



Roma inclusion in the Sustainable Development Goals - Call for experts

ERGO Network is contracting an external consultant to prepare a report on the Sustainable Development Goals as a tool for Roma inclusion

ERGO Network

ERGO Network (www.ergonetwork.org) brings together 28 members from across Europe and supports organisations with a common perspective on Roma grassroots empowerment and equal citizenship to challenge stereotypes and combat stigmatization. We mobilize and connect organisations and individuals that share and express our values – active citizenship, shared responsibility, and passion – to strengthen and empower Roma civil society involvement in decision-making at local, national and European level and to address existing shortcomings of policies targeted at Roma.

Currently we are supported by DG Employment through a Partnership Framework Agreement that allows us to work closely with our members and to advocate for better policies for Roma.

Roma in the Sustainable Development Goals

Since the universal acceptance of the Agenda 2030 in 2015, the Sustainable Development Goals and their targets stimulate action in areas of critical importance for humanity and the planet. All UN Member States are asked to work towards fulfilling the SDGs until 2030. They are thus an important advocacy tool for civil society in order to push their governments and international institutions towards ending poverty and hunger, protecting the planet and fostering peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

ERGO Network intends to include the SDGs in its work with Roma and pro – Roma grass-root organisations across Europe.

Role of the consultant

We are searching for an **external consultant who will prepare a report on the role of the Sustainable Development Goals in the field of Roma inclusion and combatting antigypsyism**. Specifically, the consultant is expected to prepare a report of approximately 20 pages in English including the points given on page 3.

Profile

- Proven knowledge about Roma and sustainability issues, specifically the Agenda 2030
- Experience working with civil society organisations in the fields of advocacy and capacity-building
- Excellent writing skills
- Proven research and analytical skills
- Ability to work independently

Contract and budget

The independent evaluator will be subcontracted to fulfil part of the work programme in the Framework Partnership Agreement between ERGO Network and DG Employment. The expert has no rights vis-à-vis the European Commission.

The expert shall be paid for the execution of the activities and services a fee of **3,000 EUR**, all taxes and VAT included.

Timing

The deadline for the first draft of the report is 1 November. A final version should be finished, after feedback from the ERGO Secretariat, by 15th December.

Application procedure

Interested and qualified candidates should submit the following documents:

- Motivation letter
- CV
- Sample writing (at least 2 pieces)

We will select the expert according to the principle “Value for money”. Please send your application to info@ergonetwork.org, by **August 20th 2018, 23:59 CET**.

For further questions, please contact Christine Sudbrock (c.sudbrock@ergonetwork.org, +32 2 893 10 49)



Aims of the report

- To create an overview of SDGs and their relevance to Roma inclusion and combatting antigypsyism in order to provide evidence on SDGs that are most urgent to tackle for the improvement of the living situation of Roma.
- To raise awareness among (Roma) civil society organisations on the SDGs as an advocacy tool
- To provide Roma and pro Roma civil society organisations with tips and information on how to use the SDGs in their work
- To raise awareness that the SDGs need fulfilment inside the EU, not only in its external dimension

The candidate should include the following content in the report. Other topics or a different structure can be proposed in the motivation letter.

Possible structure of the report

1. Introduction

- Explanation of Agenda 2030
- Overview of SDGs
- SDGs in the EU context
- How can civil society generally contribute to the implementation of SDGs?

2. SDGs and Roma inclusion

- How are specific SDGs related to Roma inclusion and combatting antigypsyism? (Give concrete examples of how specific SDGs affect Roma)

3. SDGs for Roma and pro Roma NGOs

- Why is it important that NGOs working with Roma are informed about the SDGs?
- How can Roma NGOs use the SDGs in their advocacy work?
- How can Roma NGOs raise awareness of the SDGs?
- How can Roma NGOs contribute to the implementation of SDGs?

4. Conclusions

- Recommendations on how ERGO Network and its members can continue to work on this topic
- References and further reading

