

## Call for proposals

# Sexual assault centres

**SCL02**

**SOCIAL: Women and Roma empowerment and support  
Norway Grants 2021-2028 Slovak Republic**

### The purpose of this call

The purpose of this call is to identify and support initiatives that will establish and pilot the operation of Sexual Assault Centres (SAC) in Slovakia, ensuring immediate, coordinated and survivor-centred support for victims of sexual violence. The call aims to introduce a multidisciplinary model integrating healthcare, forensic examination, psychological support and referral mechanisms in line with Council of Europe standards<sup>1</sup>.

### Basic information

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| <b>Programme Operator</b>                        | Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| <b>Announcement of call</b>                      | 10.6.2026 CEST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Start date for submission of applications</b> | 10.6.2026 CEST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| <b>Deadline for submission of applications</b>   | 10.10.2026, 23:59, CEST                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| <b>Eligible applicants</b>                       | Public hospitals<br>Public or private healthcare institutions with emergency departments.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| <b>Eligible partners</b>                         | Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person either in Norway, the Beneficiary States or a country outside the European Economic Area that has a common border with the respective Beneficiary State, or any international |

<sup>1</sup> The standards are set in the Council of Europe „Combating violence against women: minimum standards for support services“ and are adopted to Slovakia by the CMC.

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|                                         | organisation or body or agency thereof, actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project. |                  |                  |       |
| <b>Total amount available</b>           | EUR 2 500 000                                                                                                                   |                  |                  |       |
| <b>Minimum grant amount</b>             | EUR 400 000                                                                                                                     |                  |                  |       |
| <b>Maximum grant amount</b>             | EUR 600 000                                                                                                                     |                  |                  |       |
| <b>Maximum grant rate</b>               | Public sector                                                                                                                   | Non-governmental | Private entities | Other |
|                                         | 100%                                                                                                                            | 100%             | 100%             | 100%  |
| <b>Minimum co-financing requirement</b> | Public sector                                                                                                                   | Non-governmental | Private entities | Other |
|                                         | N/A                                                                                                                             | N/A              | N/A              | N/A   |
| <b>Duration of projects</b>             | Minimum                                                                                                                         |                  | Maximum          |       |
|                                         | 36 months                                                                                                                       |                  | 48 months        |       |

## Specific objectives and expected results

### Objective of the Norway Grants

The Norway Grants contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to the strengthening of relations between Norway and Slovak Republic.

The Norway Grants promote the European green transition, democracy, rule of law and human rights and social inclusion and resilience.

Support from the Norway Grants is based on the common values and principles of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and the respect for human rights including the rights of persons belonging to minorities. All activities funded by the Norway Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 shall be consistent with respect for these values and principles.

### Objective of the programme

The programme focuses on two closely interconnected target groups: Marginalised Roma Communities (MRC) and women with experience or at risk of domestic and gender-based violence (DGBV), along with their children.

Outcome 1: Access to protection and support for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence improved shall be addressed through 2 open calls for proposals (Call 1 and Call 2) and a pre-defined project (PDP 1).

Call 1 shall support projects building new and expanding the existing network of specialised support services for women with experience or at risk of domestic and gender-based violence and their children. The focus will be on specifically vulnerable groups of women, such as Roma women and women vulnerable for

other reasons (e.g. refugee women, women with addictions or in dependent relationships, women with disabilities).

Call 2 shall support the establishment and operation of at least 2 Sexual Assault Centers (SAC) within hospitals with emergency departments, equipped for 24/7 operation, which shall provide services to victims of sexual violence free of charge.

PDP 1 shall support the activities of the Coordinating-Methodological Centre for the Prevention of Violence against Women (CMC), with focus on improving the quality and scope of measures to combat violence against women and domestic violence in Slovakia.

Outcome 2: Social inclusion of Roma communities enhanced shall be addressed by 1 open call for proposals.

