

**EDUCATION, SCHOLARSHIPS, APPRENTICESHIPS AND YOUTH  
ENTREPRENEURSHIP PROGRAMME IN ROMANIA**

**FINANCED THROUGH THE EEA GRANTS 2014-2021**

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS 2021  
PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF  
ROMA CHILDREN INCLUSION IN SCHOOL (RCIS)**

**GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROGRAMME**

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**FUNDING SOURCES:** the EEA Grants 2014-2021 and the Romanian Government

**DONOR STATES (DS):** Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway

**BENEFICIARY STATE:** Romania

**PROGRAMME OPERATOR:** The National Agency for Community Programmes in the Field of Education and Vocational Training (Agenția Națională pentru Programe Comunitare în Domeniul Educației și Formării Profesionale, ANPCDEF)

**DONOR PROGRAMME PARTNERS:** The Norwegian Directorate for Higher Education and Skills – **HK-dir** and The National Agency for International Education Affairs (Liechtenstein) – **AIBA**.

**SCOPE OF THE PROGRAMME:** Contributing to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and strengthening the bilateral relations between the EEA states and Romania.

**GENERAL OBJECTIVE OF THE PROGRAMME:** Enhanced human capital and knowledge base in Romania

**SPECIFIC OUTCOME FOR RCIS:** Increased institutional capacity of schools to ensure an effective inclusion of Roma children

**AREA OF SUPPORT FOR RCIS:**

- (1) Trained teachers working with Roma children on topics concerning teaching approaches centred on the pupil, inclusive school and teaching in a multicultural environment;
- (2) Developed curriculum on inclusiveness and multicultural environment;
- (3) Awareness rising activities on discrimination issues, organised for parents;
- (4) Awareness rising activities on inclusion issues, organised for pupils.

**PROGRAMME RESULTS FRAMEWORK** could be found [here](#).

### **SPECIFIC BUDGET FOR RCIS:**

2 307 689 EUR (out of which 1 961 536 EUR from the Donor States and 346 153 EUR from the national budget).

### **PARTICULAR FEATURES OF THE CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR PROJECTS IN THE FIELD OF RCIS**

Please read this document in connection with the [Guidelines for Applicants 2021](#), which is an official part of this Call.

#### **1. BUDGET ALLOCATED TO THE CALL: 900 346,79 EUR**

The minimum grant allocated per project is 60 000€ and the maximum grant allocated is 250 000€.

#### **2. TYPES OF PROJECTS TO BE FUNDED: national projects in the RCIS Field**

In the RCIS field, the projects are only national. They shall be submitted and implemented in consortia composed of one Romanian coordinator and 5 – 6 Romanian schools, with Roma children amounting to, at least, 20% of students enrolled. (For more details see [Guidelines for Applicants 2021](#), published on [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro).)

#### **3. PROJECT RESULTS**

The projects submitted under this Call for Proposals should contribute to (and report upon) the achievement of the following direct results (outputs) and indirect results (outcomes):

<b>Number</b>	<b>Programme results</b>	<b>Indicators</b>
Outcome 5	Increased institutional capacity of schools to ensure an effective inclusion of Roma children	90% of staff declare better skills/competencies regarding Roma inclusion
		Percentage of Roma pupils experiencing discrimination in the schools participating in projects decrease by 15% (from the part of the teachers and Romanian colleagues)
Output 5.1	Trained teachers working with Roma children on topics concerning teaching approaches centered on the pupil, inclusive school and teaching in a multicultural environment	60 schools involved in the projects addressing Roma children inclusion (at school level)
		550 teachers trained on inclusiveness and multicultural environment

Output 5.2	Developed curriculum on inclusiveness and multicultural environment	55 new optional curricula and teaching materials developed
Output 5.3	Awareness raising activities on discrimination issues, organised for parents	1300 Roma and Romanian parents participating in joint activities
Output 5.4	Awareness raising activities on inclusion issues, organised for pupils	2200 Roma and Romanian pupils involved in joint activities
		90% rate of satisfaction of pupils participating in the extra-curricular awareness raising activities on inclusion

#### 4. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS AND PARTNERS

For projects in the RCIS field, the applicants are Romanian non-governmental organisations (NGOs, and Romanian public institutions, including accredited higher education institutions (universities) from Romania which hold an Erasmus Charter for Higher Education (ECHE), active in the area of Roma children inclusion, on behalf of a consortium. Eligible partners in the consortium: Romanian schools enrolling at least 20% of Roma children.

#### 5. CO-FUNDING

For projects in the RCIS field that have a public institution or a higher education institution as applicant (coordinator of consortium), the grant will cover 100% of the eligible costs.

For projects in the RCIS field that have a non-governmental organisation (NGO) as applicant (coordinator of consortium), the grant will cover 90% of the eligible costs<sup>1</sup>. If it is the case, the co-financing may be covered by work in kind (voluntary work).

#### 6. APPLICATION DOCUMENTS

The application form for projects in the RCIS field:

<b>Application Form</b>		<b>Formal eligibility checklist</b>
<b>Projects for the RCIS field</b>	<a href="#">Click here to download the application form</a>	<a href="#">download</a>

##### 6.1 Annexes for the national partnership cooperation projects in the RCIS field (to be sent electronically jointly with the application form):

<sup>1</sup> According to article 6.4.3 of the Regulation on the Implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014 – 2021, if the applicant will be an NGO “the project grant may be up to 90% of eligible expenditure of the project”.

