

## Launching conference of the project

*Socio-graphic mapping of the Roma Communities in Romania for a community-level monitoring of changes with regard to Roma integration*

*SocioRoMap*

## INVITATION

Dear Madam/Sir,

**The Romanian Institute for Research on National Minorities (RIRNM)** from Cluj-Napoca, **The foundation for an open society** from Bucharest and the **Research Centre on Interethnic Relations (CCRIT)** from Cluj-Napoca, are implementing the project "Socio-graphic mapping of the Roma Communities in Romania for a community-level monitoring of changes with regard to Roma integration (SocioRoMap)". This project is supported by a grant from Norway through the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 within the framework of the „Poverty Alleviation” Program (RO25), it has a duration of 24 months and the value of the grant is 1.000.000 Euros.

**We are pleased to invite you to the launching conference of this project on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015, at 9.30 a.m., in Bucharest, Hotel Capital Plaza, Mihail Kogălniceanu room, 54 Iancu de Hunedoara Bld.**

The major objectives of this project are to identify, to make an inventory of and briefly describe certain relatively segregated Roma communities, characterised by relative deprivation at the level of local administrations from Romania. Thus, our aim is to map 3.181 rural and urban administrative units, to elaborate sociological descriptions for 50 urban localities with more than 30.000 inhabitants and 25 community studies.

Our aim is to provide a useful instrument for public policies initiated by the Romanian state, as well as other international and transnational actors interested in eradicating poverty, local development and the promotion of the success rate of certain marginal groups not only through increasing the visibility of segregated and poor Roma communities from Romania, but also through the creation of a platform for the monitoring of future interventions.

The aim of this launching event is to present our research method and the expected results, to make use of the contributions of interested actors (organisations, institutions and embassies) and to encourage collaboration and partnership in the field of activity specific to this project. Please find hereby attached the agenda of the event.

Your participation to this event honours us and we assure you of our highest consideration.

Please confirm your participation at [alina.totti@fundatia.ro](mailto:alina.totti@fundatia.ro) or [anca.radu@fundatia.ro](mailto:anca.radu@fundatia.ro) (tel 021.212.1101/02) until February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015 the latest.

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