

Call for EVS volunteer in ERGO Network

ERGO Network is looking for an enthusiastic and active young Roma who would like to join our office team in Brussels for 12 months in the framework of the European Voluntary Service (EVS).



When: May 2017 to April 2018 (later starting date up unto September can be agreed.)

Where: ERGO Network office in Brussels, Belgium

Who: Young Roma professional between 18 and 30, preferably living in Hungary or Greece

Deadline for applications: 1st April 2017

During the 12 months in ERGO, you will learn about international advocacy, help us organise international meetings and events and get actively involved in Roma activism and international Roma networks in Brussels.

Your main tasks will be:

- **Communication and visibility:** contribute to the update of the ERGO Network and RomaReact websites and social media channels; development of creative approaches and publicity work to promote our activities and mission and a positive image of Roma.
- **Researching and reporting:** Assisting ERGO's research work e.g. cases of inequality and antigypsyism all over Europe, gather input for our online advocacy tool 'local policy scorecard', support ERGO's research on employment for young Roma
- **Advocacy and policy:** Support ERGO staff in EU advocacy work; attend debates, hearings and meetings with other stakeholders to challenge stereotypes and racism, build partnership with Roma and non-Roma organizations from Belgium and other European countries.
- **Meetings and seminars:** Assist in the organisation of meetings, events and international seminars of ERGO Network and its partners, e.g. our Summer Academy, Youth Advocacy Training, Annual Members Meeting etc.

Your profile:

- Young Roma between 18 and 30 years living in Hungary or Greece (in case we don't find a volunteer from one of these countries, we will open the call for any EU member state)
- Good English language skills, both oral and written. Basic knowledge of Romani language will be considered a strong advantage.
- Computer literacy (experience with Microsoft office package and social media)
- High motivation to learn more about Roma activism and advocacy work and to contribute to a small but very active European NGO
- Previous involvement in Roma or (pro) Roma NGOs will be considered an advantage
- Reliable, well organised and with attention to detail

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You will work about 38 hours per week, including your language course. Working hours will be from Monday to Friday between 9:00 – 17:00. However, working hours can be adapted to your needs and the activities you will be involved in.

In case you cannot start in May, we can also agree on a later starting time up unto September 2017.

We aim to support young people who are enthusiastic about our cause and want to gain experiences that can be later transferred to national or local NGOs. We especially welcome applications from people who are motivated to challenge stereotypes, antigypsyism and racism and who show an open attitude for a unique learning and life experience, as well as a volunteer spirit of creativity, initiative, responsibility and independence.

We offer:

- An allowance ranging from 800 – 1000 Euro that includes money for accommodation, meals, local transport and pocket money (exact amount tbc)
- Travel costs to Brussels (a lump sum depending on the distance to Brussels)
- Health insurance for the whole year
- A language course (French or Dutch)
- Training programme organised by the EVS programme, and lots of learning and development opportunities with ERGO Network and our partners
- An exciting and unforgettable experience, working for an international organisation in an international city!

How to apply:

Please send your motivation letter (1 page) and CV (max 2 pages) by the 1st April to info@ergonetwork.org.

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a Skype interview in the following week. A writing assignment is part of the selection procedure.

Do not hesitate to contact us for more information.

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