



Call for researcher/consultant

Forum for Roma Inclusion

1. Background

The EFC Forum for Roma Inclusion consists of foundations who are committed to supporting Roma causes. After years of working on issues ranging from health, housing, education, employment, mediators, anti-discrimination they have reached a point where there is a need to take a step back and have a critical look at private donor funding on Roma inclusion measures.

While a number of successful projects have been funded, the overall situation of Roma people in Europe remains the same, with high unemployment, sheer poverty and discrimination on a daily basis.

The Forum wants to understand what type of initiatives have been successful and if and how we can take that success forward for change on a larger scale? This analysis should help us identify funding opportunities to develop our own future work, but also in conversations with potential new donors, who have shown interest in supporting Roma causes, but information on the field remains little.

2. Purpose of the project

- Identify successful initiatives in key policy areas (housing, education, employment, health, anti-discrimination)
- Explore how successful initiatives can be taken forward so that the impact can be seen at population level
- Attract funders across Europe and show success is possible and there are opportunities
- Explore how funders can go include work on Roma within their existing programmes.

3. Guiding principles of the project

- Agree together with EFC and members of the Forum for Roma Inclusion on the collection method, as well as what the final deliverable will look like. **Date: 14 September (Roma Forum meeting)**
- This project will engage in an open and transparent process where a collective vision of research goals and objectives is shared, and where the roles and expectations of the different actors are met.
- This project will be a collaborative and equitable research partnership where members draw upon individual experience to meaningfully and mutually work towards a shared goal.

4. Roles and responsibilities

- The consultant/researcher will be responsible for the design and implementation of the project, after an exploratory meeting with the members of the Forum for Roma Inclusion.
- Ali Khan of the EFC will be responsible for the overall coordination of the process and serve as the contact point

- The members of the Forum for Roma Inclusion will serve as a sounding board and will be consulted at specifically set moments of the agreed process.

5. Timeline

A detailed timeline will be constructed together with the consultant, together with the design of the work to be undertaken. We foresee this work to be done in four to six months from the start (foreseen for September 2016).

6. Methodology

A detailed methodology will be developed together with the researcher/consultant, covering the following points:

- Agree on the criteria that make an initiative “successful”
- Desk research to find the initiatives that will be turned into case studies
- Conduct a series of in-depth interviews with the funders of the initiative
- Analysis of the interviews and case studies

7. Deliverable(s)

Written report that includes:

- An agreed and common framework on the criteria for a successful initiative
- A set of case studies that are written based on interviews conducted with the grantmaker/donor
- Recommendations of how to take successful initiatives forward on a larger scale
- A set of guiding questions/principles in case a funder would like to include a “Roma lens” to already existing programmes

8. Access to/Dissemination of Data

The idea is to publish this work widely and to also make links to other research that is taking place in the same area. The work will also help in the development of a session at the 2017 EFC annual conference in Warsaw.

9. Budget

25-30 working days, daily rate to be agreed

10. Researcher qualifications

- Extensive experience in qualitative research methods and good analytical capabilities

- Thorough knowledge and experience in working on Roma related causes, with a particular focus on knowledge of philanthropic initiatives
- Language proficiency in English