

Cultural Resources for Roma Inclusion

Feasibility phase of a cultural enterprise
project in Roma settlements

PART 2





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Identification of Roma Settlements/Organisations

The Set of Criteria for the Identification of Potential Partner Roma Settlements/Organisations

We prepared the criteria for the identification of potential partner Roma settlements/organisations by bearing in mind minimum conditions for the adoption of the Kamenci development model.

The criteria consist of the following 6 sets:

1. Interest for cooperation in the project

In line with this criterion, we checked if an organisation that received our sent questionnaire is interested in cooperation in the Council of Europe project: “Cultural resources for Roma inclusion”. We also examined possibilities for active participation of the target Roma settlement in the project and probability for setting up a local Roma development partnership.

We are of the opinion that this is one of the key prerequisites for successful (“bottom up”) planning of the development of the target Roma settlement/community.

2. Organization skills and management

The second criterion pertains to the organisation’s objectives and activities as well as its HR, financial and material potentials (facilities and equipment).

3. Project experience

In line with this criterion, we assessed the organisation’s project experience and its specific experience in working with the Roma population (projects/programmes/actions).

4. Size of the target Roma settlement and infrastructure

As the Kamenci development model is best suited for smaller Roma settlements (with a population of up to 500), the adequacy of the target Roma settlement was also assessed by considering the size criterion. As a part of this criterion, we also assessed infrastructure conditions in the target Roma settlement. If a Roma settlement is to develop as an intercultural centre, it is desirable that the settlement has at least basic municipal infrastructure equipment and organised garbage removal.

5. Safety in the target Roma settlement

Visitor safety is also one of the key prerequisites for the development of a Roma settlement as an intercultural centre. Hence, we also observed this criterion when assessing the adequacy of the settlement.

6. Cultural potential of the target Roma settlement

Cultural potentials of the target Roma settlement was assessed by considering the following three criteria:

- Roma cultural heritage
- Roma living culture and creativity
- Integration of Roma culture in a cultural offer of the local community.

The assessment for the identification of 6-8 potential Roma partner settlements/organisations was conducted on the basis of the answers in the questionnaires that we e-mailed to the organisations. A sample questionnaire (and accompanying documents: project summary and short summary of the Kamenci development model) are included in the annex of this document. The criteria for the identification of potential partner Roma settlements/organisations are shown in the next table.

The set of criteria for the identification of partner Roma settlements/organisations

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
1. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5 5	
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level		
2. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	
3. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
4. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	
4.1 Adequate size	5	
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	
5. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	
6. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	
TOTAL	100	

The organisations that received our questionnaires were selected on the basis of:

- Internet data (e.g. websites: <http://www.erionet.eu/network-members.htm>);
- recommendations from organisations and individuals;
- studies on good practice examples.

When selecting a geographical area, we considered a contractual provision stipulating that the research should include 75 % of organisations from the area of the Eastern and Central Europe.

The questionnaires were e-mailed to 30 organisations from the following countries:

1. Austria (2 organisations – did not respond to the invitation);
2. Bosnia and Herzegovina (5 organisations – 4 expressed its interest for cooperation, 1 organisation did not respond to the invitation);
3. Bulgaria (1 organisation – did not respond to the invitation);
4. Croatia (4 organisations – 2 expressed its interest for cooperation, 2 organisations did not respond to the invitation);
5. FYROM (5 organisations – 4 expressed its interest for cooperation, 1 organisation did not respond to the invitation);
6. Hungary (2 organisations – 2 expressed its interest for cooperation);
7. Italy (1 organisation – expressed its interest for cooperation);
8. Kosovo (2 organisations – both expressed its interest for cooperation);
9. Lithuania (1 organisation – expressed its interest for cooperation);
10. Montenegro (2 organisations – did not respond to the invitation);
11. Serbia (3 organisations – 1 expressed its interest for cooperation, 2 organisations did not respond to the invitation);
12. Slovakia (1 organisation – did not respond to the invitation);
13. United Kingdom (1 organisation – expressed its interest for cooperation).

In total, 18 organisations expressed its interest for cooperation.

As it is visible from the previous overview, we received the best response rate with the Western Balkans countries.

The completed questionnaires we received from the organisations expressing its interest for cooperation were assessed in accordance with the previously presented criteria for the identification of 6-8 Roma settlements /organisations.

Based on the score, we selected 8 Roma settlements/organisations for which we propose that we visit them and verify the accuracy of their assertions in the questionnaire on the spot.

The list of 8 identified Roma settlements/organisations is presented in a table in the following sections of the material.

We also include the list of all organisations which expressed their interest for cooperation (with short descriptions, evaluation sheets, our opinion and proposals).

Selected Organizations / Settlements

N ^o	Country	Name of the organisation	Adresse	The settlement	Points
1.	UNITED KINGDOM	THE RURAL MEDIA COMPANY	Sullivan House, 72 – 80 Widemarsh Street HR4 9HG Hereford - UK	SALVATION PLACE	95
2.	CROATIA	OPĆINA OREHOVICA (MUNICIPALITY OREHOVICA)	Čakovečka 9 40322 OREHOVICA CROATIA	OREHOVICA	90
3.	HUNGARY	HÁLÓZAT AZ INTEGRÁCIÓÉRT ALAPÍTVÁNY	Petőfi S. u. 32. 8792 Zalavég Hungary	ZALAVÉG	90
4.	LITHUANIA	ROMU VISUOMENES CENTRAS – ROMA COMMUNITY CENTRE	Metalo street 23a 02190 Vilnius Lithuania	KIRTIMAI SETTLEMENT	90
5.	KOSOVO	„RROMANI BAXT“	Ul. Mira br. 13 (Paqja) 20000 Prizren Kosovo	PLEMENTINA, GRAČANICA	85
6.	FYROM	R.C.C “DROM“	Bajram Sabani N-2a 1300 Kumanovo FYROM	ZIVKOVA KARPA	85
7.	FYROM	RDDA „SONCE“	Ivo Lola Ribar nn/3 P.Box.159 1200 TETOVO FYROM	ARABATI BABA TEKE	85
8.	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	NGO “JAČANJE – ZURALIPE” VITEZ	Sofa 72 72250 Vitez Bosna in Hercegovina	SOFA	85

Assessment following the criteria

N ^o	Country	Name of the organisation	Points	Notes
1.	BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	NGO "JAČANJE – ZURALIPE" VITEZ	85	Annex: – BiH - 1
2.		UDRUŽENJE ROMA OPŠTINE PRIJEDOR	75	Annex: – BiH - 2
3.		UDRUŽENJE ROMA „ROMAS“SARAJEVO	75	Annex: – BiH - 3
4.		UG. NVO ROMI NA DJELU	50	Annex: – BiH - 4
5.	CROATIA	OPĆINA OREHOVICA	90	Annex: – CRO- 1
6.		UDRUGA ZA BOLJITAK ROMA MEĐIMURJA	75	Annex: – CRO- 2
7.	FYROM	R.C.C "DROM"	85	Annex: – FYROM- 1
8.		RDDA „Sonce“	85	Annex: – FYROM- 2
9.		AMBRELA	80	Annex: – FYROM- 3
10.		Romsko Humanitarno Zduzenie na Zeni- KHAM	75	Annex: – FYROM- 4
11.	HUNGARY	HÁLÓZAT AZ INTEGRÁCIÓÉRT ALAPÍTVÁNY	90	Annex: – HU-1
12.		VASVÁR ÉS TÉRSÉGE CIGÁNY ÉRDEKVÉDELMI EGYESÜLET	65	Annex: – HU-2
13.	KOSOVO	„RROMANI BAXT“	85	Annex: – KOS-1
14.		VISTA	50	Annex: – KOS-2
15.	SERBIA	Udruzenje gradjana „RROMA-ROTA“	70	Annex: – SRB-1
16.	UNITED KINGDOM	THE RURAL MEDIA COMPANY	95	Annex: – UK-1
17.	LITHUANIA	ROMU VISUOMENES CENTRAS – ROMA COMMUNITY CENTRE	90	Annex: – LIT-1

