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

Call for proposals

Roma women inclusion and empowerment

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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 integrated, community-based initiatives that enhance the inclusion, empowerment and participation of Roma women, while contributing to the social inclusion of Roma communities. The call seeks to improve access to employment, education, healthcare and housing, combat discrimination and antigypsyism, and support sustainable local partnerships that address the interconnected challenges faced by Roma women in marginalised communities.

Basic information

Programme Operator	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic
Announcement of call	18.9.2026 CEST
Start date for submission of applications	18.9.2026 CEST
Deadline for submission of applications	18.1.2027, 23:59 CET
Eligible applicants	Public entities and non-governmental organisations established as a legal entity in Slovakia, active in the field of Roma inclusion[1].
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 Ukraine, or any international organisation or body or agency thereof, actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project.

[1] An organisation which carries out activities or provides services aimed at supporting Roma communities in the Slovak Republic or promotes and protects their interests. For example, the provision of social services, community work, community organising, counselling, education, activities promoting the social inclusion and integration of Roma into society, the empowerment of Roma women and men, support for communication and cooperation with public authorities, strengthening civic competences, combating racism and antigypsyism, and promoting and protecting human rights.

Total amount available	EUR 12 801 177		
Minimum grant amount	EUR 100 000		
Maximum grant amount	EUR 1 000 000		
Maximum grant rate	Public sector	Non-governmental	
	100 %	100%	
Minimum co-financing requirement	Public sector	Non-governmental	
	N/A	N/A	
Duration of projects	Minimum	Maximum	
	32 months	44 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 the 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 Norwegian 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 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

Roma women face multiple discrimination - both as women and as members of an ethnic minority. Their exclusion reflects long-standing gaps in public policy and service delivery. Sustainable and effective inclusion of Roma communities depends on enabling Roma women to become active agents of change. Despite recognition of these specific challenges, targeted measures and adequate funding to effectively address the needs of Roma women remain insufficient.[2]

In line with national policies, such as the Strategy for Equality, Inclusion and Roma Participation until 2030, the disadvantage faced by Roma women is recognised as a core driver of systemic exclusion of MRC. Addressing this requires support for integrated solutions.

This call is focused 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 . Integrated approaches is a key selection criterion.

Projects must be co-designed with Roma women and their broader local communities and reflect their participatory-identified needs. Roma women or their groups are expected to be involved not only as beneficiaries but as co-creators of solutions. Priority will be given to projects in the priority districts[3], by awarding additional points.

Working with Roma women must go hand in hand with engaging their families and the wider community, including targeted efforts to involve men and boys.

Supported activities shall combine at least two interconnected areas of intervention: employment, education, housing, health, and non-discrimination based on locally identified needs. Supported activities must be accessible, flexible, non-discriminatory, and responsive to the needs of Roma women, children, and families, including those with health disabilities.

Project proposals will be prioritised based on the following aspects:

- degree of integration of interventions across multiple thematic areas, with preference given to projects that combine and link several interconnected

[2] Strategy of equality, inclusion and participation of Roma until 2030

[3] "Priority districts" shall be understood as districts designated in accordance with Act No. 271/2025 Coll. on the Support of Priority Districts and the generally binding legal regulation issued by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic, which keeps and publishes the list of priority districts.

areas of intervention such as employment, education, health, housing and non-discrimination in a coherent and mutually reinforcing manner, based on locally identified needs;

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- quality, diversity and strategic relevance of multi-level and multi-sectoral partnerships, including cooperation among public authorities, civil society organisations, Roma-led organisations, employers, educational institutions, healthcare providers, gender equality organisations and other relevant stakeholders;
- complementarity and coherence with existing national, regional or EU-funded interventions, with preference given to projects that build on, strengthen or create synergies with ongoing initiatives in order to maximise impact, sustainability and efficient use of resources;
- implementation of projects in priority districts.

For further details on the selection criteria and scoring, please refer to Annex 3 – Selection Criteria.

Expected results

The call is expected to support the social inclusion and empowerment of Roma women from marginalized Roma communities as agents of change. It shall focus on improving their access to rights, public services, and opportunities, as well as on strengthening their individual and collective capacities.

Output 2.1: Services to marginalised Roma communities provided

Projects are required to deliver integrated, community-based services addressing locally identified needs in employment, education, health, housing and non-discrimination. Roma women will gain access to vocational training, career counselling, labour market initiatives and childcare services that enable entry or return to work. Education support will include early childhood development, tutoring, second-chance education and cooperation with schools to prevent segregation and strengthen inclusive learning environments. Community-based health mediation, mobile health services and health literacy activities will improve access to reproductive, maternal, mental and child healthcare. Housing-related support will focus on access to non-segregated accommodation, legal counselling, documentation, budgeting and household stability. Activities promoting anti-discrimination, intercultural dialogue and civic participation will reduce social barriers and strengthen community cohesion.

