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Call for proposals

Integrated Green Transition Models in Urban Public Institutions

GRT01

Green Transition programme
Norway Grants 2021-2028 Slovakia

The purpose of this call

The purpose of this call is to identify and support medium- to large-scale pilot projects that will design, implement and test integrated models of green transition in public institutions located in urban areas. The supported projects are expected to develop replicable, cost-effective and scalable models that contribute to an evidence-based and inclusive green transition in Slovakia.

Basic information

Programme Operator	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic
Announcement of call	6 October 2026
Start date for submission of applications	6 October 2026, CEST
Deadline for submission of applications	6 March 2027, 23:59 CET
Eligible applicants	Public entities established as a legal person in Slovakia
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[1] or a country outside the European Economic Area that has a common border with Slovakia[2], or any international organisation or body or agency thereof, actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project, are considered eligible project partners.

[1] Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czechia, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia, and Slovenia

[2] Ukraine

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Total amount available	EUR 11,830,589	
Minimum grant amount	EUR 1,500,000	
Maximum grant amount	EUR 2,500,000	
Maximum grant rate	Public sector 100 %	
Minimum co-financing requirement	Public sector 0%	
Duration of projects	Minimum 36 months	Maximum 42 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 Slovakia.

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 main objective of the programme is the acceleration of the green transition towards a more sustainable society and improved disaster resilience.

The programme supports two complementary programme areas: Green Transition and Disaster Prevention and Preparedness. Within the Green Transition area, the programme contributes to climate change adaptation with a focus on the application of innovative[3] nature-based solutions, fostering lasting institutional and behavioural change in Slovak public institutions. Within the Disaster Prevention and Preparedness area, the programme strengthens Slovakia's capacity to anticipate, prevent and manage natural and man-made emergencies, promoting a systemic shift from reactive crisis response towards prevention, preparedness and risk-informed planning.

[3] For the purposes of this call, the term "innovative nature-based solutions" is based on the European Commission's definition, according to which these are solutions "*inspired and supported by nature that are cost-effective, simultaneously provide environmental, social and economic benefits, and help build resilience*". In the context of this call, the term refers to an integrated approach in which the adaptation function of nature-based solutions is combined with strengthening the resilience of public institutions and delivering multiple mutually reinforcing benefits.

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Objective and focus of this call

This call responds to the need to strengthen institutional capacity and practice for the green transition in public institutions in Slovakia. Despite growing awareness of climate risks, public institutions continue to face challenges in systematically advancing the transition towards sustainability, implementing the principles of green governance, and transforming their day-to-day operations to enhance resilience to the impacts of climate change.

The call will support medium- to large-scale pilot projects aimed at designing, implementing and testing replicable, cost-effective and scalable models of green transition for public institutions in urban areas. The projects will contribute to long-term institutional change by integrating the principles of climate change adaptation, sustainability, resilience and innovation into the day-to-day functioning of public institutions, while creating proven, replicable solutions that can be adopted by other public institutions.

Supported projects shall prepare and apply an Adaptation and Resilience Plan[4] for the public institution. Where the institution already has an existing adaptation or resilience plan, it may be used as a basis, provided that it is reviewed and, where necessary, updated or supplemented to meet the requirements of this call. The preparation or updating of the Adaptation and Resilience Plan shall be based on climate scenarios, climate risks and vulnerability assessments, thereby contributing to a better understanding of local climate risks and their systematic integration into climate change adaptation planning and the management of the public institution.

Based on the climate risk assessment and the prepared Adaptation and Resilience Plan, supported projects shall design and implement adaptation measures addressing the identified climate-related risks and challenges, including those associated with extreme weather events. The adaptation measures shall be implemented on one or more buildings of the public institution and, where relevant, within the associated premises. The proposed solution shall include at least two nature-based solutions[5] combined with at least one measure using renewable energy or strengthening energy resilience. The combination of these measures shall contribute to strengthening the climate resilience of the public institution and supporting its energy transition. Projects shall use sensors or Internet of Things (IoT)[6] technologies to monitor and assess the effectiveness of the implemented measures, enabling continuous monitoring, data collection and evaluation, and dissemination of results.

Supported projects shall introduce the principles of green governance into the day-to-day functioning of the public institution through data-driven decision making, participatory planning, engagement of relevant stakeholders and the streamlining of green public procurement principles into relevant internal policies, procedures and rules.

Each project shall also include an educational or awareness-raising component linking implemented measures with learning, research or community engagement,

[4] For the purposes of this call, the term "Adaptation and Resilience Plan" refers to an institution-level strategic document and action plan that identifies climate risks relevant to the public institution and its employees, assesses the vulnerability of its buildings and premises, and sets out a package of adaptation and resilience measures. Although the Adaptation and Resilience Plan may focus on specific buildings or pilot interventions implemented under the project, it shall address the institution as a whole including its day-to-day functioning, governance and, where relevant, multiple buildings or premises with the aim of supporting lasting institutional and behavioural change beyond the lifetime of the project. When preparing the Adaptation and Resilience Plan, applicants are encouraged to use relevant methodological guidance developed by the Slovak Environment Agency on climate risk, vulnerability and resilience assessment and climate change adaptation planning, available on the KLIMA-ADAPT platform. This national adaptation platform includes the climate scenarios, case studies, tools and other relevant information sources for the preparation of the Adaptation and Resilience Plan.

