

CALL FOR PARTNERS

The European Roma Rights Centre (ERRC) invites applications from *Romani activists and organisations* from Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia for partnership in a project on anti-discrimination law and housing rights promotion and protection. Romani women and Romani women's organisations are particularly encouraged to apply.

Applicants should be interested in participating in two five-day capacitation workshops and undertaking monitoring and advocacy campaigns in partnership with the ERRC during the next year and a half.

The first training programme will take place during the last week of February 2009 in Montenegro, and will focus on anti-discrimination law advocacy.

The second training programme will take place mid-April in Montenegro, and will focus on housing rights monitoring and advocacy.

PLEASE NOTE: Of the persons invited to participate in the training workshops, a maximum of two individuals or organisations per country will be invited to take part in joint follow-up activities

Profile of Participants

The capacity building segments of this project are congruent with the ERRC's human rights education mandate aimed at capacitating Romani activists. We welcome applications from Romani individuals who are interested in human rights in the countries listed above. Romani organisations submitting applications must clearly indicate the proposed candidates and their qualifications.

Applicants must be at least 18 years of age and must have a sufficient command of English to enable them to actively participate.

Applicants are preferably students of law, public administration and social sciences, or hold a degree in one of these fields. The ERRC also encourages activists who do not hold a formal degree to apply.

The ERRC additionally welcomes applications by persons of Romani origin engaging in human rights work on behalf of other disadvantaged groups.

Application Procedure

Applicants must:

1. Complete the application form provided below.
2. Provide a letter of recommendation from a teacher or professor familiar with the applicant's work, a community leader, church leader, or their current employer. The letter should explain the nature of their relationship, how long they have known the applicant and highlight the main attributes of the applicant for the work in this project.
3. Submit a 250-500 word statement in **English**:
 - explaining any human rights/Roma rights activities in which they have been involved to date

- expressing why they would like to participate in the project and how relates to their studies or work in which they are already involved

Application Form

1. ERRC UNDEF Anti-Discrimination Law workshop 2009 Application Form:
<http://www.errc.org/db/03/8C/m0000038C.pdf>
2. ERRC UNDEF Housing Rights workshop 2009 Application Form:
<http://www.errc.org/db/03/8D/m0000038D.pdf>

We kindly request that all materials be submitted to the ERRC in one package. Applications missing one or more of these requirements will not be considered by the selection committee.

Completed applications, clearly marked **ERRC UNDEF Application**, should be submitted by email or fax to the attention of Dora Eke at:

Email: dora.eke@errc.org

Fax: (+ 36 1) 413-2201

The final deadline for all applications is **12 January 2009**. **Please take note that this is an absolutely final deadline and any applications received after this date shall not be considered.**

Background Information

This work is part of a project being implemented by the ERRC, with support from the UN Democracy Fund (<http://www.un.org/democracyfund/index.htm>).

The project's overarching goal is to empower grassroots Romani organisations to participate effectively in the process of developing legal and policy tools for protection against discrimination as well as to give prominence to issues of non-compliance of domestic law and practice with international human rights standards.

The actions aim at capacitating grassroots organisations in Albania, Macedonia, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia and Slovakia to support Romani individuals in challenging racial discrimination; to campaign for the adoption of anti-discrimination legislation in compliance with international and European standards; and to campaign for adequate legal protections against forced evictions. This project also aims to sensitise law and policy-makers of the multiple disadvantages facing Romani women and to reinforce targeted measures at national level for the protection of the rights of Romani women.