Output 2.2: Strengthened capacities for Roma inclusion and empowerment

Projects are expected to strengthen the capacities of Roma and pro-Roma civil society organisations, community workers and local actors. Activities will foster leadership among Roma women, support their participation in decision-making, and create platforms for collective advocacy. Training sessions, workshops and mentoring programmes focused on developing leadership and advocacy skills will strengthen the capacity of Roma individuals to participate in decision-making and advocate for the interests of their communities. Structured cooperation between municipalities, schools, community centres and specialised services will improve coordination in planning and implementing inclusive policies.

Outcome 2: Social inclusion of Roma communities enhanced

Together, these outputs are expected to improve access of Roma women, children and families to integrated services, reduce segregation and discrimination, and strengthen their economic independence, educational outcomes, health and access to non-segregated housing. Enhanced cooperation across institutions and stronger leadership within Roma communities is intended to contribute directly to achieving the outcome and to long-term improvements in the living conditions of marginalised Roma communities.

Each project shall contribute to all mandatory indicators listed in the table below and, in addition, shall contribute to at least two indicators under Output 2.1.

Tick if relevant		Project Target values
☒ Outcome 2	Social inclusion of Roma communities enhanced	
☒ Indicator	Number of Roma people benefitting from supported services[4] mandatory indicator	At least 100
☒ Indicator	Number of deprived or segregated neighbourhoods or settlements supported mandatory indicator	At least 1
☒ Indicator	Number of cooperation mechanisms (formal or informal) established specifically to facilitate structured dialogue between Roma and pro-Roma organisations and local authorities[5] mandatory indicator	At least 1
☒ Output 2.1	Services to marginalised Roma communities provided	
☒ Indicator	Number of Roma people directly benefiting from supported healthcare or health-related services	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of Roma people directly benefiting from supported housing services	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of Roma people directly benefiting from antidiscrimination activities	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of joint activities between Roma and non-Roma	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of Roma people directly benefiting from supported employment services	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of Roma children and adults directly benefiting from supported educational services	Minimum not set
☒ Output 2.2	Strengthened capacities for Roma inclusion and empowerment	
☒ Indicator	Number of consultations held with relevant stakeholders including affected communities during project planning and implementation mandatory indicator	At least 1
☒ Indicator	Number of supported Roma or pro-Roma CSOs working specifically on Roma women and girls inclusion and empowerment with increased capacity	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of Roma individuals attending training, workshops, or mentoring programs on leadership or advocacy	Minimum not set
☒ Indicator	Number of supported Roma or pro-Roma CSOs working on Roma inclusion and empowerment with increased capacity	Minimum not set

Eligible applicants and partners

[4] At outcome-level the indicator will look at the overall population benefitting from the supported services by using a demographic multiplier to estimate indirect impact. Indirect beneficiaries will be calculated primarily at the household level, based on the assumption that support provided to an individual has an impact on other members of their household. The multiplier will therefore be derived from the average household size in the given locality, using available statistical data.

[5] For instance, joint working groups, participation in advisory councils and consultations, designation of liaison officers, as well as community-based, informal or semi-formal activities enabling regular interaction, dialogue and trust-building between Roma communities and local authorities.

Eligible applicants	• Public entities and non-governmental organisations established as a legal entity in Slovakia, active in the field of Roma inclusion[6].
Eligible partners from the 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.
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 Ukraine, 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 implementing integrated, community-based interventions that strengthen the inclusion and empowerment of Roma women are strongly aligned with the objectives and scope of this Call. Eligible projects shall address locally identified needs through coordinated interventions implemented in at least two of the following thematic areas: employment, education, health, housing and non-discrimination[7]. The supported interventions should be designed and delivered in a holistic manner, ensuring that individual activities complement and reinforce each other. Projects shall promote the meaningful participation of Roma women throughout the project cycle, foster their leadership, strengthening their role as active participants, leaders and agents of change within their families and communities[8]. Activities are expected to engage Roma communities as a whole, including

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[7] See Annex 1: Examples of indicative eligible activities by thematic area.

[8] See Annex 2: Participation Methodology.

children, youth, men and boys, while responding to the specific needs of Roma women and girls.

Projects are encouraged to be implemented through multi-level and multi-sector partnerships involving national, regional and local administrations, community centres, field workers, Roma communities, civil society, schools, and specialised service providers (in the field of domestic and gender-based violence and gender equality) and other relevant local stakeholders, as appropriate. Projects may also include activities aimed at strengthening the capacities of Roma and pro-Roma organisations, community workers and local actors to support sustainable Roma inclusion and empowerment.