Call 3 shall focus on local interventions in municipalities with marginalised Roma communities, with an emphasis on building partnerships among national, regional and local administrations, community centres, field workers, Roma communities, civil society, schools, and specialised service providers, with specific attention to the needs and empowerment of Roma women.

The programme has two **area objectives**:

1. Prevention and combatting of domestic and gender-based violence in line with international and European human rights standards
2. Enhanced inclusion and empowerment of Roma

**Objective and focus  
of this call**

The purpose of this call is to address the lack of specialised, accessible and integrated services for survivors of sexual violence in Slovakia, in particular the absence of an integrated and interdisciplinary model of immediate support. While survivors often experience severe psychological consequences, including trauma and post-traumatic stress, the current system does not provide comprehensive and coordinated assistance reflecting their needs.

This call aims to identify and support projects that will establish and pilot Sexual Assault Centres as integrated service points within healthcare settings, providing immediate, coordinated and survivor-centred support. The call promotes the implementation of a one-stop-shop model, ensuring access to healthcare, forensic examination and psychosocial support in one place. This approach reduces secondary victimisation, simplifies access to services and enables timely and comprehensive support tailored to the needs of survivors.

Project proposals will be prioritised based on the following aspects:

- Degree of integration of the service model: including the establishment of a one-stop-shop approach and effective coordination of healthcare, forensic and psychosocial support within one setting.
- Geographical coverage and territorial relevance: ensuring balanced distribution of services across Slovakia, with priority given to areas with limited access to specialised support services.

**Expected results**

The call is expected to establish and strengthen specialised support services for survivors of sexual violence through the creation and pilot operation of at least two

Sexual Assault Centres within healthcare settings. Supported projects are expected to ensure the continuous provision of SAC services for at least 1 year during the project implementation period.

SACs will provide integrated, low-threshold and 24/7 accessible services of a multidisciplinary model, ensuring timely access to healthcare, forensic examination, psychosocial support and referral to follow-up services in one place. All supported services must apply a survivor-centred and trauma-informed approach.

The call will also support targeted awareness-raising and information activities aimed at increasing knowledge of available services, improving recognition of sexual violence and encouraging help-seeking behaviour, particularly among women and other vulnerable and marginalised groups.

| Tick if relevant                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Project Target values |
|------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Outcome 1  | Access to protection and support for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence improved                                                                                                                       |                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicator  | Number of public institutions and civil society organisations supported to expand or strengthen support and assistance networks operating in line with CoE standards                                                | At least 1            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator             | Number of counselling centres and shelters operating in compliance with CoE standards                                                                                                                               | N/A                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output 1.1 | Services for survivors of domestic and gender-based expanded                                                                                                                                                        |                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator             | Number of counselling centres/shelters established or expanded to meet the Council of Europe standards, including services for specific vulnerable groups                                                           | N/A                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicator  | Number of pilot projects on sexual assaults centres implemented, transferring best practice from Norway                                                                                                             | At least 1            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator             | Number of cases of survivors of domestic and gender-based violence supported                                                                                                                                        | N/A                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicator  | Number of cases of survivors of sexual violence supported                                                                                                                                                           | 25                    |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Output 1.2 | Awareness and professional capacity on DGV prevention strengthened                                                                                                                                                  |                       |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicator  | Average engagement rate (%) of online advocacy/awareness campaigns                                                                                                                                                  | 15% if relevant       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator             | Number of professionals <sup>2</sup> who have successfully completed training about the specific needs and rights of Roma women and women facing multiple and intersecting forms of disadvantage as victims of DGBV | N/A                   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Indicator  | Number of awareness raising and educational campaigns                                                                                                                                                               | At least 1            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Indicator             | Number of people self-reporting a change in their attitudes from educational activities                                                                                                                             | N/A                   |

## Eligible applicants and partners

### Eligible applicants

- Public hospitals
- Public or private healthcare institutions with emergency departments.

<sup>2</sup> For example: service providers, hospital or SAC staff, etc.

**Eligible partners  
from Slovak  
republic**

- Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in the Slovakia actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project.

**Eligible partners  
from Donor States**

- Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organisations established as a legal person in Norway actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project.

**Eligible partners  
from other eligible  
countries,  
international  
organisations**

- Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, including non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in a country outside the European Economic Area that shares a border with Slovakia, and any international organisation or body or agency thereof.<sup>3</sup>

## Partnership

**Who is a partner?**

A partner is an entity actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project. It shares with the project promoter a common economic or social goal which is to be realised through the implementation of that project. In this regard, a consultant, contractor, supplier or service provider is not considered a partner.

**Partnership with  
Donor State entities**

Partnership with a partner from the Donor State is encouraged under this call. The applicant and the potential partner/s are expected to plan and agree on their responsibilities, including costs and schedule of their contributions and submit a signed letter of intent or draft partnership agreement with the project application.

A draft partnership agreement shall be submitted before the signing of the project contract. The application shall clearly describe the added value of the Donor State partner, including its role in project design, implementation, professional exchange, capacity-building, transfer of know-how and good practices and, where relevant, sustainability after project completion.

## Eligible activities

**Thematic scope of  
activities**

Projects shall aim to establish and pilot integrated Sexual Assault Centres as accessible, survivor-centred and multidisciplinary services within healthcare settings, ensuring timely, coordinated and high-quality response to sexual violence and contributing to a systemic improvement of support for survivors.<sup>4</sup>

Supported projects will:

- Establish dedicated SAC units within hospitals or healthcare institutions with emergency departments, equipped for 24/7 operation.

<sup>3</sup> For the purposes of the EEA and Norway Grants "International organizations" are defined as intergovernmental organizations as defined by the Vienna Convention on the Law of Treaties.

<sup>4</sup> [Integrated Assistance in Cases of Sexual Victimization](#)

- Ensure multidisciplinary teams including medical staff, social workers, and psychologists providing crisis intervention and coordination of services.
- Enable cooperation with police and justice authorities in the secure collection, storage, and documentation of forensic evidence.
- Provide psychosocial support to survivors and ensure referral pathways to follow-up counselling and legal assistance services.
- Operate the SAC for at least 1 year during the project implementation period.

**Geographic scope  
of activities**

There is no limitation to the geographic scope of activities. The call will aim to ensure geographically balanced coverage of SACs across Slovakia.

**Activities eligible  
for support**

**Mandatory activities:**

a) establishment and operation of SACs within hospitals with emergency departments, ensuring 24/7 availability and provision of integrated services, including healthcare, forensic examination, psychosocial support and referral to follow-up services;

b) implementation of a multidisciplinary and coordinated response model, enabling cooperation between healthcare providers, police, justice and specialised social services, and ensuring safe and effective case handling;

**Activities implemented in cooperation with Coordination-Methodological Centre (CMC), Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family of the SR (MLSF SR) and Programme Operator (PO):**

c) development and application of standardised procedures and referral pathways, in cooperation with relevant national institutions, ensuring consistency, quality and continuity of care in line with national and European standards in cooperation with CMC;

d) capacity-building and professional training, aimed at strengthening the ability of relevant professionals to identify, respond to and coordinate cases of sexual violence, including the application of trauma-informed and survivor-centred approaches in cooperation with CMC;

e) awareness-raising and information activities, aimed at increasing knowledge of available services, improving recognition of sexual violence and encouraging timely help-seeking behaviour, particularly among women and other groups in vulnerable situations, in cooperation with MLSF SR;

f) strengthening coordination and sustainability of the support system, including contributions to system-level cooperation, institutional anchoring and long-term functioning of SAC services and participation in bilateral activities in cooperation with PO;

g) participation in the SAC Sustainability Board<sup>5</sup>, established to support system-level coordination, exchange of experience and long-term sustainability of SAC services, including cooperation with relevant national institutions on the integration of SACs into the health and social care system in cooperation with PO

**Other possible activities:**

h) ensuring access for vulnerable and marginalised groups, including Roma women and other populations facing multiple barriers;

ch) activities in response to the war in Ukraine

The list of other possible activities is not exhaustive.

