

To be filled in by the National Agency

Project number:

RO-31-02-2002-R1

Part I. Project identification and summary**Title of your proposed project***Please give a short title to your project*

ROM PENTRU ROM

Duration of the project*Please indicate the total duration of the project from preparation to evaluation (=eligible period for costs linked to the project, please consult the User's Guide point B.5 for the exact dates)*The project starts (date when
the first costs incur): 01/ 03/ 2003The project ends (date when
the last costs incur): 28/02/2004

Total duration of the activities (in months): 12

Place where the project will take place

Address: Str. Cuza Voda nr. 37

Postcode: 5352

City: PANCIU

Region: VRANCEA

Country: ROMANIA

Summary of the project*Please give a short description of the project (approximately 50 words)*

Setting up a "Listening Point" where Roma people of Panciu can go to show their problems and get help. Give information on youth opportunities and support young people in their initiatives.
Strengthening the efficiency of the association equipping the association's office and setting up a training room to organize meetings and courses of Romanian language.

Part II. Applicant

The applicant is an organisation or association
 a group

A. Details of the organisation/group

Name	ASOCIATIA ROM PENTRU ROM			
Street address	Str. Cuza Voda nr. 37			
Postcode	5352	City	PANCIU	
Region	VRANCEA	Country	ROMANIA	
E-mail/website				
Telephone	prefix 037	number 635553	Fax	prefix 037 Number 635553
<i>For organisations/associations only:</i>				
Type of organisation/association	<input type="checkbox"/> governmental/public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-governmental	<input type="checkbox"/> other	
Your organisation/association is	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> local	<input type="checkbox"/> regional	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> international
	<input type="checkbox"/> a European level non-governmental organisation (with member organisations in at least 8 Programme countries)			

Person authorised to sign the contract on behalf of the applicant (legal representative)

Surname (Mr, Ms) DUMITRU First name VIORICA
Position/function President

Person in charge of the project (contact person)

Surname (Mr, Ms) DUMITRU First name VIORICA
Position/function President
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B. Description of the organisation/group

The association "Rom Pentru Rom" it's a non-profit association and its aim is to contribute in promoting and developing Roma, in all possible dimensions and of an voluntary ideas as expression of social solidarity supporting young people in general. It has been established in order to implement at a local level the new strategy adopted by the Government of Romania for improving the condition of the Roma ethnic minority (H.G. 430/2001). The association should be a meeting and listening point for Roma young people and the Roma community of Panciu, should defend their rights and promote programs of health awareness, social integration, child care and education. The association should work as a link between the Roma community and local authorities. Special attention is given to girls abandoned from parents in the local social institute, mostly coming from Roma families. The association would implement training and education programs in order to offer them a better future and the proud to belong to the Roma ethnic group. The initiative group is formed of four Roma girls coming from the institute.

C. Details of your support organisation and/or adviser (if applicable)

If you have an organisation and/or adviser supporting you with your activities, please provide its/their contact details

Support organisation

Name of the organisation	ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA SOCI COSTRUTTORI IBO			
Street address	via Montebello 48/a 44100 Ferrara			
Postcode	44100	City	FERRARA	
Region	EMILIA ROMAGNA	Country	ITALIA	
E-mail/website	/			
Telephone	Prefix 0532	number 243279	Fax prefix 0532	Number 245689
Type of organisation /association	<input type="checkbox"/> governmental /public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> non-governmental	<input type="checkbox"/> other	
The organisation /association is	<input type="checkbox"/> local	<input type="checkbox"/> regional	<input type="checkbox"/> national	<input type="checkbox"/> international
	XX a European level non-governmental organisation (with member organisations in at least 8 Programme countries)			

Adviser

Surname (Mr, Ms)	ANTONOZZI	First name	DANIELE	
Position/function	IBO Italia Volunteer / Vice President Asocistia Rom pentru Rom			
E-mail				
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Part III. Participants in the project

A. Information on the young people involved directly in the Group Initiative / Networking project

Total number of young people	Distribution by gender		Distribution by age group			
	M	F	<15	15-18	19-25	>25
4	1	3			2	2

AGE : the girl with age between 15 to 18 is pregnant, so for this reason we put an other girl 19 to 25:

FLORENTINA MITAN, she is Rom and she used to leave in Casa de' Copii from 7 years old to 19 years old. The condition of the family are very poor and they cannot help the girl in any way. Now she is leaving in the house where is the headoffice of Rom Pentru Rom.

