



CALL FOR PAPERS

Discrimination against Roma people in Central and Eastern Europe International Research Workshop Budapest, 26–27 March 2026

The project **EqualStrength** investigates discrimination and prejudice against ethnic minorities in Europe. As part of the project, we have measured discrimination against Roma people in the labour market, the rental housing market, and access to childcare in three European countries: Hungary, Czechia and Spain (2023-2026). More information about the project is available [here](#) or [here](#).

This workshop aims to create a forum for academic researchers and policy-oriented experts to engage in an in-depth discussion of ethnic discrimination, with a particular focus on Roma communities in Central and Eastern Europe.

The workshop will have two main strands. The first will focus on data and methodology, drawing on research evidence generated within the EqualStrength project as well as on recent research conducted in the CEE region more broadly. The second strand will focus on policy implications, based on lessons learned across different countries and institutional contexts.

We welcome both recently completed papers and work-in-progress that measure discrimination or explore the causes of discrimination against the Roma. We will give priority to papers using a quantitative approach. We will not accept project ideas or papers in a very early stage, but will have some space for non-presenting participants. Multiple papers by the same author might be accepted.

The venue is Budapest, and there is no participation fee. We can cover costs of travel and accommodation for up to 8 participants.

To apply, please [fill in this form](#) by 16 February 2026, indicating:

- (a) the extended abstract between 250-400 words
- (b) if you need for us to cover travel/hotel costs, and if yes, estimated cost of travel to Budapest

We will notify applicants by February 27, 2026 and will ask accepted authors to confirm their participation by March 5, 2026.

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