**Activities not eligible for support**

Activities falling outside the Thematic scope of activities as defined above.

## Eligible expenditure and forms of grant

**Start and final dates of eligibility of expenditure**

Expenditures are eligible as of the date of the Programme Operator's decision to award the project grant, unless a later date is provided in the project contract. The Programme Operator shall in the same decision fix the final date of eligibility of expenditure which shall be no later than the date referred to under paragraph 5 of Article 8.14 of the Regulation<sup>6</sup> (currently 30 April 2031).

**Eligible expenditure**

*Please list the categories of eligible expenditure.*

The categories of expenditure are as follows:

**Eligible direct expenditures**

- the cost of staff assigned to the project, comprising actual salaries plus social security charges and other statutory costs included in the remuneration, provided that this corresponds to the Project Promoter's and project partner's usual policy on remuneration. The corresponding salary costs of staff of national administrations are eligible to the extent that they relate to the cost of activities which the relevant public authority would not carry out if the project concerned were not undertaken;
- travel and subsistence allowances for staff and participants in the project, provided that this corresponds to the usual policy of the Project Promoter and project partner on travel allowances;

<sup>5</sup> SAC Sustainability Board shall be established composed of representatives of the hospitals establishing SACs, the Coordinating-Methodological Centre for the Prevention of Violence against Women (CMC), the Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Family (MLSAF) and the Ministry of Health, and with the Ministries of Justice and Interior invited as appropriate. The Board will provide a platform for hospitals to share challenges and coordinate with responsible institutions to ensure the long-term sustainability of SAC services. The Board shall also explore how the SACs can be integrated in the health and social care system to ensure long-term sustainability.

<sup>6</sup> Any reference to 'the Regulation,' this should be understood as the Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA)/Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2021–2028 (see Annex).

- cost of new or second-hand equipment<sup>7</sup>. Taking into account the expected duration of the project implementation, the Programme Operator has determined that the equipment constitutes an integral and necessary component for achieving the project outcomes; therefore, by way of exception to Article 8.2.3 of the Regulation, the full purchase price of the equipment is eligible rather than depreciation;
- purchase of land and real estate under the conditions set in Article 8.8 of the Regulation;
- costs of consumables and supplies, provided that they are identifiable and assigned to the project;
- costs entailed by other contracts awarded by a Project Promoter or project partner for the purposes of carrying out the project, provided that the awarding complies with the applicable rules on public procurement and this Regulation; and
- costs arising directly from requirements imposed by the project contract for each project.

**Indirect costs** are all eligible costs that cannot be directly attributed to the project. They may not include any eligible direct costs. Indirect costs shall represent a fair apportionment of the overall overheads of the Project Promoter and/or project partner(s). Project Promoters and project partners may identify their indirect costs according to one of the following methods: 15% of direct eligible staff costs or 7% of direct eligible costs.

The inclusion of an expenditure item in the project budget approved by the Programme Operator shall not be regarded as proof of its eligibility.

Project partners from Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein are strongly encouraged to make use of the option of documenting expenditures by means of a report by an independent auditor/a report issued by a competent and independent public officer in line with the 8.12.3 of the Regulation and to include the costs related to such audits in the project budget.

#### Limits on certain categories of expenditure

| Category of expenditure | Limits (max. % of project eligible expenditure)                                                                                                                           |
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| Investments costs       | Recommended not to exceed 25% of the total eligible project budget. In justified cases, this threshold may be exceeded, subject to approval during the selection process. |

#### Non-eligible expenditure

In line with the Article 8.9 of the Regulation the following costs shall not be considered eligible:

<sup>7</sup> For the purposes of this call, equipment shall mean costs related to tangible and intangible fixed assets in accordance with the applicable accounting rules of the country in which the project promoter and/or project partner is established and with generally applicable accounting legislation.