AURELIA STANCIU, she is half Rom and half Rumenian, she never had contact with the father and the mother has a mental disease. She was in Casa de' Copii from 7 to 19 years old, she got the baccalaureat and now she is leaving in the house where is the headoffice of Rom Pentru Rom 25 to 27

DANIEL BOLOCAN, he is Rom and the condition of the family are very poor. He studied for 10 years and he is the only support for their parents.

VIORICA DUMITRU, she was in casa de' copii since she was two weeks old. She has got a diploma as medical assistant and now she is the President of the Association Rom Pentru Rom.

B. Special considerations and other information

Does your group/project involve young people with less opportunities and possibly special needs (e.g. additional preparation and support, dietary needs, mobility problems, health care, special premises etc.)? If so, please describe.

The Roma girls involved in the Group Initiative were abandoned by their parents in the institute of Panciu when they were few years old. In a rural area as Panciu where more of 50% of the active population work in the agricultural sector, the Roma are more discriminated and Roma girls don't have any possibility to have equal opportunities, chances to find a job and attain a decent standard of life. In our group there are two sisters of 16 and 19 years old. Because of the new Romanian strategy concerning the protection of children, they had to leave the institute and their studies for the reason that they had not money to pay the travel every day from the grand-mother's house, located in a small village in the countryside 25 km far away, to the school. The president of the association is 26 year old and she doesn't know her family, now she is living in the house where the association has the office, before her coming to Panciu she didn't have a place to stay. The other girl of the initiative group is 22 years old, she is still living in the institute, and she also doesn't know her family apart the sister that met last year for the first time. The worst problem is that when she will live the institute she will not have a place where to go.

If there is anything else you would like to add regarding your group and/or project, please write it down here.

Roma women are the most disadvantaged under the current situation, especially in rural areas as Panciu. That's why we pay particular attention to them in our project. We wish to involve girls of the social institute of Panciu in the association because they could be a constant link between Roma ethnic and non-Roma people.

Part IV. Project description

A) Context and motivation

Please explain:

- how you came up with the idea of this Group Initiative / Networking project
- why you are willing to do it.

Panciu is a small rural town of 10.000 inhabitants in the north east of Romania, in the district of Vrancea. The main economic activity is based on agriculture, especially in production of wine. Over there it's located a Roma community of about 500 people, 170 of them are children. The Roma community has a really low standard of life: high rate of unemployment, illiteracy, small and indecent houses for whole families and unhealthy conditions. Roma young people have small chances to be integrated in society and supported in their initiatives. Roma are object of social exclusion because of prejudices and negative stereotypes that the non-Rom people have. Roma children and women are the most affected groups by this situation. With the help of volunteers of the support organization we have worked the last two years in summertime for Roma's houses rehabilitation.

In Panciu there is an institute that hosts abandoned girls. They mainly come from Roma families and don't recognize their own ethnic origin. The support organisation has sent volunteers for summer work camps since 1997 and we help them for improving the life conditions of the institute. When the girls finish the school they are not allowed to stay in the institute and they don't have any support.

We had a hard life in the social institute of Panciu and we want to prevent the abandon of Roma children because even if in the institute you have good conditions you don't have your mother and father love that a child need. Usually Roma people don't have access to public services, hardly get a job, and briefly don't have any hope for the future to give their children a better life. By means of our association and giving help to Roma families we wish to create a good atmosphere of life for children allowing them to better be integrated in society and have more chances in their future lives. For the same reason we also would give to the young people of Panciu more chances for their future.

B) Preparation

How will you prepare this Group Initiative / Networking project?

1. Presentation of the project – It is necessary to inform the inhabitants of Panciu, the Roma community, the local authorities and institutions of what will be carry on in our town in order to have a better welcoming for our project.

2. Opening and starting the association's office – In order to be efficient the association need the availability of a well-equipped office. Our support organisation bought in the past a house in Panciu and some of the rooms are used by the Association as head office. We need to equip a 'training room' in order to organize curses and meetings for the Roma people of Panciu.

3. Study visits - These provide, by means of trips in other town, an opportunity to the young people and the representative of the Municipality of Panciu directly involved to learn about similar Roma projects already implemented

4. Course of Romanian Language – Most part of Roma people don't know to read and to write and for this reason they have problems to have relations with publics services, to fill application forms and difficulties to express their needs

5. Running of the 'Listening Point' – The Municipality of Panciu will give to the association a place to set up a listening point for the Roma community. This place has to be furnished and equipped. Here Roma people of Panciu can go to show their problems getting help and young people will receive information on youth opportunities and supported in their initiatives.