[5] Examples of eligible adaptation measures may include nature-based stormwater management solutions, such as flood pathways, rain gardens, bioswales, retention areas, permeable surfaces and other blue-green infrastructure measures that reduce flood risk and enhance climate resilience.

[6] Internet of Things (IoT) refers to a network of interrelated physical objects embedded with sensors, software, and other technologies for the purpose of connecting and exchanging data with other devices and systems over the internet.

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with the aim of presenting the implemented solutions, disseminating the knowledge gained and facilitating their use by other public institutions.

Specific provisions of the call

Applicants are encouraged to establish partnerships with entities from Norway. Projects with a partner from Norway shall receive additional points in the assessment process.

Priority shall be given to public entities managing multiple public buildings in urban areas, such as higher education institutions, research institutions, self-governing regions, municipalities and other public institutions with significant educational, societal or territorial impact.

Projects located in cities or districts facing higher exposure to climate hazards[7] such as heatwaves, pluvial flooding or drought shall receive additional points in the assessment process.

Projects addressing challenges arising from the invasion of Ukraine shall be granted additional points in the assessment process. This may include, for example, measures strengthening the energy resilience of public buildings in the context of increased energy security risks, or measures enhancing the capacity of public institutions to respond to increased pressure on public buildings and services related to the arrival of displaced persons from Ukraine.

Gender mainstreaming is a mandatory requirement. Applicants shall be required to describe in their project proposals how gender equality will be integrated in their project through project design, implementation and participation. Applicants shall also describe how the needs of relevant vulnerable and underrepresented groups have been considered and, where relevant, how barriers to participation and access will be addressed.

Expected results

Projects supported under this call are expected to contribute to changing the way green transition is planned, managed and implemented in public institutions in Slovakia. Through the implementation of pilot projects, the supported institutions will integrate climate change adaptation into their day-to-day operations and establish conditions for the systematic planning, implementation, monitoring and continuous improvement of adaptation measures based on data, evaluation of results and lessons learned. To this end, they will develop and implement replicable, cost-effective and scalable models of green transition.

Within the developed models of green transition, the supported public institutions will combine climate change adaptation measures, with a focus on the application of nature-based solutions, with measures using renewable energy or strengthening energy resilience. At the same time, they will introduce the principles of green governance into their day-to-day functioning, in particular through monitoring and evaluation of results, data-driven decision making, engagement of relevant stakeholders, and the streamlining of green public procurement principles into relevant internal policies and procedures.

Supported public institutions are expected to act as demonstration sites and living laboratories where practical solutions will be tested and presented, providing examples that can be replicated by other public institutions and contributing to the development of future policies, standards and practices for the green transition in Slovakia.

[7] For the purpose of this call, the identification of "cities or districts facing higher exposure to climate hazards" shall be based on analytical and evidence-based sources, in particular studies prepared by the Institute of Environmental Policy (IEP) in cooperation with the OECD, using objective indicators (including exposure and vulnerability to heatwaves, flooding and drought) to identify the areas with a higher climate risk exposure.

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Projects supported under this call shall contribute to **Outcome 1 – Enhanced institutional capacity and practice for the green transition**, and the following Outputs:

1.1. Public institutions have developed adaptation and resilience plans, guidelines and datasets.
1.2. Strengthened skills and capacities for the green transition.
1.3. Nature-based and energy transition solutions applied to public buildings

The following indicators are mandatory for each Project to report against. The target values for these indicators shall be filled in the application form:

- Number of pilot models developed and implemented that are replicable, cost-effective and scalable
- Number of public institutions that applied evidence-based climate-resilience practices in their operations
- Number of public institutions that streamlined green public procurement in their procedures
- Number of Adaptation and Resilience plans developed by public institutions
- Number of new or improved guidelines, methodological tools or standardised procedures developed
- Number of public institutions that disseminated adaptation results to the public
- Number of innovative nature-based solutions applied

The following indicators are mandatory for projects involving the installation of a renewable energy source. In such cases, target values for these indicators must be set:

- Number of renewable-energy solutions installed
- Number of public buildings that applied nature-based and clean energy solutions
- Amount of renewable energy capacity installed (MW)

The following indicator is optional. The applicant shall set a target value if the project contributes to its achievement:

- Number of strengthened partnerships between public institutions, academia and research institutions[8]

Target values for the indicators above shall be realistic, verifiable and proportionate to the scope, scale and budget of the proposed activities. The target value must not be zero.

The full list of indicators as well as the minimum target values are listed in the table below.

[8] For the purposes of this indicator, a strengthened partnership means the establishment of new cooperation or the deepening of existing cooperation between public institutions, academia and research institutions. It does not need to constitute a formalised project-level partnership; cooperation may take place through joint educational, research, professional or other activities related to the implementation and results of the project.

