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Call for Interest

Training for officials of the European Commission on Education of the Roma in Europe

Extended deadline: **8 December 2013**

The main objective

The European Commission would like to draw upon the expertise of the network in order to organise a series of training for its staff on topics related to Roma inclusion. This call issued in order to recruit interested experts who are willing to deliver these trainings. The first of such interactive training would focus on education, and could take place in January. The idea would be to provide an overview of the situation of Roma education across Europe and engage the audience in a frank, closed-door debate on the main issues and challenges. Some key NGOs, such as the Roma Education Fund, may also be invited to participate. The selected experts for this training (a panel of three-four people) will work together with the Commission to define a precise programme.

The target group

The target group for these trainings are the officials of the Commission dealing with education, employment and social inclusion, and / or with management of structural funds.

Eligibility

Members of the European Academic Network on Romani Studies are eligible to apply either as individual experts or as a group of trainers (3-4 people) with well defined individual training topics. Scholars with field experience in different Member States, researchers with in-depth knowledge on particular data-sets or with experience in comparative studies, and with a European level outlook are welcome. Previous experience in offering training to non-academic audience is essential. Applicants should be available to

travel to Brussels and deliver the training on an agreed date in the period January 2014. Good command of English is required.

Procedure of selection

The applications will be evaluated by a committee appointed by the Scientific Committee of the Network. The selected trainers will be notified and the programme of the training session will be finalised together with the representatives of the European Commission.

Criteria for evaluation

The proposals will be evaluated based on:

- a) academic quality of the proposal (the argument, methodology, references, and data sources),
- b) the relevance of the proposed topic for policy making (how the research discussed is connected to the work of the practitioners),
- c) the proposed outcome of the training session (the benefit for the participants for attending this particular training)
- d) the ability of the applicant to engage in critical discussion regarding the broader issues related to the education of the Roma (demonstrated by published work on education of the Roma and related topics),
- e) the experience of the applicant in providing trainings for non-academic audience (in particular working with stakeholders or policy makers).

Timing

Applications should be sent to the Secretary rsnet.secretary@gmail.com by **8 December 2013**. The list of selected trainers will be published in early December and the final date of the training session will be agreed subsequently for January 2014. The training session might last from half a day to one full day.

Funding

The Commission will cover travel expenses to Brussels and pay a fee for the trainers. Candidates are invited to include an estimated amount in terms of their expenses and a proposed fee.

Checklist

- ✓ Completed application form,
- ✓ CV of the proposed trainer(s) highlighting the experience in the domain,
- ✓ Proposal for the topic of the training indicating the theoretical and / or empirical focus of the training offered, references and data sources proposed for being used.

- ✓ Group-applications should also submit a separate document with a short framework concept for the whole session and a schedule of the individual components offered.