



STAY ENGAGED: Upcoming events

ROMA ALUMNI CHECK-IN

THURSDAY, APRIL 28TH 2022 ONLINE ON ZOOM
12 PM US EASTERN / 6 PM CENTRAL EUROPEAN

MARIUS TUDOR
Senior Political Advisor at the European Parliament
ROMANIA/BELGIUM

ZUZANA HAVIROVA
Director of Roma Advocacy and Research Center
SLOVAKIA

BREJDON XHAVARA
Co-founder and journalist at Community Reporters
ALBANIA

EVENT OPEN FOR ALL ALUMNI, FELLOWS AND MENTORS 60 MIN

GLC Professional Fellows alumni activities supported by the U.S. Department of State, Bureau of the Educational and Cultural Affairs, Global Leaders Division.

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April 28th 2022

Roma Alumni Check-In

In celebration of Roma month we invite our alumni community to join us at this 60-minute event to meet some of our Roma alumni, including Marius Tudor, who is Senior Advisor at the European Parliament in Brussels, Belgium (alumnus from Romania), Zuzana Havirova, Director of Roma Advocacy and Research from Slovakia and Brejdon Xhavara, Co-founder and journalist at Community Reporters in Albania. You will be able to ask any questions that relate to their activities and the issues they are currently working on.

The event is hosted virtually by our Hungarian partner Civil College Foundation.

[Join Facebook event *](#)

[Join Zoom link](#)

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Days

Hours

Minutes

Seconds

* As we strive to keep our gatherings safe, please note we are only creating private Facebook events within our international alumni Facebook group. If you can't access the events on Facebook, but would like to mark your participation there, please reach Elizabeth Balint or any country director to be added to the group.

Please don't share publicly the Zoom link to these events! You are however welcome to invite trusted colleagues and friends who might be interested.



DAVE BECKWITH MEMORIAL STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS PROGRAM 2022

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STAY INFORMED: News Bites

A Decade of Success

Our first in-person delegation since COVID-19 travels to the U.S. on May 15th!

It has been a long wait, but it is finally happening!

Since starting their virtual training program in August 2020 and graduating from it in May 2021, our 2020/2021 cohort will finally travel to

the U.S. Twenty three of them are currently going through their visa process and are preparing for this long awaited in-person experience.

We thank fellows, U.S. mentors, host families, partner staff, embassies and the U.S. Department of State for the dedication to make this trip happen!



Romanian fellows after their visa interviews in Bucharest, April 2022

34 people pre-selected for two delegations in Fall 2022 and Spring 2023

34 people from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania and Slovakia were pre-selected as fellows and alternates for our next two delegations which are scheduled for Fall 2022 and Spring 2023. The selection was done after preliminary review of applications and interviews with applicants.

After being approved by embassies in the five countries, the pre-selected fellows will start a hybrid 20-hours training in international and national online and offline sessions in May and June. 28 of them are expected to travel by next spring.

As a community, we honored Dave Beckwith with stories, laughter and tears

An overall of 44 alumni and guests from Europe and U.S. mentors joined our community event on April 19th 2022 to commemorate our dear friend, teacher and mentor – Dave Beckwith, whose sudden loss has left us all devastated. People on both sides of the ocean shared photos, memories and stories with Dave. His wife Lindsay and his daughter Sky joined us in this beautiful memory lane. We closed the event with a video of Dave where he reminded us that the relationships are the thing that holds us together. We committ to following his words.



Recording of the meeting is available upon request to v.petkov@proeuropean.net.



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Deadline: 30th April! Apply for a strategic partnership grant!

Time is ticking to the deadline to apply for the 'Dave Beckwith Memorial Strategic Partnerships Program 2022' on April 30th 2022!

This is an internal program within the GLC Alumni Network where we will provide financial support for up to \$1500 to fund travel and other

expenses for an overseas international trip of at least 10 work days to the U.S. or Europe respectively. The trips should enhance strategic partnerships between people and organizations from Europe and the U.S.

All alumni and mentors from Albania, Bulgaria, Hungary, Romania, Slovakia and the U.S. from any of the GLC Professional Fellows delegations from 2012 to 2019 are eligible to apply, as long as they have meaningfully stayed connected to the program.

The program was also presented at a Strategic Partnership event which took place on March 24th with the inspiring stories of Valentina Georgieva (alumna from Bulgaria, Fall 2018) and longtime U.S. mentor Mo George who piloted the idea back in 2019. Recording of the meeting is available upon request to v.petkov@proeuropean.net.

See full announcement and apply before April 30th!

Meet our two new country directors in Slovakia and Albania



Miroslav Ragac, Slovakia

Miroslav is a GLC Professional Fellowship alumnus from the Spring 2013 delegation and currently works as a community organizer for Center for Community Organizing, but also runs workshops for primary and secondary schools in the framework of the Schools for Democracy program. He has a long experience in integration of people living with HIV/AIDS and integration of immigrants and refugees.

He can be reached at miroslav@cko.sk



Enkela Poro, Albania

Enkela currently works for Co-PLAN, Institute for Habitat Development as a project assistant. She has previously worked for three years as a volunteer with the international student NGO AIESEC. It focuses on developing leadership in youth by offering practical experiences. She worked there as a facilitator of numerous events, team leader, vice president of the department Outgoing Global Talent, etc.

She can be reached at enkela_poro@co-plan.org

STAY REFLECTIVE: Long read



Florin Nasture: „I want community members to have a mindset where domestic violence and abuse are considered unacceptable.”

The Active Citizens Fund Romania, which operates the EEA Grants 2014–2021, has published an interview with our alumnus Florin Nasture (Romania, Fall 2015) where he talks about his experience and views on Roma inclusion and empowerment. The interview is part of the series 'Stories with Impact'.

The project „Empowerment, Zuralipe, Abilitare” is implemented by the Roma Cultural Center O Del Amença in partnership with the Institute for Rural Initiatives, with the financial support of the Active Citizens Fund Romania, programme funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants 2014–2021

[Read full article](#)

STAY RESOURCEFUL: Materials

ROMA-UP: Building power in Roma communities

Theory and practice



This publication is meant for local and national Roma and pro-Roma organizations throughout Europe. It is meant to give both theoretical and practical insight about working with Roma communities to demand change from those in power and constantly monitor the commitments made. Borrowing from the concept of community organizing, we have envisioned a working approach which could give a positively new perspective of how we structure our work on improving the life of the Roma community.

The publication was prepared back in 2018 by Pro European Network with the leading role of Bulgarian alumni Emil Metodiev (Spring 2012) and Vladislav Petkov (Fall 2013).

[Download for free](#)

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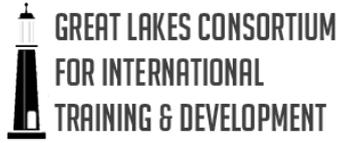
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