Complementarity with existing national, regional and EU-funded interventions is encouraged in order to strengthen coherence, avoid duplication and maximise the long-term impact and sustainability of supported activities.[9]

Projects shall also contribute to trust-building, dialogue and cooperation between Roma communities and the majority population.

Geographic scope of activities

The Call shall be open to projects implemented in municipalities with marginalised Roma communities throughout the territory of Slovakia.
Priority shall be given to projects implemented in the priority districts.[10]

Activities eligible for support

Mandatory activity

Project shall implement integrated, community-based interventions addressing at least two of the following thematic areas:

- **employment** and economic independence;
- inclusive **education** and support for children and adults;
- **health**, care, and prevention;
- access to non-segregated **housing** and stability;
- Roma women empowerment and **non-discrimination activities**.

Examples of indicative eligible activities by thematic area are available in Annex 1.

Conditions applicable to the mandatory activity

The mandatory activity shall be designed and implemented in accordance with the following requirements:

1. projects shall be co-designed with Roma women and their broader local communities and be grounded in needs identified through participatory processes;[11]
2. Roma women shall be meaningfully involved throughout the project cycle, including in the decision-making and coordination, recognising their role as agents of change;

[9] Activities and related expenditure supported under the Project shall not duplicate activities or expenditure financed from other public or private funding sources. Applicants shall ensure clear separation of activities and related costs where complementary funding is used.
[10] "Priority districts" shall be understood as districts designated in accordance with Act No. 271/2025 Coll. on the Support of Priority Districts and the generally binding legal regulation issued by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic, which keeps and publishes the list of priority districts.
[11] The approach of the Call is consistent with relevant Council of Europe standards, including the Strategy for Roma and Traveller Inclusion (2026–2030), in particular its priority on participation and empowerment, and Recommendation CM/Rec(2024)1 on equality of Roma and Traveller women and girls, which calls for eliminating longstanding inequalities, addressing intersecting forms of discrimination, including antigypsyism and sexism, and strengthening the empowerment and participation of Roma women and girls.

3. activities supporting Roma women shall go hand in hand with engaging their families and the wider community, including targeted efforts to involve men and boys;
4. supported activities shall be accessible, flexible, non-discriminatory and responsive to the needs of Roma women, children and families, including persons with disabilities;
5. projects shall include elements of trust-building and reducing barriers between Roma communities and the majority population or specific majority groups (e.g. employers).

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. 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[12] (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**[13]. 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, the full purchase price of the equipment is eligible; • **purchase of land and real estate** under the conditions set in Article 8.8; • **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.

[12] "**the Regulation**" shall be understood as the Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA)/Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2021–2028.

[13] "**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.

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 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 EEA 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.[14]
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[15]	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

[14] 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.

[15] The purchase of lands and houses should be in line with Article 8.8 (Purchase of real estate and land) and Article 8.15 (Durability of projects) of the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021-2028.

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 (part of payment requests). 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 ensures 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, these are expected to be 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 integrated nature of the proposed interventions, including the thematic areas addressed and the complementarities between them;

• how the Project contributes to the inclusion and empowerment of Roma women, including measures aimed at strengthening their participation, leadership and role as agents of change;

• the participatory processes undertaken during project preparation and the mechanisms ensuring meaningful involvement of Roma women and their communities throughout project implementation;

• the identified needs and challenges of Roma women and their communities, including the evidence and data used to justify the proposed interventions;

• the proposed approach to engaging families and the wider community, including targeted efforts to involve men and boys;

• activities aimed at trust-building, dialogue and reducing barriers between Roma communities and the majority population or specific majority groups;

• the strategic value, complementarity and expected sustainability of proposed partnerships and cooperation arrangements;

• the expected long-term impact, sustainability and potential for continuation or further development of the proposed interventions;

• where relevant, the contribution of the Project to addressing needs arising from the war in Ukraine;

• where relevant, complementarity with existing strategies, local action plans and previous or ongoing interventions related to Roma inclusion and empowerment.

The following mandatory attachments shall be submitted along with Application:

1. A draft partnership agreement, 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, where applicable, 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

Deadline for submission of applications	18.01.2027
Administrative and eligibility checks	01/2027
Assessment of applications	02/2027 – 03/2027
Decision on the award of grants	04/2027
Signature of project contracts	06/2027
Deadline for the completion of projects	04/2031

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 SCL03 • 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.
Contact to Donor Programme Partners (if relevant)	**Norway** The Norwegian Directorate of Health Email: Freja.Ulvestad.Kaerki@helsedir.no Solfrid.Johansen@helsedir.no Phone: +47 415 44 616 (Freja) +47 970 41 068 (Solfrid) Website: English - Helsedirektoratet

Annexes to the call for proposals

Annex 1	Examples of indicative eligible activities by thematic area
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