6. Identification of needs – The research on the needs of the Roma community and the creation of a database is necessary for knowing exactly Roma's problems and to implement better projects.

C) Involvement of participants

Please describe how the young people will be actively involved in the different phases of the project.

We will be directly involved in preparing and conducting all the activities above, apart for the Study Visits where the Roma NGO Romani CRISS will help us to organize them. At the Listening Point a young will stay to give information to the Roma, help to solve their problems and will give information to other young people about the youth opportunities that European Community gives. Another young will go out for errands and keep relations with the local authorities and medical and social institutions. Other young will teach Roma people Romanian language. And the fourth will coordinate all the activitres, makes the research on Roma community's needs and together with the other young people will prepare other projects

D) Involvement of your support organisation and/or adviser (if applicable)

Please describe the involvement of your support organisation and/or adviser during the different phases of the project.

The adviser of the support organisation will help the young people to reach the project's goals, sharing his own knowledge and experience.

E) Objectives

Please describe what you expect to achieve with this Group Initiative / Networking project.

Run a Listening Point - We would give to Roma people of Panciu a point where to show their problems and obtain information and help. With the Listening Point we could monitor the social situation of the Roma community and help the Roma to get id cards, certificates, propriety acts and medical assistance. The course of Romanian language will help them for the relations with the institutions. We would support Roma young people in their initiatives and involve them in the association giving them information on the youth opportunities.

Strengthening the efficiency of the Association - Equipping the association office an a 'training room' we could better work for the Roma community, applying for projects, organize courses of Romanian language and other activities involving Roma young people in the association giving them more opportunity to be integrated in society and encouraged in their initiatives. The association's office will be a meeting point for Roma young people foster their social live and the exchange of experiences.

F) Beneficiaries

Who will benefit from this Group Initiative / Networking project, in addition to the young people directly involved?

- Roma community
- Other Roma young people

G) Impact at local level

What is the impact of your Group Initiative / Networking project at the local level?

Hopefully with our project we remove some prejudice and negative stereotypes on Roma people. The listening point will help local institution for solving Roma problems. Creating a reference point for the Roma, we will keep under control the Roma situation and give continuity of our action fostering a stable partnership and collaboration with the Municipality in view to improve Roma social conditions developing other projects.

H) European dimension

How would you describe the European dimension in your Group Initiative / Networking project?

The European Community's Programme Phare support the process of economic and social reform in the candidate countries and prepares them for the future membership of the European Union, as Romania wishes. The programme will support initiatives referring to certain social need priorities and it will strengthen the operational capacity of non-governmental and non-profit organisations. It will also encourage the inclusion and participation of individuals and groups whose risks being economical, social and political exclusion in the transformation process as Roma minorities. The European Union encourage also the protection of minorities as stated in Council of Europe Framework Convention for National Minorities' Care. This project could be an example for other Roma young people living in other places in Romania or in other countries. Every summer over here young volunteers come from different countries of Europe who are helping Roma people for rehabilitation of houses.

J) Activity programme

Please attach an estimated timetable of the planned activities.

Month

Activities

Month 1

- presentation of the project
- purchase of the equipment for the association's office and training room
- opening and starting the association's office

Month 2

- identification of needs of the Roma community and creation of a database.
- study visits
- courses of Romanian language for Roma people

Month 3

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Month 4

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Month 5

Applicant bank details

Please fill in the details needed for the payment to reach the account of the applicant organisation/group

Bank name REFFAISEN BANCA AGRICOLA

Bank branch PANCIU

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Postcode 5352 City PANCIU

Country ROMANIA

Sort code 060 BIC/Swift codes BKAGROBU

Account number 2038335

Account holder ASOCIATIA ROM PENTRU ROM

If the account holder is different from the applicant, please fill in the contact details below.

Street address					
Postcode		City			
Country					
E-mail					
Telephone	prefix	number	Fax	prefix	number

SIGNATURE

I, the undersigned, certify that all information contained in this application is certified truthful and accurate and that no relevant information has been withheld.

By signing this application the applicant allows the National Agency and the European Commission to make available and to use all data provided in this form, for the purposes of managing the YOUTH programme. The data, on paper or electronically, will always be used respecting the privacy of individual persons.

The applicant undertakes to inform the National Agency of all changes affecting the activities as described in this form.

Name of the organisation/group: **ASOCIATIA ROM PENTRU ROM**

Signature of the legal representative

Signature of the contact person

Name in capital letters

Name in capital letters

Place:

Date: