Norway grants

MINISTRY OF INVESTMENTS, REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND INFORMATIZATION OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC

Call for proposals

Services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence

SCL01

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 strengthen access to specialised support services for women with experience of domestic and gender-based violence, as well as for specifically vulnerable groups of women and their children, in line with the Council of Europe minimum standards[1]. The call supports the expansion of the existing network of specialised services, including counselling centres and women's shelters, as well as the establishment of new specialised support services.

Basic information

Programme Operator	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic
Announcement of call	10.6.2026 CEST
Start date for submission of applications	10.6.2026 CEST
Deadline for submission of applications	10.10.2026, 23:59, CEST
Eligible applicants	Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Slovakia registered or accredited according to the Act No. 448/2008 Coll. on Social Services and

[1] The European standards are based on the provisions on specialized protection of women experiencing violence and their children and on specialized services for them in the Council of Europe Guidance 'Combating violence against women: minimum standards for support services'. For the conditions of the Slovak Republic, the European Standards have been adapted by the Coordination and Methodological Centre for the Prevention of Violence against Women of the Institute for Labour and Family Research (Please see *Návrh usmernenia k poskytovaniu služieb pre ženy zažívajúce násilia a ich deti* – Usmernenie Sluzby A Standardy – only in Slovak language).

	on change and amendment of the Act No. 455/1991 Coll. or accredited according to Act No. 305/2005 Coll. on the Socio-legal Protection of the Child and on Social Guardianship or accredited according to the Act No. 274/2017 Coll. on Victims of crime. Public entities and non-governmental organisations established as a legal entity in Slovakia implementing programmes for perpetrators of domestic and gender-based violence.			
Eligible partners	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 organisation or body or agency thereof, actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project. At least one entity meeting the Council of Europe minimum standards or the Slovak Coordination-Methodological Centre for the Prevention of Violence against Women (CMC) shall be a mandatory partner in cases where the Project Promoter does not meet the Council of Europe minimum standards on support services for combatting violence against women.			
Total amount available	EUR 7 651 177			
Minimum grant amount	EUR 100 000			
Maximum grant amount	EUR 700 000			
Maximum grant rate	Public sector 100%	Non-governmental 100%	Private entities 100%	Other 100%
Minimum co-financing requirement	Public sector N/A	Non-governmental N/A	Private entities N/A	Other N/A
Duration of projects	Minimum 36 months		Maximum 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).

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 objective of this call is to address gaps in the availability, accessibility and territorial coverage of specialised support services for women with experience of, or at risk of, domestic and gender-based violence and their children. Despite the existence of specialised counselling centres and shelters, significant disparities remain in regional coverage, service capacity and access for women in vulnerable situations. Barriers related to discrimination, socio-economic exclusion, disability, migration status or dependency often prevent women and children from receiving timely and appropriate support.

This call aims to identify and support initiatives that expand and adapt the existing network of specialised services, establish new specialised services where needed, and improve access for groups of women and their children in specifically vulnerable situations. Particular attention is given to Roma women, refugee women,

women with disabilities, women with addictions or in dependent relationships, and other women facing multiple and intersecting vulnerabilities.

Projects shall strengthen access to comprehensive and integrated support, including counselling, shelter-based services, outreach and mobile services, as well as online forms of assistance, and shall ensure adequate responses to different forms of domestic and gender-based violence, including sexual and digital violence. The call also supports the implementation of perpetrator programmes aimed at enhancing the safety of women and children and preventing repeated violence, implemented in cooperation with specialised service providers and closely linked to services for women. All supported initiatives are required to apply survivor-centred and trauma-informed approaches and, where relevant, harm-reduction principles.

Particular consideration will be given to projects that:

- Contribute to expanding the territorial coverage of specialised services and addressing identified gaps in service provision.[2]
- Improve access to specialised support for groups of women and their children in specifically vulnerable situations, facing multiple and intersecting barriers, including through outreach activities, community-based approaches and strategic cooperation with community-based or sector-specific organisations.
- Strengthen specialised and child-friendly support for children affected by domestic and gender-based violence, including children witnessing violence.
- Address challenges arising from the invasion of Ukraine.
- Create partnerships between mainstream service providers and Roma-led, community-based organisations or sector-specific organisations.

Expected results

The call is expected to expand and strengthen the network of specialised support services for women with experience of, or at risk of, domestic and gender-based violence and their children. Supported projects shall improve territorial coverage and accessibility of services, including through the establishment of new regional branches of counselling centres and women's shelters, strengthened outreach and mobile assistance, and services tailored to groups in specifically vulnerable situations, particularly Roma women, refugee women, women with disabilities, women with addictions or in dependent relationships etc., and their children. All newly established or expanded services must comply with the Council of Europe minimum standards.