18.	ITALY	ASSOCIAZIONE ROMNI ONLUS	30	Annex: – ITALY-1
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Explanation of assessment:

- The criterion for the assessment of financial viability of Roma NGOs from different countries was used rather flexibly. It is commonly known that Roma NGOs are not capable of managing financially costly and complex projects. Having said that, we also awarded points for financial viability to those Roma NGOs whose answers in the questionnaire reveal that they have been continuously implementing projects over the past years and employing staff. We are namely of the opinion that if these organisations (considering their references and experience in working with the Roma population) are selected, they will be capable of acting as coordinators of activities within a local Roma development partnership and as animators of the target Roma population for participation in project activities. Financially costly and complex projects should in any case be implemented in the framework of a local Roma development partnership, whereby the home municipality should also participate as an investor (and owner of infrastructure facilities).
- Given the fact that organisations from FYROM expressed their enormous interest for project cooperation and that as many as four renowned Roma organisations (boasting extensive references) participated in the selection procedure, we also included 2 Roma settlements from FYROM (although these are bigger settlements with a population of over 500 and only partially provided infrastructure) based on high scores in accordance with other criteria. These two settlements, however, should have an enormous cultural development potential and competent Roma NGOs for its activation. We therefore propose that we also visit two Roma organisations and settlements (Kumanovo and Tetovo) to assess actual conditions on the spot and based on the visit estimate if it was at all possible to implement the Kamenci development model in any of these two settlements.

Annex: BiH-1

NGO "JAČANJE – ZURALIPE" VITEZ
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VAT number	N/A
Year of establishment	2008
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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

NGO “JAČANJE – ZURALIPE” VITEZ:

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Vitez, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We contacted the NGO following a recommendation from the Sarajevo NGO Budi moj prijatelj (Be My Friend).

It is an assertive organisation which expressed its interest for project participation.

The organisation has partners at the local, regional and national level. It also cooperates with local administration authorities.

It has clearly defined objectives and activities; 3 employees and volunteers; its activities are supported by the OSF, the US Embassy in BiH and state authorities of Bosnia and Herzegovina; it also has appropriate premises and equipment at its disposal. The NGO also own business premises covering an area of 400 sq. m.

The organisation has project experience as well as direct experience in working with the Roma population.

The organisation proposed that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement Sofa in the municipality of Vitez. This is an independent Roma settlement with a population of 476. Infrastructure is only partially provided. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. The security situation in the settlement is said to be good.

The settlement intentionally preserves Roma culture and heritage that is orally passed on from one generation to the next. They also refer to the existence of “living Roma culture”. Roma culture also represents an integral part of cultural life in the home municipality.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
7. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5 5	5 5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level		
8. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
9. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	10
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	10
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
10. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	5
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	
11. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
12. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	85

4. OPINION

- **The organisation has clearly defined objectives, project experience and staff. It also has appropriate premises and equipment at its disposal.**
- **The organisation cooperates with the local community and partners at the local, regional and national level.**
- **The proposed Roma settlement (Sofa in the municipality of Vitez with a population of 476) is otherwise appropriate for the transfer of the Kamenci development model; however only partially provided municipal infrastructure might prove to be a barrier.**
- **Described cultural heritage and modern Roma cultural practices are interesting, suggesting that there are cultural potentials for social integration of Roma community members.**

5. PROPOSAL:

We propose a visit to the organisation NGO “JAČANJE – ZURALIPE” VITEZ, its partners and the proposed Roma settlement at Sofa in the municipality of Vitez as potential candidates for participation in the Council of Europe project.

UDRUŽENJE ROMA OPŠTINE PRIJEDOR

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

UDRUŽENJE ROMA OPŠTINE PRIJEDOR:

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Prijedor, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

The NGO was contacted following a recommendation from the Sarajevo NGO Budi moj prijatelj (Be My Friend).

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities; it does not have any employees; its financial viability is poor.

The organisation has already cooperated with the local community and other organisations at the local, regional and national level.

The organisation has project experience, notably working on small projects, and direct experience in working with the Roma population.

The organisation proposed that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement at Urije, a Roma district “mahala” with a Roma population of 80. Infrastructure in the settlement is provided. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. Security in the settlement is said to be good.

The target Roma settlement preserves Roma culture and heritage that is orally passed on from one generation to the next. The settlement has a folklore group. The organisation did not list any modern Roma cultural practices in the questionnaire; however, Roma culture represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the municipality of Prijedor and is presented at different public events.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
13. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
14. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	10
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
15. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	10
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	10
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
16. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	10
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	5
17. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
18. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	15
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	5
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	75

4. OPINION

- The organisation has clearly defined objectives and project experience (on small projects); it does not have any employees. It also has office premises and equipment at its disposal. The organisation's financial viability is poor.
- The organisation cooperates with the local community and partners at the local, regional and national level.
- The proposed Roma settlement at Urije, a Roma district "mahala" with a population of 80 is appropriate for the transfer of the Kamenci development model; municipal infrastructure in the settlement is said to be adequate. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. Security situation in the settlement is said to be appropriate.
- The settlement has preserved Roma cultural heritage with some elements of Roma "living culture", which represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the local community. The settlement has culture development potentials for social integration of Roma community members in the field of culture and culture tourism.

Annex: BIH-3

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

UDRUŽENJE ROMA „ROMAS“ SARAJEVO:

This is a youth Roma NGO with the head office in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina.

We contacted the NGO following a recommendation from the Sarajevo NGO Budi moj prijatelj (Be My Friend).

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has partners at the local and regional level (Roma NGOs). It also cooperates with local administration authorities that fund its activities.

It has clearly defined objectives and activities; it does not have any employees; the organisation's financial viability is poor; but it has equipped office premises at its disposal.

The organisation has some project experience (managing small projects, probably one-off actions) and direct experience in working with the Roma population.

It is proposed that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement Malta, a Roma district "mahala" in Sarajevo with 20 Roma families. Infrastructure in the settlement is provided only partially. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. Security situation in the settlement is said to be good.

