

### **Matchmaking seminar for Roma inclusion projects carried out in partnership by entities from Romania and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway**

The Romanian Social Development Fund (RSDF), as Programme Operator of the “Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Enhanced Roma Inclusion” (Local Development) Programme, funded by the EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021, intends to organize on September 20, 2019, in Bucharest, a seminar aimed at facilitating partnerships between entities from Romania and donor states (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) for Roma inclusion and empowerment projects to be submitted under the Programme.

The event is organized in the context in which RSDF intends to launch, in September 2019, the call for project proposals "Roma Inclusion and Empowerment", funded through the EEA Grants 2014-2021. The call has a total financial allocation of 16 million euros and promotes social inclusion, combating of discrimination and racism, promoting intercultural exchanges and strengthening the capacity of supporting the development in communities with a high percentage of Roma population.

The seminar aims to facilitate the development of bilateral relations between entities in Romania and the donor states, with the immediate aim of establishing partnerships for the joint development and implementation of eligible projects under the "Roma Inclusion and Empowerment" call for proposals.

Persons interested in attending the seminar are kindly requested to fill in the registration form by September 1st, 2019. The registration form is available at the following [link](#). Please note that if there are more requests of participation than the number of seats available (65 seats), the participants will be selected according to the motivation invoked in the application form. Only the selected participants will receive an official invitation that will contain detailed information about the event.

For the participants in Romania the RSDF will provide accommodation and lunch (on the day of the event) and will reimburse the transport costs. Accommodation will be provided only for one night and only for those participants arriving from distances greater than 200 km (one-way). The accommodation (breakfast included) will be provided in the hotel where the seminar will take place, based on the option expressed by the participants in the application form.

For the participants in Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway the RSDF will cover the costs of participation (transport, accommodation, meals) by providing them lump sums, based on and in the amount stipulated in the Order of the Minister of European Funds no. 348/2018, depending on the number of accommodation nights required (maximum two accommodation nights/ event). Upon request (expressed by the participants in the application form), the RSDF will reserve accommodation and lunch (on the day of the event) for the donor states participants at the hotel where the event will take place. They will cover these costs personally, upon departure, at the reception of the hotel. Lump sums will be transferred to the bank accounts of the participants in their home states after the event is completed. The amount of the lump sums will be calculated according to the duration of the stay (no more than two days/ accommodation nights per participant). According to the provisions of the Order of the Minister of European Funds no. 348/2018, the amount of lump sums granted to participants from donor states at events in Romania is EUR 160 per day (insofar as that day involves accommodation) plus EUR 800 for transport.

Please note that the event may be cancelled if no eligible entity from donor states expresses an interest in participating in the event.