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

ANNEX 3

Roma women inclusion and empowerment

SCL03

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

Selection criteria

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 attachments related 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 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	**Integrated approach** Which of these statements is closest to the truth in respect of the following five 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, and Roma women empowerment and *non-discrimination* activities? • The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating all five thematic areas (5 points) • The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating four thematic areas (4 points) • The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating three thematic areas (3 points) • The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating two thematic areas (2 points) • The project does not integrate two thematic areas (0 points) (eliminating criterion)		0 – 5		
1b	**Partnership** Up to 7 points shall be awarded if the applicant establishes strategic multi-level and multi-sector partnerships contributing to the inclusion and empowerment of Roma women and their communities. Cooperation among entities should be strategic and sustainable, aiming to strengthen coordination, improve access to integrated services, enhance local capacities and increase the long-term impact of project interventions. More points shall be awarded for: • the involvement of a broader diversity of relevant stakeholders; • the expected effectiveness, complementarity and sustainability of the proposed cooperation arrangements; • partnerships demonstrating clear added value for integrated interventions and long-term local development.		0 – 7		
1c	**Qualitative assessment of the activities** The proposed interventions: • strengthen the participation, leadership and empowerment of Roma women, ensure their meaningful involvement in decision-making processes and support their role as agents of change within their families and communities (0–4 points);		0 – 15		

	• are integrated, diverse and mutually reinforcing in terms of thematic areas addressed, target groups reached, types of support provided and expected results (0–4 points); • are innovative, replicate successful approaches or demonstrate potential for long-term systemic impact and sustainability (0–4 points). Up to **3 additional points** shall be awarded if the project ensures accessibility, flexibility and inclusiveness of activities, promotes equal opportunities, and responds adequately to the needs of Roma women, children, young people, families, persons with disabilities and other groups facing multiple forms of disadvantage.			
1d	**Reflection of community needs and systemic approach** • The project has been developed through participatory processes involving Roma women and their broader local communities prior to the submission of the Project Application and demonstrates meaningful involvement of these groups in shaping the project design and implementation (0–6 points). (eliminating criterion) • The project clearly identifies and analyses the specific needs and challenges of Roma women and their communities, based on relevant data, assessments or local documents. The selection of the targeted communities and localities is adequately justified by the identified needs. The proposed interventions are logically derived from this analysis and provide a targeted and coherent response to the identified needs (0–4points). Up to **3 additional points** shall be awarded if the project builds upon existing strategies, local action plans or long-term initiatives related to Roma inclusion, and demonstrates complementarity with previous or ongoing interventions.	0 - 13		
1e	**Implementation in priority districts**[1] Are any of the marginalised Roma communities directly targeted by the project located in one or more priority districts? • yes – 5 points • no – 0 points (purely objective criterion)	0 – 5		
1f	**Engagement of families and the wider community** The project recognises that supporting Roma women should go hand in hand with engaging their families and the wider community, including targeted efforts to involve men and boys. More points shall be awarded for a higher degree of involvement of families, men and boys in the proposed interventions, their integration across project activities, and their expected contribution to social inclusion and empowerment.	0 - 4		

[1] "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.

	• comprehensive and systematic engagement (4 points) • substantial engagement (3 points) • moderate engagement (2 points) • limited engagement (1 point) • no meaningful engagement (0 points) (eliminating criterion)			
1g	**Trust-building and reducing barriers** The project includes elements of trust-building and reducing barriers between Roma communities and the majority population or specific majority groups (e.g. employers). More points shall be awarded for a higher degree of integration, sustainability and expected impact of such activities on dialogue, cooperation and social cohesion. • comprehensive approach (4 points) • substantial approach (3 points) • moderate approach (2 points) • limited approach (1 point) • no meaningful trust-building activities (0 points) (eliminating criterion)	0 – 4		
1h	**Applicant's activity and experience in the field of Roma inclusion** The Applicant has been continuously active in the field of Roma inclusion for at least 12 months prior to the submission of the Project Application; the relevance, extent and quality of the demonstrated activities and engagement with Roma communities are assessed. • substantial and well-demonstrated activity and engagement (3 points) • relevant and adequately demonstrated activity and engagement (2 points) • limited activity and engagement, meeting the minimum requirements (1 point) • the minimum requirement of continuous activity for at least 12 months is not demonstrated (0 points) (eliminating criterion)	0 - 3		
1ch	**Response to the war in Ukraine** The assessment will consider in particular: identification of the specific needs of groups affected by the war in Ukraine; integration of targeted measures into the overall project approach.	0 - 4		
2. Project structure, risks, activities and outcomes (a total of 22 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 – 6		
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 are 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	0 – 5		

	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.			
2d	Project risks are clearly defined and relevant, including a proposal of risk elimination and mitigation measures.	0 – 6		
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 – 6		
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 – 4		
4. Specific requirements (a total of 4 points)				
4	The project contributes to strengthening of bilateral cooperation with Norwegian partners: • cooperation includes exchange of experience and good practices in the field of Roma inclusion and empowerment, community development, gender equality or social inclusion (0–2 points); • cooperation includes joint learning activities, study visits, seminars or capacity-building activities aimed at strengthening Roma women empowerment and inclusive local development (0–2 points).	0 – 4		

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.

Purely objective criteria are criteria that must be, under normal circumstances, scored the same by the independent experts. The Programme Operator may ask the independent experts for clarification in case the score awarded for this criterion differs.