The settlement intentionally preserves Roma culture and heritage that is passed on orally from one generation to the next. They also refer to the existence of modern Roma cultural practices. Roma culture also represents an integral part of cultural life in the home municipality.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
19. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5 5	5 5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level		
20. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	10
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
21. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	10
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	10
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
22. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	5
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	
23. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
24. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	75

4. OPINION

- The Roma youth organisation which expressed its interest for participation has clearly defined objectives and some project experience of working on small projects, but its financial viability is poor. The organisation's activities proceed on a volunteer basis, and they do not have any employees. They do, however, have an equipped office space.
- It cooperates with partners at the local, regional and national level.
- The proposed Roma settlement Malta (Sarajevo) is otherwise appropriate for the transfer of the Kamenci development model; however, only partially provided municipal infrastructure might prove to be a barrier for that.
- Described cultural heritage and modern Roma cultural practices are extremely interesting. The settlement most likely has cultural development potentials for social integration of Roma community members in the field of culture and culture tourism.

Annex: BIH-4

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

UG. NGO ROMI NA DJELU/ROMA AT WORK:

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Brčko, Bosnia and Herzegovina. It was set up in 2012. It is an assertive organisation that expressed its interest for project participation.

Despite the fact that the NGO was set up only this year, it has already established partnerships at the local, regional and national level.

The organisation has defined objectives and activities; and (highly-educated) volunteers are active in the organisation. The organisation's financial viability is poor; and it also does not have its own premises and equipment.

The organisation has some project experience in working on small projects and direct experience in working with the Roma population.

The organisation proposes that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement Suljagić Sokak, a Roma district "mahala" with a population of 897. Infrastructure in the settlement is provided and the settlement already receives visits from the members of the majority population. The security situation in the settlement is said to be good.

The organisation does not list any specific data on the preservation of Roma cultural heritage and on possible modern Roma cultural practices. In addition, it is said that Roma culture does not represent an integral part of cultural life in the home municipality.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
25. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5 5	5 5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level		
26. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	5
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	
27. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	5
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	5
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
28. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	5
4.1 Adequate size	5	
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	5
29. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
30. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	5
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	5
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	
TOTAL	100	50

4 . OPINION

We are of the opinion that the organisation UG. NVO ROMI NA DJELU at present does not yet meet requirements for participation in the Council of Europe project.

Annex: CRO-1

OPĆINA OREHOVICA (MUNICIPALITY OREHOVICA)

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OPĆINA OREHOVICA - MUNICIPALITY OF OREHOVICA:

This is a local community – municipality on the territory of the Medžimurje County in Croatia. The area of the Medžimurje County has the largest population of the Croatian Roma.

There are about 560 Roma living in the administrative area of the settlement Orehovica. The Roma populate hamlets that are in terms of its location separated from the major part of the settlement. The biggest and at the same time also the farthest hamlet is located by the Drava River within striking distance of the hydropower plant “Čakovec”. It has a population of about 450. The second hamlet that is closest to Orehovica has a population of 60, while the third hamlet, the so-called Celje, has a Roma population of about 50. The hamlet does not have only Roma population. The Roma who live here are mixed with the members of the majority population. The municipality of Orehovica strives for the development of Roma communities living on its territory and for their social integration. In doing so, it significantly differs from other Međimurje municipalities, which are often characterised by conflicts with the majority population, segregation of Roma children in schools and even grave violations of human rights (numerous cases at the European Court of Human Rights).

The municipality of Orehovica has an adequate financial and HR potential for the participation in the Council of Europe project. Moreover, it has elaborated spatial plans for Roma settlement planning and engineering. It has also established partnerships at the local, regional, national and cross-border level.

It is proposed that the biggest Roma settlement in Orehovica that is situated near the Drava River and has a population of about 450 participates in the Council of Europe project. The settlement has basic infrastructure. An event tent accommodating about 800 people was purchased. The tent can serve as the venue for intercultural events and other intercultural practices. The target Roma settlement preserves Roma heritage (cultural potentials of the Roma settlement are evaluated) and modern cultural practices are being introduced. Roma cultural offer represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the local community.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
31. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5 5	5 5
1.3 Cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level		
32. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
33. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	10
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	10
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
34. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	10
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	5
35. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
36. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	90

4 . OPINION

- We think that the municipality of Orehovica could be a good partner in the Council of Europe project as it has requisite financial, HR and other material potentials. What is more, it has already established partnerships at different levels (from local to cross-border).
- The proposed Roma settlement in Orehovica (hamlet by the Drava River with a Roma population of 450) is appropriate for the implementation of the Kamenci development model by bearing in mind local specificities.
- The target Roma settlement has 2 Roma NGOs that are active and intentionally preserve cultural identity and cultural heritage of the Roma settlement. Roma cultural offer represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the local community.

5. PROPOSAL

We propose a visit to the municipality of Orehovica, Roma NGOs and the proposed Roma settlement as potential candidates for participation in the Council of Europe project.

Annex: CRO-2

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Udruga za boljitak Roma Međimurja/ Association for the Advancement of the Međimurje Roma:

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Goričan – the Međimurska County – Croatia.

The organisation expressed enormous interest for project participation.

It has clearly defined objectives and activities; no employees, but has 28 active members who work as volunteers; the organisation's financial viability is poor; however it has at its disposal equipped premises that are suitable for the implementation of project activities.

The organisation has limited project experience.

The organisation proposes that the project is implemented in the Roma district ("mahala") in the settlement Goričan with a Roma population of about 50. Infrastructure in the settlement is provided. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. The security situation in the settlement is good.

The settlement intentionally preserves Roma culture and heritage. They also refer to the existence of "living Roma culture". Roma culture also represents an integral part of cultural life in the home municipality.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
1. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
2. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	10
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
3. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	5
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	5
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	5
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	5
4. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	10
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	5
5. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
6. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	75

4 . OPINION

- **The Roma organisation interested in cooperation has clearly defined objectives and some project experience with small projects/actions. Its activity proceeds on a volunteer basis; it does not have any employees. It has modest financial resources, but it has equipped business premises in the Roma district itself.**
- **In terms of its size and infrastructure equipment, the proposed Roma district would be suitable for the implementation of the Kamenci development model.**
- **The settlement already has cultural potentials that could be tapped into for the development and social integration of Roma community members.**

ANNEX: FYROM-1

R.C.C “DROM”
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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

R.C.C “DROM”:

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Kumanovo, FYROM.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities; it possesses a solid HR potential (members, employees, volunteers) as well as suitable premises and equipment for project implementation.

The organisation established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level. In addition, it boasts rich project experience.

It proposes that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement – hamlet: **Zivkova Karpa** with a Roma population of about 1200. Infrastructure in the settlement is partially provided. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. Security situation in the settlement is said to be good.

The target Roma settlement preserves varied Roma cultural heritage. Moreover, it boasts impressive Roma cultural creativity and modern cultural practices. Roma culture represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the municipality of Kumanovo.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5 5	5 5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level		
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	15
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	15
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	0
4.1 Adequate size	5	0
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	0
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	85

4. OPINION:

- This is a professional organization with clearly defined objectives, a solid HR potential (members, employees, volunteers), adequate premises and equipment as well as extensive project experience.
- The organisation has a wide partner network at the local, regional, national and international level.
- The proposed Roma settlement – hamlet with a population of about 1200 is in our opinion too big for the transfer of the Kamenci development model. Moreover, municipal infrastructure is provided only partially. The settlement is already visited by the members of the majority population. Security situation in the settlement is said to be adequate.
- The settlement has preserved Roma cultural heritage; and there are also impressive modern cultural practices. Roma cultural offer represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the local community. The settlement clearly possesses enormous cultural development potentials for social integration of Roma community members in the field of culture and culture tourism.

