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ANNEX 2 Selection criteria

Services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence

SCL01

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

Administrative compliance and eligibility requirements

The Administrative Compliance Check and the Eligibility Check of the Application and of the Applicant is ensured by the technical means of the **EGRANT system**.

The system will **allow** an **Application to be submitted**, if:

- the Application is submitted via EGRANT system within the time frame specified in the Call,
- all mandatory fields of the Application in the system are completed,
- the completed Applicant details meet the definition of an eligible applicant,
- the completed Partner/-s details meet the definition of eligible partners,
- the amount of the grant applied for meets the minimum and maximum limits for the grant to be applied for,
- the planned Project duration is within the minimum and maximum duration set by the Call,
- the mandatory attachments, including related attachments to the partnership and/or ownership are attached, as requested and appropriate,
- the mandatory activities and target value indicators have been filled in,
- the maximum share of eligible expenditure for infrastructure and equipment has been observed,
- the project includes at least one of the following core activities:
    a) expansion/establishment of specialised services defined in the Call (Activity 1), or/and
    b) implementation of perpetrator programmes defined in the Call (Activity 5) in cooperation with specialised service provider.

- at least one of the project partners or the applicant is a counselling centre or a shelter, and meets the required standards[1],[2].

The submitted Application cannot be supplemented. The Application will be evaluated as submitted.

Content-related criteria

No.	Criteria	Description	Range	Score	Comments
1. Importance of the project and its contribution to the issue (a total of 60 points)					
1a	The Project Application shows: • the strong commitment to help women victims of violence and their children (0 – 2), • the commitment to adhere to the European Standards (0 - 2), • the solid knowledge of the European Standards (0 - 1).		0 – 5		
1b	The organisation running or creating new services[3]: • has strong leader, partner or guarantor respected in field of Domestic and Gender-based Violence (0 - 4), • has a strong and solid background regarding the social area, mainly social services provision and connection with the domestic and gender-based violence (0 - 2), • already has a history in providing services to women victims of violence and their children or to perpetrators (0 – 1).		0 – 7		
1c	The project must demonstrate that: • in case of specialised services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence, the proposed interventions are designed to meet or contribute to meeting the Council of Europe minimum standards for specialised services for survivors of domestic and gender-based violence or, • in case of programmes for perpetrators, the proposed interventions are 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. Eliminating criterion		0 – 1		
1d	The project intends to support building new and/or expanding the existing network of social service providers. In case of shelters for women with experience of domestic and gender-based violence[4]:		0 – 5		

[1] This includes standards set out in in the Council of Europe document "Combating Violence against Women: Minimum Standards for Support Services", which are adapted to the conditions of the Slovak Republic by the Coordinating Methodical Centre (the required standards are hereinafter referred to as **European Standards**).

[2] An informative list of social services providers meeting the required European standards is listed in Annex 3 of this Call.

[3] See Annex 1.

[4] See Annex 4

	a) in critical districts where the need of shelter places is very high (BB, BA, PO, NR) (5 points), b) in less covered districts, where the need of shelter places is at more than an average level (KE, TT) (4 points), c) in relatively covered districts, where the need of shelter places is at the average level (TN) (2 points), d) in covered districts, where the need of shelter places is saturated (ZA) (1 point). In case of counselling centres for women with experience of domestic and gender-based violence[5]: a) in critical districts (NR, BB, PO) (5 points), b) in less covered districts (TN, TT, BA) (3 points), c) in covered districts (KE, ZA) (1 point). In the case of projects focused on programmes for perpetrators, the application shall be given 5 points in this criterion.			
1e	The project contributes to improving access to specialized services and/or reaching specifically vulnerable groups: • establishes regional branches of existing specialised service providers, contributing to improved territorial coverage and access to services (0 – 4 points), • strengthens the specialisation of existing service providers to meet the Council of Europe minimum standards, including cooperation with organisations working with perpetrators (0 – 4 points), • establishes or expands existing specialised services to better respond to the needs of specifically vulnerable groups of women and their children, including cooperation with organisations working with perpetrators (0 – 4 points), • establishes services that strengthen outreach and mobile assistance, and services tailored to Roma women and their children or services to perpetrators from marginalised background (0 – 6 points), • establishes services addressing challenges arising from the invasion of Ukraine (0 – 4 points).	0 – 22		
1f	The project contributes to prevention, awareness-raising and capacity-building in the area of domestic and gender-based violence: • includes educational activities for Roma-led, community-based organisations or sector-specific organisations working with women in specifically vulnerable situations, aimed at strengthening outreach and improving identification of and response to cases of violence, while promoting non-discriminatory and inclusive approaches, or includes educational activities to organisations working with perpetrators (0 – 3 points), • provides educational and awareness-raising activities at the local level delivered by specialised service providers, with a preventive focus or educational and awareness-raising activities at the local level delivered by	0 – 6		