- interest on debt, debt service charges and late payment charges;
- charges for financial transactions and other purely financial costs, except costs related to accounts required by the NMFA, the National Focal Point or the applicable law and costs of financial services imposed by the project contract;
- provisions for losses or potential future liabilities;
- exchange losses;
- recoverable VAT;
- costs that are covered by other sources;
- fines, penalties and costs of litigation, except where litigation is an integral and necessary component for achieving the outcomes of the project; and
- excessive or reckless expenditure.

### Forms of grant

The following forms of grant will be applicable to the below categories of expenditure.

| Category of expenditure | Form of grant                    | Method of calculation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Staff costs             | Real Costs                       | fixed percentage of the gross employment costs                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Staff costs             | Flat rate for direct staff costs | 20 % of the eligible direct costs other than the direct staff costs of that project                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Travel costs            | Flat rate for Travel Costs       | <p>A flat rate of <b>15%</b> of the direct staff costs of the Project Promoter and of each Project Partner that expects to claim this cost category shall apply to Projects with at least one donor project partner under Article 4.4 of the Regulation.</p> <p>A flat rate of <b>6%</b> of the direct staff costs of the Project Promoter and of each Project Partner that expects to claim this cost category shall apply to Projects without a donor project partner, but with at least one other Project Partner.<sup>8</sup></p> |

<sup>8</sup> The flat rates are set out in line with the article 8.3.2 b) of the Regulation - an application of corresponding unit costs, lump sums and flat rates applicable in European Union policies for a similar type of project. Travel costs Flat rate represents the percentage of direct eligible staff costs determined in accordance with the methodology set out in Article 41 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions concerning the European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financial instruments.

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| Travel costs                                                 | Unit Costs                   | According to the Commission Decision (EC) C(2024) 5405, as amended                                                                                                                              |
| Costs of new or used equipment, or depreciation of equipment | Real Costs                   | Based on submitted invoices                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Costs of consumables and supplies                            | Real Costs                   | Costs of consumables and supplies (deliveries) that can be directly attributed to the Project                                                                                                   |
| Costs of consumables and supplies                            | Flat rate for Indirect costs | Costs for consumables and supplies (deliveries) that cannot be directly attributed to the Project (these are listed by way of example in Section D.8.7.1 of the Project Implementation Manual). |
| Purchase of land and buildings                               | Real Costs                   | Based on submitted invoices                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Costs arising from other contract                            | Real Costs                   | Based on submitted invoices                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Costs arising from Project Contract                          | Real Costs                   | Based on submitted invoices                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Indirect costs                                               | Flat rate                    | - 15% of direct eligible staff costs or 7% of direct eligible costs                                                                                                                             |
| Preparatory costs                                            | Real Cost                    | - Based on submitted invoices, max. 5 % of Total eligible project costs                                                                                                                         |
| Preparatory costs                                            | Lump Sum                     | A lump sum of EUR 19,200 shall apply to Projects with total eligible expenditure exceeding EUR 500,000.<br><br>- A lump sum of EUR 8,000 shall apply to all other Projects.                     |

Specific provisions on establishing the amounts to be used via flat rates, unit costs and lump sums shall be determined in the project contract.

The use of flat rates, unit costs and lump sums, their amount and the way they are calculated for a project partner shall also be agreed beforehand and later stipulates in the partnership agreement between the Project Promoter and the project partner.

For further information, please consult the [Project implementation manual](#).

**Forms of payment** Payment of the project grant shall take the form of advance payments and a final payment. The first advance payment, if any, shall be due following the signature of the project contract. Further payment requests are linked to the project reporting schedule.

**Reporting** Project Promoters shall report on the progress of their project via interim reports and a final report upon the completion of the project. Reporting deadlines shall be set in the project contract.

|                 | % of project grant | Condition of payment                                                                                           | Deadline for payment                   |
|-----------------|--------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|
| Advance payment | Maximum 20%        | Signature of project contract (first advance payment), submitted payment request (subsequent advance payments) | 15 working days following the approval |

## State aid

**State aid regime applied for the call** The Programme Operator shall, in line with Article 8.17 of the Regulation, ensure that any public support under the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 complies with the procedural and substantive state aid rules applicable at the time when the public support is granted.