5. PROPOSAL:

In the light of a clear development potential in the field of Roma cultural creativity, we propose a visit to the organisation, its partners and the proposed Roma settlement as potential candidates for participation in the Council of Europe project. One would have to check infrastructure conditions in the settlement on the spot and assess if the Kamenci development model could also be implemented in the proposed Roma settlement despite its size.

ANNEX: FYROM-2

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

RDDA „Sonce“ (Sun)

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The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities; a solid HR potential (members, employees, volunteers) as well as adequate premises and equipment for project implementation.

The organisation set up partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level and possesses extensive project experience.

It proposed that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement – district (“mahala”) **Arabati Baba Teke** with a Roma population of about 1500. Infrastructure is only partially provided in the settlement. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. Security situation in the settlement is said to be good.

The target Roma settlement preserves varied Roma cultural heritage. It also boasts impressive Roma cultural creativity and modern cultural practices that represent an integral part of a cultural offer in the municipality of Tetovo and also in a greater area.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	15
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	15
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	0
4.1 Adequate size	5	0
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	0
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	85

4. OPINION:

- This is a professional organisation with clearly defined objectives, a solid HR potential (members, employees, volunteers), adequate premises and equipment as well as extensive project experience.
- The organisation has a wide partner network at the local, regional, national and international level.
- The proposed Roma settlement – district with a population of about 1500 is in our view too big for the transfer of the Kamenci development model. Moreover, municipal infrastructure is only partially provided. The settlement is already visited by the members of the majority population. Security situation in the settlement is said to be adequate.
- The settlement preserves Roma cultural heritage and “living Roma culture”. Roma cultural offer is an integral part of a cultural offer in the local community. The settlement clearly has a huge cultural development potential for social integration of Roma community members in the field of culture and culture tourism.

5. PROPOSAL:

In the light of clear development potentials in the field of Roma cultural creativity, we propose a visit to the organisation, its partners and the proposed Roma settlement as potential candidates for participation in the Council of Europe project. One would have to check infrastructure conditions in the settlement on the spot and assess if it was sensible and possible to implement the Kamenci development model in the proposed Roma settlement despite its size.

ANNEX: FYROM-3

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

Ambrela

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Skopje - FYROM.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities, a solid HR potential (members, employees) as well as adequate premises and equipment for project implementation. The organisation is financially dependent on projects.

The organisation has established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level, and possesses solid project experience.

It proposes that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement Suto Orizari (the biggest settlement in Macedonia/Europe). Infrastructure in the settlement is only partially provided. The members of the majority population already visit the Roma settlement. Security situation in the settlement is said to be good.

The target Roma settlement has a huge cultural potential. Heritage preservation activities are carried out. The NGO Ambrela strives to create conditions for the development of modern cultural practices (modern dancing, music, theatre, sports etc.)...

Roma cultural heritage is usually presented via various projects, study visits (Ambrela presents culture via study visits) and very often it is limited to the local context, due to the fact that the supported projects are short-termed and dependent on donors. Earlier, the International Roma Day was an opportunity to present Romani cultural heritage. There is an immense need to organise artistic events (poetry, theatre, dance) and any future initiative would be welcome. Occasional concerts of Roma artists are organised (usually by the municipality, around International Roma Day).

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	10
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	10
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	0
4.1 Adequate size	5	0
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	0
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	80

4. OPINION:

- This is a professional organisation with clearly defined objectives, a solid HR potential (members, employees), adequate premises and equipment as well as solid project experience.
- The organisation has a wide partner network at the local, regional, national and international level.
- The proposed Roma settlement Suto Orizari (Europe's biggest Roma settlement) is in our opinion too big and too complex for the transfer of the Kamenci development model.
- When planning development and social integration of the Roma, the settlement, such as Suto Orizari, should be treated as unique at the European level.

ANNEX: FYROM-4

Romsko Humanitarno Zdruzenie na Zeni- KHAM

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Romsko Humanitarno Zdruzenie na Zeni- KHAM

/Roma Humanitarian Association at Zena

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Kumanovo - FYROM.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities; a solid financial and HR potential (members, employees) as well as appropriate premises and equipment for project implementation.

The organisation established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level, and possesses extensive project experience.

It proposes that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement – district (“mahala”): **Sredorek** with a population of about 2500. The settlement is not urbanised and infrastructure is only partially provided. The members of the majority population already visit the settlement. Security situation in the settlement is said to be good.

The target Roma settlement preserves Roma cultural heritage. It also refers to the existence of “living Roma culture”. Roma cultural offer represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the home municipality.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	5
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	5
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	0
4.1 Adequate size	5	0
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	0
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	75

4. OPINION:

- This is a professional organisation with clearly defined objectives, a solid HR potential (members, employees) as well as adequate premises and equipment.
- The organisation has partners at the local, regional and national level.

- The proposed Roma settlement Sredorek – a district with a population of about 2500 is in our view too big for the transfer of the Kamenci development model; the settlement is not urbanised and municipal infrastructure is only partially provided. The settlement is already visited by the members of the majority population. Security situation in the settlement is said to be adequate.

- The settlement preserves Roma cultural heritage and “living Roma culture“. A Roma cultural offer represents an integral part of a cultural offer in the local community.

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Hálózat az Integrációért Alapítvány

This is a foundation with the head office in Zalavég – Zala region – Hungary.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities; a solid HR potential (members, employees) as well as high-quality spatial conditions and equipment for project implementation.

The organisation has established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level. It also boasts extensive project experience.

It proposes that the project is implemented in the settlement Zalavég. The settlement has a population of 391, whereby the Roma live together with the majority population. Infrastructure in the settlement is provided. Safety in the settlement is good.

The organisation has already conducted activities for the preservation and enrichment of Roma heritage, as well as for the development of modern Roma cultural practices: in the framework of the cross-border project “ROMA CARAVAN” – the Cross-Border Path of Roma Culture and Heritage (ETC SI-HU 2007-2013). Among other things, the Roma creative centre, virtual Roma museum, Roma dance school and elaborated models for the development of Roma social entrepreneurship in the field of culture tourism will be set up in the framework of project activities.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	15
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	15
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	10
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	5
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	15
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	
TOTAL	100	90

4. OPINION:

- This is a professional organisation with clearly defined objectives, a solid HR potential (members, employees), adequate premises and equipment as well as solid project experience.
- The organisation has a wide partner network at the local, regional, national and international level.
- The proposed settlement Zalavég is adequate for the implementation of the Kamenci development model by bearing in mind local specificities.
- The organisation preserves Roma cultural heritage and “living Roma culture”. The settlement clearly has a huge cultural development potential for social integration of Roma community members in the field of culture and culture tourism.

5. PROPOSAL

We propose a visit to the organisation, its partners and the proposed settlement as potential candidates for participation in the Council of Europe project.

Vasvár és Térsége Cigány Érdekvédelmi Egyesület

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Vasvár és Térsége Cigány Érdekvédelmi Egyesület

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Vasvár – Vas region – Hungary.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation.

It has clearly defined objectives and activities, but a weak HR and financial potential as well as limited project experience.

The organisation cooperates with similar NGOs at the local, regional and cross-border level.

It proposes that the project is implemented in the settlement Vasvár. Vasvár has about 10 % of the Roma living together with the majority population. Infrastructure in the settlement is provided.