The call also supports tailored responses to sexual and digital violence, including specialised assistance for survivors and adaptation of services to address cyberstalking and other forms of digital violence. It further includes the implementation of perpetrator programmes, carried out in cooperation with specialised service providers and closely linked to services for women, with the aim of enhancing safety and preventing repeated violence.

Project applicants shall indicate in the application form which programme indicators their project will contribute to and specify the planned target values. Projects are not expected to contribute to all indicators.

[2] See Annex 4.

Tick if relevant		Project Target values
☒ Outcome 1	Access to protection and support for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence improved	
☒ Indicator	Number of public institutions and civil society organisations supported to expand or strengthen support and assistance networks operating in line with CoE standards mandatory indicator	At least 1
☒ Indicator	Number of counselling centres and shelters operating in compliance with CoE standards mandatory indicator (except for programmes for perpetrators)	At least 1
☒ Output 1.1	Services for survivors of domestic and gender-based expanded	
☒ Indicator	Number of counselling centres/shelters established or expanded to meet the Council of Europe standards, including services for specific vulnerable groups mandatory indicator (except for programmes for perpetrators)	At least 1
☐ Indicator	Number of pilot projects on sexual assaults centres implemented, transferring best practice from Norway	N/A
☒ Indicator	Number of cases of survivors of domestic and gender-based violence supported mandatory indicator	70
☐ Indicator	Number of cases of survivors of sexual violence supported	N/A
☒ Output 1.2	Awareness and professional capacity on DGV prevention strengthened	
☒ Indicator	Average engagement rate (%) of online advocacy/awareness campaigns	15% if relevant
☒ Indicator	Number of professionals[3] 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	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of awareness raising and educational campaigns	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of people self-reporting a change in their attitudes from educational activities	Minimum not set

Eligible applicants and partners

Eligible applicants

- Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person in Slovakia registered or accredited according to the Act No. 448/2008 Coll. on Social Services and on change and amendment of the Act No. 455/1991 Coll. or accredited according to Act No. 305/2005 Coll. on the Socio-legal Protection of the Child and on Social Guardianship or accredited according to the Act No. 274/2017 Coll. on Victims of crime.

[3] For example: service providers, hospital or SAC staff, etc.

	• Public entities and non-governmental organisations established as a legal entity in Slovakia implementing programmes for perpetrators of domestic and gender-based violence.
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. • At least one entity meeting the Council of Europe minimum standards or the Slovak Coordination- Methodological Centre for the Prevention of Violence against Women (CMC) shall be a mandatory partner in cases where the Project Promoter does not meet the Council of Europe minimum standards on support services for combatting violence against women.
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.
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.

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, expert exchange, capacity-building, professional learning and, where relevant, sustainability after project completion.

Eligible activities

Thematic scope of activities	Projects supported under the calls will expand the network of specialised services by establishing new regional branches of counselling centres and women's shelters, strengthening outreach and mobile forms of assistance, and developing services that respond to the needs of the most vulnerable groups – particularly Roma women, refugee women, women with disabilities, women with addictions or in dependent relationships etc., and their children. All newly established or

expanded services will comply with the Council of Europe minimum standards for specialist support services. The call will also focus on two specific forms of violence that require tailored professional responses: sexual violence and digital violence. Supported services will therefore provide integrated, rights-based and trauma-informed assistance, including specialised support for survivors of sexual violence and the adaptation of services to address the growing incidence of cyberstalking and other forms of digital violence.
In addition, the call will also support the implementation of programmes for perpetrators of domestic and gender-based violence, which enhance the safety of women and children and contribute to reducing repeated violence. Such programmes must be victim-safety oriented and implemented in cooperation with specialised support services, including communication with the perpetrator's partner, in order to enhance the safety of women and children and contribute to reducing repeated violence.

Geographic scope of activities

The call shall be open to projects implemented in the entire territory of Slovakia. Specific points will be awarded to projects implemented in regions with insufficient territorial coverage of specialised services or gaps in access to support for women and children affected by domestic and gender-based violence.[4]

Activities eligible for support

Each project must implement at least one of the following key activities 1 or 5.

