Europe, both socially and economically.
2. To strengthen the relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, and the 15 beneficiary countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics.

- 2009-2014: €1.8 billion, 16 countries
- 2014-2021: €2.8 billion, 15 countries
Grants Principles

The grants principles are to be respected, and are described in Article 1.3 of the Regulations:

All programmes and activities funded by the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 shall:

1. be based on the **common values** of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and the respect for human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

2. follow the **principles of good governance**; they shall be participatory and inclusive, accountable, transparent, responsive, effective and efficient. There shall be zero-tolerance towards corruption.

3. be consistent with **sustainable development**, long-term economic growth, social cohesion and environmental protection.

4. follow a **results and risk management approach**.
Roma inclusion and empowerment

Horizontal priority of the Grants - Programme Area 7 of the Blue Book

Special focus on countries with large Roma populations: BG, CZ, GR, HU, RO, SK

Overarching principles:

- The programmes shall address the following three aspects:
  - Empowerment of Roma
  - Rendering institutions and policies more inclusive
  - Targeting the majority

- Measures should be based on the principles of participation and inclusive approaches and be in line with the [10 Common Basic Principles of Roma Inclusion](#) as stated in the Council Conclusions on the Inclusion of Roma from 8 June 2009 & the [EU Roma strategic framework for equality, inclusion and participation for 2020-2030](#);

- Emphasis on partnerships between civil society – Roma and pro-Roma organisations, local authorities and other stakeholders
- Promoting local level integrated measures and working towards achieving systemic reform
# Roma Inclusion Across Programmes – FM 2014-2021

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Beneficiary State</th>
<th>Programme</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Bulgaria</strong></td>
<td>Active Citizens Fund (10%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Justice (10%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Croatia</strong></td>
<td>Active Citizens Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Czech Republic</strong></td>
<td>Active Citizens Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Education</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Human Rights, Roma Inclusion, Domestic and Gender-based Violence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Greece</strong></td>
<td>Roma Inclusion and Empowerment</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Portugal</strong></td>
<td>Active Citizens Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Romania</strong></td>
<td>Active Citizens Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Education (10%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Justice (10%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Research (10%)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Roma Inclusion</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Slovakia</strong></td>
<td>Active Citizens Fund</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td></td>
<td>Domestic and Gender-based Violence</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Slovenia</strong></td>
<td>Active Citizens Fund</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
Initiatives to support Roma and health

- Romania – Health programme – MoU special concern – the programme shall focus on strengthening primary healthcare and universal access to healthcare and reduction of social inequalities in health with emphasis on health status of Roma population – PDP under outcome 1 on strengthening the national network of primary health care providers to improve health status of population, children and adults, including vulnerable populations. Project builds on results of Roma health mediator project from previous FM

- Czechia – Health programme – MoU special concern – the programme shall address social inequalities in health with special focus on the Roma population (call 2 under outcome 2 focus explicitly on Roma health concerns)

- Health as a component as part of integrated approaches to Roma inclusion in several Local Development programmes under calls for proposals on local development and poverty reduction – often where projects have to address at least 2 thematic priority areas. Example:
  - BG-Local development – includes initiatives to address health needs of vulnerable groups;
  - RO-Local Development – includes health components in calls on Roma inclusion
  - SK-Local Development – calls on integrated measures for Roma inclusion – including health components and work with Roma mediators (call #2 on community based interventions in marginalized Roma communities)
Civil society and active citizenship strengthened and vulnerable groups empowered

Democracy, active citizenship, good governance

Human rights and equal treatment

Social justice and inclusion of vulnerable groups

Gender equality and gender-based violence

Environment and climate change
• Capacity building and financial sustainability
• Outreach to CSOs in underserved geographies and target groups
• Bilateral partnerships
• Coalitions and cross-sectoral cooperation
• Financial sustainability
• Roma inclusion and empowerment
Thank you!

Questions? Contact:

- Sheena Elaine Keller – Senior Sector Officer for Roma inclusion and empowerment  
  (ske@efta.int)
- Anna Striethorst – Senior Sector Officer for Civil Society  
  (AnnaGabriele.STRIETHORST@efta.int)
- Marina Csikós – Trainee, Funds and Horizontal Concerns Unit  
  (Marina.CSIKOS@efta.int)

www.eeagrandts.org
Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, Instagram
YouTube: EEANorwayGrants
Mail: info-fmo@efta.int