The organisation endeavours for the preservation of Roma culture and heritage. The organisation has a band performing traditional Roma music. Roma cultural creativity does not represent an integral part of a cultural offer in the home municipality.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	20
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	10
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	5
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	5
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	5
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	5
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	10
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	5
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	15
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	65

4. OPINION:

- This is a Roma NGO with clearly defined objectives, but a poor HR and financial capacity for project management. It is also questionable if a partnership with the local municipality could be established as the organisation stated in the questionnaire that there is no possibility for cooperation with the municipality.
- There are Roma cultural potentials in the proposed settlement as the organisation also strives for the preservation of Roma cultural heritage; however, Roma culture does not represent an integral part of a cultural offer in the local community.
- Based on the answers provided in the questionnaire, we conclude that it would be difficult to implement the Kamenci development model in the settlement Vasvár due to professional and financial weaknesses of the proponent as well as due to possible barriers standing in the way of the establishment of the local development partnership.

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

„RROMANI BAXT“:

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Prizren - Kosovo.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities; a solid HR potential (employees, volunteers) and adequate premises for project implementation.

The organisation established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level. It also has solid project experience.

3 potential Roma settlements are proposed for project implementation:

Terzimahala - Kjurj Mahala in the municipality of Prizren (a population of 1600) or Plementina in the municipality of Obilić (a population of 300) or Gračanica in the municipality of Gračanica (a population of 450).

General characteristics of the afore-mentioned settlements are as follows: low social and economic status of the Roma population (poverty) and only partially provided infrastructure. The members of the majority population already visit the settlements. Safety is said to be provided to settlement visitors.

The NGO “RROMANI BAXT” is one of the rare organisations participating in the research whose main mission is the preservation and development of Roma culture, including publishing activity in the Roma language. The organisation also set up an octet performing folk songs throughout Europe. They also refer to a wide range of modern Roma cultural and intercultural practices.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	10
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	10
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	5
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	0
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	20
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	10
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	
TOTAL	100	85

4. OPINION:

- The organisation is interesting since - as it has already been mentioned – its main mission is the preservation of Roma heritage and the development of modern cultural practices. The organisation has clearly defined objectives, a solid HR potential (members, employees, volunteers), adequate premises and equipment as well as extensive project experience.
- The organisation has a wide partner network at the local, regional, national and international level.
- Two out of the proposed settlements have less than 500 inhabitants; municipal infrastructure in the settlements is only partially provided.
- We think that it might be sensible to visit the organisation and learn on the spot if any of the proposed settlements might be adequate for participation in the Council of Europe project.

5. PROPOSAL:

We propose a visit to the organisation, its partners (especially local community representatives) and the proposed Roma settlements as potential candidates for participation in the Council of Europe projects.

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VISTA:

This is an NGO with the head office in Priština - Kosovo.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities; a solid HR potential (employees, volunteers) as well as adequate premises for project implementation.

The organisation established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level. It has solid project experience.

It proposes that the project is implemented in Roma settlements on the territory of the municipality: Fushë Kosova. Based on the answers provided in the questionnaire, it is not possible to identify neither specific settlements nor at least an indicative number of its inhabitants.

The NGO only points to low social and economic status of the Roma population (poverty) and poor municipal infrastructure conditions. It is said that safety to visitors is not provided (quote): *The social status of Roma people it is considered as a poor, they don't have enough information for their rights and opportunities. Roma population manly live in poor conditions, no homes, in many places in containers with no condition such as electricity, clean water, toilets, etc. The main problem we think that those people should prepare their self to follow the schools, which the first big step for their future and also for the majority to employ them. Also the average of life is to short, based on last information around 40 years.*

Last decade with engagement of different NGO and Municipality departments there are some small movements, but still there is a huge need to do more and more. They keep with fanaticism their culture and tradition especially in cases with early marriage (unquote).

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	5
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	5
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	0
4.1 Adequate size	5	
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	0
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	0
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	
TOTAL	100	50

4. OPINION:

- **The NGO VISTA is an organisation with project experience in improving the social status of the Roma population. The NGO also employs staff and has adequate premises and equipment for project implementation. It also established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level.**
- **Based on the assertions of the organisation in the questionnaire, however, we are of the opinion that the initiation of a project, such as the Council of Europe project entitled: Cultural resources for Roma inclusion, might still prove to be too early in the area of Fushë Kosova in this phase.**

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Udruzenje gradjana "RROMA-ROTA" /Citizen's Association "RROMA-ROTA":

This is a Roma NGO with the head office in Kikinda – Vojvodina - Serbia.

The organisation expressed its interest for project participation. It has clearly defined objectives and activities as well as adequate premises for project implementation. It does not employ any staff. The municipality provided premises for the Roma culture and education centre (the facility is in need of adaptation).

The organisation established partnerships at the local, regional, national and international level. It also has project experience in working on small projects.

It proposes that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement Mali Bedem in the municipality of Kikinda (230 inhabitants). The NGO points to low social and economic status of the Roma population (poverty). The settlement is not urbanised (absence of municipal infrastructure, poor housing standard of the Roma). As a rule, Non-Roma individuals do not come to the settlement.

The organisation endeavours for the preservation of Roma cultural practices and Roma identity. The settlement has a Roma band and folklore group. It also organises public events (particularly on the occasion of the Roma Day). These events are also co-financed by the home municipality.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	15
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	5
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	5
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	5
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	5
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	5
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	15
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	5
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	70

4. OPINION:

- **The proposed Roma settlement would - in the light of its settlement size - in the future most probably be appropriate for the initiation of a similar approach as we have introduced to Kamenci.**
- **Yet we think that prior to this, the settlement will have to be urbanised as it lacks basic municipal infrastructure. Moreover, according to the NGO housing standard of the Roma population is said to be extremely low.**
- **Yet it is hard to give a relevant opinion on the subject without the examination of the conditions on the spot.**

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

The Rural Media Company:

The Rural media Company is an established award winning education, production and development charity with a national reputation for its innovative and socially aware media arts and communication work, we reach some of the most marginalized, isolated and vulnerable people in the county, ensuring that diverse rural voices are heard and listened to.

The main objects of the charity are to promote, maintain, improve and advance education, particularly by the encouragement of arts and media. To empower people to develop understanding, skills and a 'voice' through creative media.

Target groups of the Rural Media Company are: Gypsies and Travellers, Young people, Communities.

The organisation has extensive project experience, 16 employed experts (full time and part time) and a network of 100 freelance arts and media professionals we work with regularly to deliver our successful projects.

Rural Media has a strong governance and leadership structure we are governed by a Board of Trustees who have financial and strategic planning, organisational development, equal opportunities, media strategy and production, formal and informal education skills. They have developed relationships and partnerships with many local, regional and national agencies.

Rural Media regularly produce high quality digital media content and possess the facilities, resources and equipment to lead media workshops, create film productions and manage websites with young people and communities across the UK and Europe.

The organisation suggests that Salvation Place, Leatherhead -Surrey Surrey County Council, UK, is involved in the Council of Europe project.

Salvation Place site is owned by Surry County Council and plots are rented to 12 Romany families, who live in their own caravans and trailers.