Based on an overall assessment of the measures to be implemented within the call, it is supposed that these are of purely local nature and as such are not liable to affect trade between Member States, irrespective of the legal form of the applicant. As a result, there is no need to examine the other cumulative conditions for the existence of State aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) TFEU, provided that conditions are met.

**Information requested related to state aid** If relevant, successful applicants and their partners may be requested to provide information required under the State Aid Scheme or de minimis scheme.

## Submission of applications

**Form and content of project applications** Project applications shall be prepared in Slovak language with a summary in English by filling in the application form, the budget, and providing further information, including the disclosure of any consultant involved in the preparation of the project application.

The Executive Summary is necessary and important due to the involvement of persons from abroad at different stages of the evaluation.

The application shall clearly describe:

- how the project will ensure continuous 24/7 availability of SAC services within the hospital's emergency department and provision of all core services in one location;

- the proposed SAC model, including its structure, organisation and functioning as an integrated, interdisciplinary “one-stop-shop” service, covering healthcare, forensic examination, psychosocial support and referral (see document Annex 3);
- the client pathway and service delivery model, including coordination of services, case management and measures to minimise secondary victimisation, ensuring a survivor-centred and trauma-informed approach;
- the composition and capacity of the multidisciplinary team, including roles, responsibilities and organisational arrangements (see document Annex 3);
- where relevant, how the project will ensure accessibility of services for vulnerable and marginalised groups, including specific barriers and concrete measures to address them;
- where relevant, how the project responds to needs arising from the war in Ukraine, including identification of target groups and measures ensuring their access to services;
- the project’s commitment and preparedness to cooperate with the Coordination-Methodological Centre (CMC), MLSF SR and PO, including participation in the development and implementation of referral pathways, education, awareness raising and system-level activities;
- how the project will ensure continuity of care and referral to follow-up services, including linkages to existing support systems;
- the time schedule for project implementation, including key phases and milestones;
- the logical framework of the project, including objectives, outputs, outcomes and indicators, as well as methods for their verification;
- the main risks related to project implementation and proposed mitigation measures;
- the budget structure and justification of costs, including their necessity and cost-effectiveness in relation to expected results;
- the sustainability of the project, including its contribution to long-term functioning and integration of SAC services within the national system, ensuring the operation of the SAC for at least 1 year during the project implementation period and the sustainability of project results for a minimum period of 3 years after project completion;
- where relevant, the scope and added value of bilateral cooperation with partners from Norway.

The following mandatory attachments shall be submitted with the application:

- partnership statement, letter of intent or similar document proving the partner’s interest in participating in the project;
- title deeds or another valid legal relationship to any property on which construction work will take place, if relevant.

Optional attachments may be submitted within the Application. Relevant supporting documentation demonstrating compliance with individual selection criteria, if relevant, is recommended as optional annexes.

Please carefully consult the [Project implementation manual](#) when preparing the application.

**Method of submission**

Project applications shall be submitted electronically via EGRANT system accessible at direct link before the deadline specified under the Basic Information section of this call. In the EGRANT system it is necessary to register for the Call on the following webpage <https://norway.egrant.sk/>. The procedure for submitting the Application is set out in the [Project Implementation Manual](#). Instructions for completing the Application Form are provided directly in the Application Form in the EGRANT system.

**Limitations on the submission of applications**

Not relevant.

## Selection procedure

**General information**

The Programme Operator shall be responsible for project selection and the award of grants.

**Administrative and eligibility checks**

The Administrative Compliance Check and the Eligibility Check of the Project Application and the Applicant are adequately ensured by the technical means of the EGRANT system, and are not carried out by the Programme Operator. It remains, however, that the provision of false information by the Applicant may constitute grounds for the rejection of the Project Application. In such case, the Applicant may submit an appeal against the rejection within 5 working days from the delivery of the notification through the EGRANT system. The appeal shall be addressed to [eeagrants@mirri.gov.sk](mailto:eeagrants@mirri.gov.sk) and reviewed by the Section of European Territorial Cooperation.