1. Building and expanding the existing network of specialised support services, including access to free legal aid, online counselling, digital helpline, and mobile and outreach services – women shelters and counselling centres for women with experiences of partner, sexual, or digital violence (cyber/stalking) and their children. The focus will be on specifically vulnerable groups of women, particularly Roma women and women vulnerable for other reasons (e.g. refugee women, women with addictions or in dependent relationships, women with disabilities), through the following measures[5]:
    - Establishment of regional branches of already existing specialised service providers.
    - Specialisation of existing service providers for women experiencing violence to meet the required Council of Europe minimum standards. This will be done in cooperation with specialised service providers e.g., through supervision and special training.
    - Establishing or expanding services provided by specialised service providers to reflect the needs of specifically vulnerable groups of women and children.
2. Educational activities for Roma-led, community-based organisations or sector-specific organisations working with women in specifically vulnerable situations to support outreach activities (awareness-raising activities for the correct identification and response to cases of violence).
3. Educational and awareness-raising activities provided by specialised service providers at the local level for prevention purposes.
4. Awareness-raising campaigns, including digital campaigns, and educational activities on violence against women targeting youth, the general public/neighbourhoods, or professionals.

[4] See Annex 4 of the call for proposals.
[5] Existing specialised services may be funded only to a limited extent under the programme and if necessary to implement key activities.

5. Implementation of programmes for perpetrators of domestic and gender-based violence, provided that the specialised service provider communicates with the perpetrator's partner within the programme.

All supported specialised service providers will be required to cooperate with the Coordination-methodological Centre for prevention of violence against women and to participate in its monitoring and evaluation of specialised services, carried out twice: at the beginning of the projects and during their implementation.

Activities not eligible for support	Not relevant

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[6] (currently 30 April 2031).
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; • cost of new or second-hand equipment[7]. In case the Programme Operator determines that the equipment is an integral and necessary component for achieving the outcomes of the project, the entire purchase price of that equipment may, by way of exception from the rule contained in Article 8.2.3 of the Regulation, be eligible. • purchase of land and real estate under the conditions set in Article 8.8 of the Regulation, except for the funds for bilateral relations; • 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

[6] 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).

[7] 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.

- 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)**
The maximum share of eligible expenditure for infrastructure and equipment of the project.	Up to 50% (with infrastructure costs capped at 40%) of the total eligible expenditure of the project

Non-eligible expenditure

In line with the Article 8.9 of the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021-2028 the following costs shall not be considered eligible:

- 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
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	A flat rate of **15%** 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. A flat rate of **6%** 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.[8]
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).

[8] 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.

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. 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.

Financing conditions and reporting

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	The successful applicants and their partners may be asked to provide information requested related to state aid or local effect.

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 (see documents in the Annex). 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: • the project's primary target group(s) and, where relevant, secondary target group(s), including groups of women in specifically vulnerable situations and their children; the application shall explain their needs, barriers in accessing support, expected benefit, and the proposed outreach and engagement mechanisms (e.g. outreach work, mobile services, community-based approaches); • how the proposed activities contribute to expanding, adapting or establishing specialised support services and how they respond to identified gaps in service availability and accessibility, including territorial coverage[9]; • how the project contributes to meeting or progressing towards the Council of Europe minimum standards for specialised support services; • the organisation's experience and capacity in providing services to women with experience of violence and their children and/or in implementing perpetrator programmes, including relevant partnerships, expertise and professional background[10]; • the project management structure, division of responsibilities, implementation timetable, and main risks and mitigation measures; • the design and provision of specialised services, including their scope, accessibility;

[9] See Annex 4.

[10] See Annex 1.

	• how the project applies survivor-centred and trauma-informed approaches and, where relevant, harm-reduction principles; • where relevant, how the project ensures coordinated and multi-institutional cooperation, including the roles of partners and relevant stakeholders; • where relevant, the design of perpetrator programmes, including their linkage to services for women and safeguards to ensure the safety of women and children; • where project activities include direct work with children, how the project ensures that staff involved have adequate competencies in child health and child mental health, or that such competencies will be developed through training as part of the project; • the expected results and contribution to the programme indicators, including baseline and target values, and the means of verification; • the communication and outreach approach, including activities aimed at raising awareness (where relevant), reducing stigma and supporting help-seeking; • the expected sustainability of project results after completion. The following mandatory attachments shall be submitted along with Application: 1. Partnership statement, letter of intent or other similar documents proving the partner's interest in participating in the Project, if the Project is planned to be implemented in partnership, 2. Title deeds for all properties on which construction work will take place (to be assessed as part of the Project), 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 link 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 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 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

Deadline for submission of applications	10.10.2026
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 (the request needs to be linked to the call – by call code SCL01
- 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** The Norwegian Directorate of Health Freja.Ulvestad.Kaerki@helsedir.no Solfrid.Johansen@helsedir.no +47 415 44 616 (Freja) +47 970 41 068 (Solfrid) English - Helsedirektoratet

Annexes to the call for proposals

Annex 1	Special conditions for the provision of the project grant for social services providers meeting the required European standards
Annex 2	Selection criteria and scoring chart for assessment
Annex 3	Informative list of social service providers meeting the required standards
Annex 4	Regional service coverage
Annex 5	Rules and Procedures of the Selection Committee