Ann Wilson, the partner of the Rural Media Company, lives with two generations of her family on Salvation Place. She is a committed member of the Light and Life Church, and also a leading member of Surrey Traveller Community Relations Forum (STCRF), and until the recent cuts in public expenditure was employed as a Community Development Worker by Surrey County Council.

There are several accomplished young Gypsy jazz guitarists living on Salvation Place, who play in local and national festivals, including events during Gypsy Roma Traveller History Month in June each year, and at The QuecumBar (Gypsy jazz) Brasserie in central London. Roma heritage and cultural events are very much part of Surrey's municipal cultural infrastructure.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
2. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
3. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
4. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	15
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	15
5. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	10
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	5
6. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	0
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	
7. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	25
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	10
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	95

4. OPINION:

- It would be useful in our opinion that The Rural Media Company Is included in the Council of Europe project as it represents a best practice model for social integration of vulnerable groups in the field of culture.
- We also believe that exceptionally attractive cultural products of Roma travellers could be produced in Salvation Place. We could jointly develop these products in certain segments as complementary products by bearing in mind local specificities. In the framework of the ETC, we have been implementing the project with the acronym: “ROMA CARAVAN” in the Roma settlement Kamenci, part of which is also the development of the culture tourism product: “ROMA CARAVAN”.

5. PROPOSAL:

We propose a visit to the organisation, its partners and the proposed Salvation place as probable candidates for participation in the Council of Europe project.

Annex: LIT-1

Romu Visuomenes Centras – Roma Community Centre
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1. BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

ROMU VISUOMENES CENTRAS – ROMA COMMUNITY CENTRE:

The organisation works with Roma community as a public centre, providing space for the past-time of the children and young people as well as for the professional development of adults. The organisation expressed its interest for participation in the Council of Europe project.

The organisation has clearly defined objectives and activities; it employs 25 people and volunteers; it receives financial support from the Ministry of Culture of the Republic of Lithuania and also from the EU through projects. It has extensive project experience (also in working with the Roma population) and partners at the local, regional and national level. It also cooperates with local administration authorities. *The Roma community Centre has a building, situated in the Roma settlement in Kirtimai, outskirts of Vilnius. It is a one-floor building (as requested by the community) with two offices and two classrooms and a hall for the activities.*

The organisation proposed that the project is implemented in the Roma settlement: Kirtimai (municipality: Vilnius). This is an independent Roma settlement with a population of about 450. Infrastructure in the settlement is only partially provided. The members of the majority population occasionally already visit the settlement. Safety in the settlement is said not to be the best.

The group of the Romani women, with the support of the “Intercultural Cities” programme of the Council of Europe and other organisations, during this summer advanced in re-discovering their creative potential and combining the old traditions, folklore stories, usage of colours etc., with the modern and newly acquired skill of embroidery, application, sewing techniques, as well as creating designs, based on Romani motives for T-shirts, bags and other souvenirs for sale.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
3. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	25
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	5
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	5
4. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	20
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	5
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	5
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	5
5. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	15
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	15
6. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	5
4.1 Adequate size	5	5
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	
7. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	0
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	
8. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	25
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	10
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	10
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	5
TOTAL	100	90

4. OPINION

- The organisation has clearly defined objectives, project experience and employed staff. It also has appropriate facilities and equipment at its disposal.
- The proposed Roma settlement (Kirtimai in the municipality of Vilnius with a population of 450) is otherwise appropriate for the transfer of the Kamenci development model; however only partially provided municipal infrastructure might prove to be a barrier for that.
- The proposed activities for the social integration of Roma women are very interesting and form a solid basis for the development of Roma (women) social entrepreneurship.

5. PROPOSAL:

We propose a visit to the organisation, its partners and the proposed Roma settlement Kirtimai in the municipality of Vilnius as potential candidates for the participation in the Council of Europe project.

Annex: ITALY-1

Romni Onlus
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2. SHORT PRESENTATION OF AN ORGANISATION/ROMA SETTLEMENT

Romni Onlus:

Is a Roma NGO operating in Rome in the field of Romani women's empowerment and support for the communities, acting as social secretariat;

The founder and President of Romni Onlus, Saska Jovanovic, holds a BA degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Pristina and has been working since 2001 in various activities as a cultural mediator and official interpreter and translator.

Organisation expressed its interest for cooperation; organisation does not employ any staff, activities are conducted on a volunteer basis; it financially depends on projects; organisation has project experience, experience in working with the Roma population.

Based on the answers given in the questionnaire, we can conclude that the organisation operates in the area of Rome; it does not suggest any specific Roma settlement for project participation; the key answers to the given questions are also lacking.

3. ASSESSMENT FOLLOWING THE CRITERIA

CRITERION	Maximum number of points	Mark
1. INTEREST FOR COOPERATION IN THE PROJECT	25	15
1.1 Interest of the organisation to participate in the project	10	10
1.2 Probable interest of the Roma population for active participation in the project	5	5
1.3 Probable cooperation and support to project activities by the local community	5	
1.4 Probability for setting up a high-quality development partnership at the local level	5	
2. ORGANIZATION SKILLS AND MANAGEMENT	20	5
2.1 Organisation's goals and activities are clearly defined	5	5
2.2 HR potential (members, employees, volunteers)	5	
2.3 Financial fitness of the organisation	5	
2.3 Premises and equipment	5	
3. PROJECT EXPERIENCE– PROJECTS/PROGRAMMES/ACTION FOR THE ROMA	15	5
3.1 1-3 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	5	5
3.2 3-5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	10	
3.3 More than 5 projects/programmes/actions were implemented	15	
4. SIZE OF THE ROMA SETTLEMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE	10	0
4.1 Adequate size	5	
4.2 Regulated of infrastructure	5	
5. SAFETY IN THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	5	0
5.1 Safety is provide to visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal organisations, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)	5	
6. CULTURAL POTENTIAL OF THE TARGET ROMA SETTLEMENT	25	5
6.1 There are planned activities in place to preserve Roma culture and heritage in the target Roma settlement	10	
6.2 Different cultural practices exist in the target Roma settlement.	10	5
6.3 Roma culture in the target Roma settlement constitutes an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of the domicile municipality.	5	
TOTAL	100	30

4. OPINION

On account of deficient answers to the given questions in the questionnaire, it was not possible to assess the organisation in line with the criteria for the selection of 6-8 Roma organisations/settlements.

Questionnaire

BASIC INFORMATION ABOUT THE ORGANIZATION

Name of the organisation	
Type of organisation	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Public law body: national/regional/local 2. Public law body: national/university-research institute 3. Private law body/non-profit institution/NGO 4. Other: _____
Abbreviation	
Address	
Postal code	
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STRUCTURE, ACTIVITIES AND RESOURCES OF YOUR ORGANISATION

Main objectives and activities of your organisation	
Members of your organisation	
Staff employed by your organisation	
Volunteers	
Financial resources <ul style="list-style-type: none">– Your organisation's usual sources of finance– Your organisation's turnover or equivalent in the last financial year in €	
Premises and equipment	
Other important sources of your organisation	

PROJECT EXPERIENCE

Title of the action	Project costs	Main results	Financiers of the action	Partnership	Year of implementation

EXPIRIENCE OF WORKING WITH THE ROMA POPULATION

Title of the action	Main activities	Main results

PARTNERSHIPS

Your partners	
Local (municipal) level	
Regional level	
National level	
Cross-border partnerships	
International partnerships	

INTEREST IN THE PROJECT

1. Would you like to participate in the preparatory phase of the Council of Europe project “Cultural resources for Roma inclusion“?

