

## Annex 1

### Information about the submitting organizations:

I. **E-Romnja** is an NGO established in July 2012 by a group of Roma activists and feminists. Our Mission is to affirm, promote and raise civic involvement of Roma women in communities and society. We aim to increase Roma women's participation in community, through local development that empowers them and enables them a better future for women. Our aim is, on one hand, to increase the participation and visibility of Roma women to all spheres of economic and social life, and on the other hand, we aim to do this using mainly grassroots tools. Through our activities we aim to:



- ✓ Advocate for programs that address Roma women's issues
- ✓ Introduce gender perspective in all programs designed for Roma
- ✓ Become a "watchdog NGO" demanding that images of Roma women must be respectfully represented, and defending their image in the public opinion.
- ✓ Improve policies and measures undertaken in the fields of the labor market, education, health, justice, or any other field that could bring safety and protection.
- ✓ Implement programs and campaigns to achieve our mission

We act both on the national level through partnerships built and on the grassroots level, by enforcing local initiative groups. We are members of the Coalition for Gender Equality, the Network for Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and the network against sexual violence along with other seven organizations. We are also part of the Romanian Women's Lobby, an umbrella association representing the national coordination for the European Women's Lobby at national level, and includes Romanian NGO's dedicated to support women in all aspects of life.

We are developing and mentoring Roma women's initiative groups to address violence in Roma communities and we are connected to different public actions, litigation cases of multiple discrimination, racism or hate speech.

At the grassroots level, through our actions we develop and strengthen local initiative groups formed by Roma women. We are currently working with seven initiative group established within Roma communities in the South and North part of Romania. Each group consists of 10 to 30 Roma and non-Roma women. We mentor these groups so that they gain the capacity, increase local participation and consultation process with local authorities, to monitor local agendas and to propose issues related to Roma communities. Within our work, we use different tools to mobilize Roma women from communities and become leaders for their communities. We have developed local campaigns for increasing accessing health services (free testing for cervical cancer for Roma women, access to health care and reproductive rights etc) and managed to bring closer the health services to roma communities. Through our development projects, we managed to change the local practice but also change women's perspectives. At both levels we aim at promoting diversity among Roma, tolerance and respect for women's rights in a more effective and innovative way.

**II. The Romanian Coalition for Gender Equality** (Coalitia pentru Egalitate de Gen) is a coalition formed of 10 NGO's. The challenge of forming this Coalition was to strengthen NGO's capacity to act and react together in order to monitor and influence practices and policies at both local and national level. The focus of the Coalition is represented by gender equality and gender discrimination. According to the European Gender Equality Index, Romania has the worst position in the European Union in all areas of the index. Romanian women earn less than men, have less free time, are less represented at political level, are less likely to occupy key positions in administration and business and are more likely to find themselves in risk situations (single mothers, low pensions, poverty, violence, harassment, racism, exclusion). Having a more powerful voice as a Coalition, the NGO's are able to promote gender equality in a variety of contexts and projects.

Each NGO has specific knowledge and experience: fighting domestic violence and sexual violence; Roma women specific needs; campaigning for social awareness of stereotypes and gender roles; promoting youth involvement and social change through creativity.

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### III. The Network for Preventing and Combating Violence Against Women is

an informal structure without juridical status reuniting a number of 26 organizations active in the field of promoting the women's rights, protecting the victims of gender based violence and combating gender based discrimination.



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violentei împotriva femeilor

The member organizations are politically independent, promote each person's right to equal chances in the society, support the freedom of choice in respect to reproductive and marital rights, have relationship with the public administration based upon the principles of autonomy, legality and responsibility, within their actions combat discrimination, racism, sexism, homophobia and other forms of manifestation of hatred. These member organizations have varied fields of expertise such as: advocacy, feminist activism, education, services for victims of domestic violence, services for victims of sexual violence, human rights and women's rights, Roma women's rights, community services, research and penal reform.