**Assessment**

Each application shall be evaluated by three impartial experts. Each expert shall score the application against the published selection criteria. The final score used for ranking shall be the average of the expert scores, unless the Selection Committee decides in a justified case to disregard one significantly divergent assessment and use the average of the two closest scores.

**Selection Committee**

The Programme Operator shall establish a Selection Committee to recommend projects for funding. The Selection Committee shall consist of five voting members possessing the relevant expertise. The decision-making of the Selection Committee shall be governed by its Statute and Rules of Procedure, which form an annex to the call.

The Programme Operator shall provide the Selection Committee with the list of ranked project applications. The Selection Committee shall review the ranked list of project applications and shall consult the Donor Programme Partner(s) and take into account their recommendations regarding any Donor project partner(s) included in the project applications.

Any changes made by the Selection Committee to the ranking must be duly justified and recorded in the minutes. The Selection Committee shall submit the list of recommended projects to the Programme Operator.

#### **Grant award decision**

The Programme Operator shall verify that the selection process has been conducted in accordance with the Regulation and that the recommendation of the Selection Committee has been established in compliance with the rules and objectives of the programme. Following such verification the Programme Operator shall, based on the recommendation of the Selection Committee, make a decision on which projects shall be awarded a grant.

If the Programme Operator modifies the list of recommended projects by the Selection Committee, it shall inform the Selection Committee and the affected applicants and provide them with a justification.

The Programme Operator is entitled to establish a reserve list of Projects. In the event that available financial resources are released or increased, the Programme Operator is entitled to select from the reserve list of Projects the one whose project grant corresponds, to a reasonable extent, to the available financial resources. If more than one Project meets this criterion, the Programme Operator shall prioritise the Project Application that obtained the higher number of points in the expert assessment.

The Programme Operator shall notify the applicants about the results of the selection process within a reasonable time and publicise the results.

There is no legal entitlement to the project grant. The grant award decision of the Programme Operator may not be appealed.

#### **Project contracts**

Based on the grant award decision, the Programme Operator shall conclude a project contract with the Project Promoter setting out the terms and conditions of the grant and the roles and responsibilities of the parties.

### **Provisional timeline**

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|-----------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Deadline for submission of applications | 9.10.2026         |
| Administrative and eligibility checks   | 10/2026 – 10/2026 |
| Assessment of applications              | 11/2026 – 11/2026 |
| Decision on the award of grants         | 12/2026-1/2027    |
| Signature of project contracts          | 2/2027-3/2027     |
| Deadline for the completion of projects | 4/2031            |

### **Further information, contacts for queries and the complaint mechanism**

#### **Further information**

For further information please consult the following documents:

- [Regulation on the implementation of the Norway Financial Mechanism 2021-2028](#)
- [Programme Agreement](#)
- [Management System of EEA and Norway Financial Mechanism 2021-2028](#)
- [System of financing and financial management of Norway Financial Mechanism 2021-2028](#)
- [Project Implementation Manual](#)

**Contact for queries**

Any queries concerning the call may be directed to the following contacts no later than 7 working days before the deadline for the submission of applications. A written response shall be sent within 7 working days of the receipt of the query.

Frequently asked questions and answers, if any, will be published on the website of the call.

The Programme Operator can be contacted for queries by:

- e-mail: [eeagrants@mirri.gov.sk](mailto:eeagrants@mirri.gov.sk) (the request needs to be linked to the call – by call code SCL02)
- phone: +421-2-2092 8464.

**Contact to file a complaint**

To file a complaint please address it to the following e-mail/follow this link:  
<https://eeagrants.org/en/slovakia/kontaktujte-nas/nahlaste-podvody-nezrovnalosti>

**Contact to Donor Programme Partners (if relevant)**

**Norway**

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## Annexes to the call for proposals

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