- 6.1.a [Table of detailed requested budget](#);
- 6.1.b [Timeline of activities](#);
- 6.1.c [Project Communication Plan](#)
- 6.1.d [Declaration of Honour](#) signed and stamped (if applicable) by the legal representative of the applicant: public institution/higher education institution/NGO (coordinator of the consortia,). This document will be printed, signed and then scanned and attached;
- 6.1.e [Mandate Letter](#) for the project implementation issued by each of the partner schools, signed and stamped (if applicable) by the legal representatives of the applicant and partner schools. These documents will be printed, signed and the scanned and attached;
- 6.1.f **For each partner school:** Document issued by the Board of Directors of the school showing the percentage of Roma pupils enrolled in the school in the current year. This document will also be signed by the minority inspector of the relevant County School Inspectorate. If the partner school has no legal personality (subordinate school) the decision of the Local Council referring to the local school network will be appended to the application. From the decision will come out the relationship between the school with legal personality and the subordinate school.

**6.2 Only for private higher education institutions and NGOs:** If the applicant (coordinator of consortium) is a private university or a nongovernmental organisation (NGO), the following documents must be also attached to the application form, besides the documents mentioned at paragraph 6.1:

- 6.2.a the copy of the Fiscal Identity Code (CIF) of the university / organization;
- 6.2.b the copy of the fiscal certificate, proving the lack of unpaid debts to the State budget;
- 6.2.c the copy of the most recent yearly financial statement submitted to the Ministry of Public Finances.

**6.3 Only for NGOs:** If the applicant (coordinator of consortium) is a NGO:

6.3.a the copy of the updated Statute of the NGO, attesting the name of the current legal representative of the organization;

**6.4 Only for private partner schools:** If a partner school is a private school, the following document must be also attached to the application form, besides the documents mentioned at paragraph 5.1:

- 6.4.a the copy of the Accreditation or Authorisation Certificate issued by the Romanian Agency for Quality Assurance in the Pre-university Education (ARACIP), valid for the entire duration of the project.

## 7. HOW TO APPLY?

The completed application, in Romanian language, has to be sent electronically to: [proiecte\\_RCIS@eea4edu.ro](mailto:proiecte_RCIS@eea4edu.ro). The compulsory annexes will be uploaded jointly with the application form.

## **8. DEADLINE: 03.12.2021 at 13.00 hours (Romanian time)**

Any application for projects in the RCIS field sent after the above-mentioned date and hour will be declared ineligible.

## **9. CONFIRMATION OF RECEIPT:**

After the electronic submission of application, the applicant will receive an automatic confirmation.

## **10. PUBLICATION OF SELECTION RESULTS:**

Results will be published on the website [www.eea4edu.ro](http://www.eea4edu.ro), no later than **01.02.2022**.

## **11. CONCERNING DOUBLE FUNDING:**

According to the principles of sound financial management, double funding is strictly forbidden.

Thus, costs for the same activity cannot be covered from two different funding sources, with the exception of the case where complementarity can be clearly proven.

Funding for the one and the same project cannot be granted more than once.

Also, if identical applications (in content) will be identified or if applications will contain paragraphs similar or identical to other applications (no matter if submitted under the same deadline or not and no matter if submitted by the same candidate or different candidates, for the EEA Grants 2014-2021 programme or for another programme managed by ANPCDEFP), these applications will be rejected.

In the case where double funding is discovered after the respective applications have already been approved and funded, the grant beneficiaries will have to return to ANPCDEFP all the amounts already received for the implementation of the project.

## **12. OTHER ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS**

The Programme Operator reserves the right to carry out a financial analysis and institutional capacity check for Project Promoters that are NOT public institutions, including the private universities, which either have a project approved with a grant of more than 60,000 Euro or, although not exceeding a grant of 60,000 Euro / project, exceeds EUR 100,000 / year, cumulated from several projects; if this internal risk analysis leads to the conclusion that places this promoter in a risk category, the PO may take the decision to award the contract under special conditions.

Contracts for the projects received from the candidates with whom the ANPCDEFP is in dispute for debts recovery and which have a score to be financed will be issued only under a special condition: with 0(zero) advance/pre-financing and the return of all eligible costs after the approval of the final report.

## **13. OTHER INFORMATION:**

Please find all the necessary details regarding eligible activities, duration of projects/ activities, levels of allocated grants according to various types of activities, types of funding, evaluation criteria and reporting in the [Guidelines for Applicants 2021](#). Before

submitting the application, we strongly recommend a careful reading of this document together with the following legal documents of the Programme:

- [Regulation on the implementation of the EEA Grants 2014-2021 and Annex 3 on Information and Communication Requirements](#)
- [Memorandum of Understanding between Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and the Government of Romania on the Implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021](#)
- [Guideline for Educational Programmes - Rules for the establishment and implementation of programmes falling under programme area 3 “Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship”](#)
- [Government Ordinance no 34/2017 concerning the institutional framework for the coordination, implementation and management of financial support granted to Romania through the EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021](#)

During the application, selection and implementation stages, you can contact the following technical officer:

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