YES

NO

(Circle yes or no to indicate!)

2. If you answered yes to the previous question, please indicate in which Roma settlement/Roma community would the project “Cultural resources for Roma inclusion“be implemented?

Name of the settlement: _____

Municipality: _____

Settlement type:

- a) independent Roma settlement
- b) Roma hamlet that is geographically separated from the settlement inhabited by the majority population
- c) Roma part (Roma streets within the settlement - „Mahalas“)
- d) other: _____

(Circle as appropriate!)

3. Please answer the questions below:

Does the target Roma settlement/Roma community have basic municipal infrastructure: electric power, plumbing, sewage system, telecommunications?	YES	PARTIALLY	NO
Do asphalt roads lead into the settlement and through the settlement?	YES	PARTIALLY	NO
Is (public) waste removal organised in the settlement?	YES	PARTIALLY	NO
Does the settlement have any public cultural infrastructure (e.g. house of culture) or other public (joint) facilities (e.g. offices, classrooms etc.)?	YES		NO
Does the majority population come to the Roma settlement/Roma community?	YES	PARTIALLY	NO
Is/will safety be provided to the visitors of the settlement (there are no weapons, criminal groups, trade in arms, drugs and human trafficking in the settlement)?	YES	PARTIALLY	NO

(Circle as appropriate!)

4. Please give a brief description of the aforementioned Roma settlement/Roma community:

-  number of inhabitants
-  social status
-  other important information about the settlement and its population...



5. Please briefly describe cultural heritage (Roma customs, culture and tradition) as well as modern cultural practices and “artistic skills” of the Roma from the previously described Roma settlement/Roma community:

6. Does Roma culture constitute an integral part of the cultural offer in the area of your municipality?

YES NO

(Circle yes or no to indicate!)

7. If your answer to the previous question was yes, please indicate:

-  how is Roma culture presented to the general public (e.g. festivals, events, literary evenings, artists’ colonies, other artistic events...) and
-  where (e.g. in the Roma settlement, within municipal cultural infrastructure...).

8. Do you think that the Roma from the aforementioned settlement/community would be willing to participate in the activities that would contribute to the development of their settlement/community as an (inter)cultural tourist spot?

YES

NO

(Circle yes or no to indicate!)

9. Do you think that your municipality would be willing to cooperate and support you in achieving the development of the Roma settlement/community as an (inter)cultural tourist spot?

YES

NO

(Circle yes or no to indicate!)

10. Do you think that high-quality development partnerships (cultural organisations, educational institutions, NGOs...) could be established at the local level that my help you achieve the development of the Roma settlement/community as an (inter)cultural tourist spot?

YES

NO

(Circle yes or no to indicate!)

WE THANK YOU FOR YOUR COOPERATION!

Annex: Invitation

Dear Madam/Sir,

You are cordially invited to participate in the first phase of the Council of Europe project “Cultural resources for Roma inclusion: Feasibility phase of a cultural enterprise project in Roma settlements”.

In the framework of the first project phase, our NGO “MISSION *S” - Association for Sustainable Development of the Pomurje Region – Slovenia as a consultant to the Council of Europe conducts research with the view to identify potential partner organisations and Roma settlements in which a model of good practice for social integration of the Roma in the field of culture and culture tourism will be implemented in the second project phase.

The Association “MISSION *S” has been developing and implementing a development model in the field of culture and culture tourism so as to provide for social and economic integration of the Roma in the Kamenci Roma settlement. We cooperated with the local municipality of Črenšovci and local Roma NGO “Romano pejtaušago” in the process. The Council of Europe recognized our development model as an example of excellent practice and therefore wishes to implement it in other Roma settlements in Europe as well. The presentation of the development model and the Kamenci Roma settlement in which the model is being implemented are enclosed in the attachment.

A questionnaire for your organisation is also included in the attachment. If you are interested in cooperation, please complete the attached questionnaire and return it to the e-mail address: novatio@siol.net not later than 5 November 2012.

Based on the answers in the questionnaires, we will identify 10 potential partners (settlements) which we will visit in the period from 15 November 2012 until 31 December 2012. Following the visits to organisations and Roma settlements wishing to participate in the aforementioned Council of Europe project, we will submit case studies to the Council of Europe and recommend 3 - 5 settlements in which a good practice model from the Kamenci Roma settlement will be implemented by bearing in mind local specifics. The second project phase will be implemented by the Council of Europe in cooperation with the European Commission.

In the hope that you will decide to cooperate by completing the questionnaire and that we shall also meet in person, we send you our best regards.

Association “MISSION *S”
Agata Sardelič, President

Annex: Project summary



Cultural resources for Roma inclusion: Feasibility phase of a cultural enterprise project in Roma settlements

Project proposal by the Council of Europe

Background

Policies for Roma inclusion have so far focused on fostering better opportunities for education, employment and improvement of welfare of Roma communities. Relatively little attention has been paid to the understanding of Roma culture within wider societies and for creating conditions for direct encounters and trust-building between Roma and non-Roma in the context of cultural activities. Cultural understanding and trust are however pre-conditions for effective and sustainable inclusion.

Cultural resources for Roma inclusion addresses both trust-building and understanding Roma culture and heritage. Due to the complexity of the project, it is supposed to organise work in three successive phases to allow for flexibility and adjustments along the way. Below is an outline of the feasibility phase of the project and in appendix information about the next phase, called “preparatory” which should be followed by an implementation phase subject to successful completion of phase 2 and the availability of required resources.

Our proposal is to associate three main funding partners: the Open Society Institute, the Council of Europe and the European Commission, with the Council of Europe carrying also the operational responsibility. Through this proposal, financial support is sought from OSI for the feasibility phase, with the CoE and the EC expected to provide resources for the preparatory phase. Search for resources for the implementation phase will begin after the feasibility phase with the European Social Fund and Norway Grants as possible sources.

Objectives

The project aims at working with 5 Roma settlements in Europe on the development of detailed business plans inspired by the successful experience of Roma settlement Kamenci¹ in North-Eastern Slovenia. Kamenci succeeded in creating a **sustainable set of activities which enable non-Roma visitors to experience Roma culture and engage in a dialogue with the members of the Roma community.**

¹ In Kamenci a series of cultural activities and resources have been developed by the Roma inhabitants with the help of facilitators and artists. These activities involve cultural workshops for non-Roma visitors such as herbs and gardening, legends, music and poetry, photography workshops for children, summer camps for a mix of Roma and non-Roma children, a museum of Roma heritage and a cultural events centre. The activities have been established on a more or less permanent basis, attracting over 5000 visitors a year, providing sustainable income for families, recognition of Roma culture and empowerment of Roma inhabitants as decision-makers and managers of their activity. The results in terms of community cohesion, organisation and stability and improvement of working conditions for families are impressive. The artistic workshops and activities provide a positive environment for encounters and dialogue between Roma and non-Roma. Several EU-funded projects have been carried out in Kamenci – as a result, the infrastructure of the settlement and the livelihood of the people were greatly improved.

