



Call for Roma Policy Research Fellowship

for the project

Fostering sustainable reintegration of Roma returnees in Macedonia

In the course of January -December 2017, the European Policy Institute and the Association of citizens KHAM Delcevo are implementing a project ***Fostering sustainable reintegration of Roma returnees in Macedonia***. The project is financed by the Think Tank Fund of the Open Society Foundations and the Roma Information Office. The objective of the project is to contribute to ensuring sustainable reintegration of Roma returnees by identifying barriers to accessing basic rights and services and support efforts for creating sustainable reintegration conditions for Roma returnees; and advocating for the design of appropriate reintegration assistance to empower Roma returnees or at least minimize their vulnerability.

The project will look into the problems of reintegration of Roma asylum seekers upon their return in Macedonia. Roma returnees' needs and key challenges coupled with institutional barriers to reintegration will be assessed in order to shed light on how to ensure satisfactory living conditions and quality of life for the returnees based on their actual needs. Inadequate policies and practices will be detected, serving as a basis for devising policy options and making advocacy efforts for achieving sustainable reintegration process- the change that this project aims to achieve.

For the purposes of the project we are interested in employing a Roma fellow and to provide him/her with on-the-job training in policy research and advocacy. This individual will work full-time at the EPI's offices for the duration of the project (May 2017 - December 2017, with a possibility of a four month extension). During this period, the fellow is expected to assist in the work on the ***Fostering sustainable reintegration of Roma returnees in Macedonia project*** and develop a related concrete policy product (such as a policy paper, briefs, newsletters, manage a blog, etc.) depending on personal interest under supervision and mentorship from both organisations.

Candidates must fulfill the following requirements:

- Be of Roma origin, and a citizen or permanent resident of the R. Macedonia;
- Have graduated in the past three years from BA or (preferably) MA studies in social sciences, law, sociology or a related topic
- Demonstrate interest in social science research, without necessarily having previous experience with policy research and advocacy;
- Demonstrate interest in migration and visa policies of the European Union;
- Good command of written and spoken English language;
- Skilled for data processing and research;
- Communication skills & proactive approach with highly organizational skills.

The interested candidates should apply by 5th May by sending the following documents to angel.mojsovski@epi.org.mk and zekir1@yahoo.com:

1. Letter of interest (in either Macedonian or English), indicating the interest in the subject of the project and policy research in general, as well as the motivation for applying for this position. If possible please to recommend a specific policy product you would be interested in developing.
2. CV (in either Macedonian or English) indicating details of qualifications, employment history, research appointments and/or experience;
3. Transcripts of undergraduate and graduate degree (if available).
4. Optional: Applicants can send a writing sample if available.