



## ***Prize for Municipalities Call for Participation***

The 5th edition of the Dosta!-Congress Prize for Municipalities is now open.

Following the success of the previous editions (2007, 2009, 2011 & 2013), the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe is once again partnering with the Dosta!-Campaign as part of their ongoing work to strengthen the role of local authorities in assisting and protecting the rights of Roma and Travellers.

The Dosta!-Congress Prize is awarded to three municipalities from Council of Europe member States that have implemented innovative and creative initiatives to effectively ensure the long-term integration of the Roma and Traveller communities within their borders, while respecting the diversity of these communities and ensuring their active participation in democratic life.

The top three projects will receive the Dosta!-Congress Prize for Municipalities during a ceremony organised on the occasion of the Congress' 29<sup>th</sup> Plenary Session which will take place at the headquarters of the Council of Europe in Strasbourg in October 2015.

### **Eligibility**

The competition is open to municipalities/local authorities from Council of Europe member States who have run projects in 2013 and 2014 targeting Roma and/or Travellers<sup>1</sup>, whether they be nationals or more recent migrants.

### **Criteria for participation**

Local authorities should be the main stakeholders of the initiative. Projects should be innovative in their field of action and be transferable as a model of good practice for implementation by municipalities elsewhere.

In addition, submitted projects or initiatives should fulfil at least two of the following criteria:

- Raise, directly or indirectly, public awareness on Roma rights and culture in order to combat stereotypes and prejudice toward Roma (through the media, educational systems and institutions, and local authorities);
- Improve the effective access of Roma to social and cultural rights (in particular through education);
- Promote intercultural and inter-ethnic dialogue;
- Promote diversity in community life;
- Promote active democratic participation;

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<sup>1</sup> The term "Roma and Travellers" used in Council of Europe texts refers to Roma, Sinti, Kalé, Travellers, and related groups in Europe, and aims to cover the wide diversity of the groups concerned, including groups which identify themselves as Gypsies.

**When and how to apply?**

Applications must be submitted using the official application form which is available for download in English and French through websites of the [Dosta! Campaign](#) and the [Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe](#) as of 24<sup>th</sup> April 2015.

Applications should be accompanied by the following:

- proof of budgetary allocation from the local authority;
- proof of the active participation of the target Roma (or Traveller) community.

**The deadline for submission of applications is 30<sup>th</sup> June 2015.**

Applications forms can be sent by post to:

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The Council of Europe's Support Team to the special Representative of the Secretary General for Roma Issues, in cooperation with the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities and the European Roma and Travellers Forum based in Strasbourg, will be responsible for shortlisting the submitted projects/initiatives. Checks on the shortlisted projects are also planned.

Award winners will then be nominated by an international jury composed of personalities in charge of issues relating to Roma and Travellers, as well as Roma representatives.