[5] See Annex 4

	organisations working with perpetrators (0 – 2 points), • implements awareness-raising and/or educational campaigns, including digital campaigns, targeting relevant groups (e.g. youth, general public, communities or professionals), with a objective to increase knowledge, reduce stigma and promote help-seeking (0 – 1 point).			
1g	Relevance, appropriateness and strategic value of the partnership with Roma-led, community-based organisations or sector-specific organisations or organisations working with perpetrators: • the partnership is clearly strategic, well-justified and essential for the implementation of the project, with strong added value and clearly defined roles (7 points), • the partnership is relevant and appropriate, with some added value, but not fully strategic or essential for implementation (4 points), • the partnership has limited relevance or added value, and roles are not clearly defined (1 point), • the partnership is weak, purely formal or not relevant to the project (0 points).	0 - 7		
1h	The project strengthens accessibility and support for children affected by domestic and gender-based violence: • the project ensures that specialised services are accessible and responsive to the needs of women with children, including through child-friendly and safe conditions for accompanying children (0 – 4 point), • the project includes child-friendly and trauma-informed support for children witnessing or experiencing violence and demonstrates adequate professional capacities for working with children, including through relevant staff training and capacity-building activities. (0 – 3 points) In the case of projects focused on programmes for perpetrators, the application shall be given 7 points in this criterion.	0 - 7		
2. Project structure, risks, activities and outcomes (a total of 20 points)				
2a	The proposed time schedule for project implementation is clear, realistic and corresponds to the content and needs of the project - it clearly defines the process of implementation of individual activities and outcomes.	0 – 5		
2b	The logical framework of the project clearly outlines the relevance of the project in relation to the Programme, specifying the indicators and methods of their verification (outcomes, outputs, objectives). The structure of the project, activities, outputs and outcomes is clearly defined. The activities are interconnected.	0 – 5		
2c	The overall objective of the project is in line with the result / outcome of the Programme. The baseline and target indicator values are realistic; the indicators are quantifiable and objectively measurable in terms of quantity and time. The resources for verification are specified in the project and will be available and appropriate for verification of the baseline and target indicator values.	0 – 5		
2d	Project risks are clearly defined and relevant, including a proposal of risk elimination and mitigation measures.	0 – 3		

2e	Project publicity is suitably set up, with a communication strategy and an adequate budget.	0 – 2		
3. Cost-effectiveness and sustainability (a total of 14 points)				
3a	The detailed budget is indicated for the entire project period. The indicated budget items are necessary for the implementation of the project activities, and the indicated amounts are reasonable. Unit prices are adequate and correspond to prices that are usual in the local market.	0 – 5		
3b	Total project costs are adequate to the expected results.	0 – 4		
3c	The proposed activities have the potential for long-term sustainability and development of further related activities.	0 – 5		
4. Specific requirements (a total of 6 points)				
4	The project contributes to strengthening of bilateral cooperation with Norwegian partners: • the cooperation includes a bilateral exchange of experts in the field of victims of violence (0 - 2 points), • the cooperation includes a seminar focused on sharing experience regarding the provision of services for minorities (0 - 2 points), • bilateral cooperation will continue after the project completion - throughout the sustainability period - (0 - 2 points).	0 – 6		

Total score - 100 points

Minimum quality threshold - Projects receiving **less than 60 points on average** shall not be supported.

Eliminating criteria For criteria marked as **eliminating criteria**, a score of **0** by all experts means that the project may not be recommended for support by the Selection Committee.