

## LETTER OF INTEREST

regarding the application for funding under the INTERREG EUROPE 2021-2027 Programme, as a partner

The Prefect's Institution - Brăila County is led by the prefect, who is the representative of the Romanian Government in Brăila County

Within the institution, operate the Mixed Working Group for Roma Issues and the Consultative Commission for Civic Dialogue for the Issues of the Elderly.

Our interest in applying for funding under the INTERREG EUROPE 2021-2027 Programme is for:

- Thematic area – A more social Europe,
- Specific objective – Inclusion of marginalized communities, low-income households and disadvantaged groups

Regarding the experience of the Prefect's Institution - Brăila County in the implementation of other projects financed by joint/cross-border operational programs, we mention that it was a partner in the project "Utilizing stream waters in the suppression of forest fires with the help of new technologies" financed by the Black Sea Basin Programme:

- leader – Kavala Institute of Technology – KavTech (Greece);
- project partners – Artvin Coruh University (Turkey); National University of Life and Environmental Sciences of Ukraine (Ukraine); Zikatar Environmental Center SNCO of Ministry of Nature Protection (Armenia); Eco-Tiras International Environmental Association of River Keepers (Moldova);
- implementation period: April 2013 - November 2015.

Our project idea is:

### **Improving public policies at the county level regarding vulnerable groups**

Through this project, we aim to learn how we could do more for vulnerable people (Roma minority, homeless people, people with mental health problems, single elderly people, single-parent families, etc.) in our county. We are interested in the mechanisms through which aid is granted in critical situations to the vulnerable person/family in the partner countries and finding solutions to adapt the most suitable one for us.

We are also interested in solutions for: reducing school dropout and early "marriages" in vulnerable groups, assisting the elderly alone, as well as the immobilized, etc.

Following the exchange of experience, working visits, studying good practices, we will find solutions that can be applied in the conditions of the county (legislation, institutions, resources, etc.).

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