Annex:

Short summary of the Kamenci model



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»CULTURAL RESOURCES FOR ROMA INCLUSION« THE INNOVATIVE MODEL OF BEST PRACTICE FOR THE SOCIAL INCLUSION OF ROMA POPULATION



THE ROMA SETTLEMENT KAMENCI² »SOROTIJME - JUNCTURE«

The northeasternmost part of Slovenia, Prekmurje, is characterized by a "living laboratory of minorities" because apart from Slovenians different ethnic communities, including Roma, live there.

Members of this community also reside in the Roma settlement Kamenci, located in the Črenšovci municipality near the main roads between the towns of Lendava and Murska Sobota. There are 127 people living in Kamenci, of which there are about 50 children, which represents about 40 percent of the population of this village.

² <https://wcd.coe.int/> Dr Robin Oakley: **The situation of Roma¹ in Europe: a challenge for local and regional authorities** - (b) Promoting Roma Empowerment and Participation: **The Roma settlement of Kamenci**, in the municipality of Črenšovci in Slovenia, has been the base for a wide range of cultural initiatives, as well as successfully addressing issues around school participation, housing and employment. Many Roma traditions have been revived, such as housing styles, music and dance, and traditional crafts. A Roma museum has also been established, all this resulting in the area becoming a local tourist attraction, thus contributing positively to the local economic situation. The settlement's association and the municipality recently jointly hosted the launch of the CoE's 'European Route of Roma Culture and Heritage', which will bring together a wide range of municipalities, Roma bodies and other agencies involved in the preservation and promotion of Roma culture. While their primary goals are educational, such cultural activities can also bring economic benefit for municipalities that sponsor them and for Roma who participate in them.

Kamenci is not only one of the Roma settlements, but it is also important for its events, efforts and activities that take place in this village. Kamenci represents a unique position in this region and beyond. The Roma settlement Kamenci is a true **"SOROTIJME"** (in the Roma language) or **"JUNCTURE"** (in translation) - this is **a place, where the past and the present meet**. It represents a development potential for a brighter and richer future, and it is **a place for meeting people of different nationalities, professions, cultures and creative ideas**.



The Roma settlement Kamenci is known for its **planned preservation of Roma cultural heritage** that is still marked by a kind of struggle for recognition in order to be identified as part of the European cultural heritage that was more or less overlooked in the past.

In 2003, the first **museum of Roma** in Slovenia was opened in Kamenci. It is part of the efforts of the Roma community from Kamenci to preserve the historical memory of the Roma. The museum exhibits items from the period when the first Roma family settled in the Kamenci area. In and around the museum visitors can see the old way of life of Roma. Participating in the demonstrations of traditional crafts of Roma ("grinders", fortune-tellers, musicians and dancers), museum visitors learn about the history of the Roma settlement Kamenci, legends, and other cultural practices that were passed down from generation to generation as part of their oral tradition. The most attractive museum item is the white violin about which there exists an interesting Roma legend telling the story about a violin that used to be black and then turned into a white one.



In 2006, **the first Roma herbal garden** in Slovenia was planted in Kamenci with the aim of preserving the rich traditions of the Roma folk medicine (herbalism). In the past, Roma women were known for their thorough knowledge of the effects of medicinal plants and folk healing, which is recognized among the Roma as well as the majority population.



In the Roma in the herbal garden in Kamenci there are **sculptures** made from scrap and designed by academic sculptors with the participation of Roma children and adolescents. Acting as assistants to the sculptors, these Roma youths actively participated in the creative design and creation of works of

art.



The Roma from Kamenci have kept the tradition of producing **amulets**. Already present in prehistoric times (and still there today), these amulets are highly appreciated as a defense against spells and accidents. The purpose of these amulets made in Kamenci is to keep health and happiness as well as to repel spells. The inhabitants have also developed a **rich souvenir-making activity**, where they make a wide range of tourist souvenirs in the form of useful and decorative items.



Kamenci is not just a "SOROTIJME - JUNCTURE" with the past, but also with the future. **The future of Kamenci** is represented by its most important potential: **children and adolescents**.

The development of endogenous potentials of children and adolescents from Kamenci is permanently realized by the Roma development partnership carrying out educational and creative activities aimed at **the young Roma population to provide more equal participation in education, employment and social processes in general**.



Each year, the Roma settlement Kamenci Each hosts the now **traditional Roma summer camps**: interdisciplinary, creative workshops for the development of social skills, creativity and innate talents young Roma population.



The village also has a modern **Roma cultural and information center Rokic: "DROM"**, symbolically opened at the celebration of the International Roma Day on April 8th, 2011 by the European Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Thomas Hammarberg³, and the Slovenian Human Rights Ombudsman, Dr. Zdenka Čebašek Travnik.

³ **Anti-Roma rhetoric underpins obstacles to Roma inclusion:** Speech by Thomas Hammarberg, Commissioner for Human Rights of the Council of Europe, at the Summit of Mayors on Roma: "Building mutual trust at the grassroots



The center conducts cultural, educational and information activities for the Roma population and the visitors to Kamenci. It also houses a Roma educational incubator, in which members of the Roma academic club regularly provide learning support to pupils and students from Kamenci.

The Roma settlement Kamenci is also an **intercultural "SOROTIJME - JUNCTURE."**

The village has hosted diverse **intercultural events** for 10 years: musical performances, sculpture colonies, literary evenings, round tables, international conferences, book presentations, movie nights, educational and creative workshops and creative gatherings of the Roma community of artists (writers, sculptors, painters, photographers, filmmakers and others). In October 2009, Kamenci held the main event at the opening of the **European Route of Roma Culture and Heritage of the Council of Europe**⁴.



In Kamenci, people of different nationalities, cultures and occupations meet at various events, whether they be events celebrating the International Roma Day, literary evenings, round tables, film making, or just casually - tasting an excellent Roma coffee.

Authors of the text:

Plenary Panel – Roma inclusion: what obstacles?" - Strasbourg, 22 September 2011: ***Municipalities should also be open to support Roma cultural centres. During my visits to Spain and Slovenia I noticed that such centres can have positive effects both among Roma and in their relationship with other communities. Factual knowledge about Roma culture and history is a key tool for correcting well-rehearsed stereotypes. The Council of Europe fact sheets on Roma history should be widely disseminated.***

<http://www.tvidea.si/oddaje/video/1177/> - Romske nevladne organizacije Romano pejtaušago

<http://www.tvidea.si/oddaje/video/1474/> - Romske nevladne organizacije »Phuri dej«

⁴ The Roma route is a networking and communication project. Its objective is to reduce barriers between Roma and non-Roma by presenting Roma cultures as a part of the mainstream cultures of societies, and not as something on the margins, and by providing opportunities for direct encounters between Roma and non-Roma. The Roma route has two different strands: one deals with Roma history and memory and involves primarily museums. An application is being prepared by the partners for EU funding for a series of activities in 2010. The other strand, which represents the more innovative aspect of the Route, concerns the organisation by Roma communities and settlements of educational and cultural activities for the public - as it is done in Kamenci in Slovenia. We would like this experience to inspire others so that a network of such places for encounter emerges across Europe. The "cultural route" label, associated with a 20-year old programme of the Council of Europe, is simply a way of introducing the concept as a journey across time and space. (Irena Guidikova, Council of Europe)

Agata Sardelič
Julija Sardelič