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Tick if relevant		Project Target values
☒ Outcome 1	Enhanced institutional capacity and practice for the green transition	
☒ Indicator	Number of pilot models developed and implemented that are replicable, cost-effective and scalable	Minimum 1
☒ Indicator	Number of public institutions that applied evidence-based climate-resilience practices in their operations	Minimum 1
☒ Indicator	Number of public institutions that streamlined green public procurement in their procedures	Minimum 1
☒ Output 1.1	Public institutions have developed adaptation and resilience plans, guidelines and datasets	
☒ Indicator	Number of Adaptation and Resilience plans developed by public institutions	Minimum 1
☒ Indicator	Number of new or improved guidelines, methodological tools or standardised procedures developed	Minimum 1
☒ Output 1.2	Strengthened skills and capacities for the green transition	
☒ Indicator	Number of strengthened partnerships between public institutions, academia and research institutions	Minimum 1
☒ Indicator	Number of public institutions that disseminated adaptation results to the public	Minimum 1
☒ Output 1.3	Nature-based and energy transition solutions applied to public buildings	
☒ Indicator	Number of innovative nature-based solutions applied	Minimum 2
☒ Indicator	Number of renewable-energy solutions installed	Minimum 1
☒ Indicator	Number of public buildings that applied nature-based and clean energy solutions	Minimum 1
☒ Indicator	Amount of renewable energy capacity installed (MW)	Minimum not set

Eligible applicants and partners

Eligible applicants

- Public entities established as a legal person in Slovakia.

Eligible partners from Slovakia

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

Eligible partners from Norway

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

Eligible partners from other eligible countries, international organisations

- Any public or private entity, commercial or non-commercial, as well as non-governmental organisations, established as a legal person either in the Beneficiary States or a country outside the European Economic Area that has a common border with Slovakia, or any international organisation or body or agency thereof, actively involved in, and effectively contributing to, the implementation of a project.

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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[9] 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, together with a list of joint activities and corresponding budget. A draft partnership agreement shall be drawn up and submitted prior to signing a 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. Projects with a partner from the Donor State will receive additional points in the assessment process.

Eligible activities

Thematic scope of activities	Projects supported under this call shall include activities contributing to enhanced institutional capacity and practice for the green transition in public institutions in Slovakia by strengthening the climate resilience of public buildings and public institutions, supporting their energy transition, and introducing the principles of green governance, including the systematic integration of climate change adaptation, sustainability, resilience and innovation into their day-to-day functioning. The thematic scope includes, in particular: a) evidence-based climate adaptation planning, including the preparation and application of an Adaptation and Resilience Plan using climate scenarios, climate risks and vulnerability assessments; b) implementation of adaptation measures on one or more buildings of the public institution and, where relevant, within their premises, with a focus on the application of nature-based solutions combined with measures using renewable energy or strengthening energy resilience, supported by sensors or Internet of Things (IoT) technologies enabling monitoring, data collection and evaluation; c) integrating the principles of green governance into the day-to-day functioning of the public institution through the development or improvement of relevant guidelines, methodological tools or standardised procedures, data-driven decision making, engagement of relevant stakeholders and streamlining green public procurement principles into relevant internal policies and procedures, as well as implementing educational or awareness-raising activities linking the implemented measures with learning, research or community engagement, supporting knowledge dissemination, professional exchange and cooperation between public institutions, academia and research institutions.
Geographic scope of activities	The call is open to projects implemented across the entire territory of Slovakia. Given the particular vulnerability of urban environments to climate hazards such as heatwaves, flash floods and heat islands, this call supports projects implemented in public institutions and their buildings located in urban areas.

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Priority shall be given to projects located in cities or districts facing higher exposure to climate hazards such as heatwaves, pluvial flooding or drought, through the award of additional points.

Activities eligible for support

Mandatory activities

Each project shall include all of the following activities:

a) **Preparation and application of an Adaptation and Resilience Plan**
Preparation, updating where relevant, and application of an Adaptation and Resilience Plan for the public institution, using climate scenarios, climate risks and vulnerability assessments, which shall provide the basis for designing a solution to strengthen the climate resilience and support the energy transition of the public institution. Where the institution already has an existing adaptation or resilience plan, it may be used as a basis, provided that it is reviewed and, where necessary, updated or supplemented to meet the requirements of this call.

b) **Implementation of measures to strengthen climate resilience and support the energy transition**
Design and implementation of a solution to strengthen the climate resilience and support the energy transition of the public institution, based on the Adaptation and Resilience Plan. In the project application, the applicant shall present a preliminary technical solution based on the information available at that stage, sufficiently developed to demonstrate the proposed approach, scope and feasibility of the project. The final scope and technical design of the measures shall be refined on the basis of the Adaptation and Resilience Plan prepared, updated or supplemented during project implementation. The solution shall include the implementation of at least two nature-based solutions combined with at least one measure using renewable energy or strengthening energy resilience on the building and, where relevant, within its premises. The solution shall also include the use of sensors or Internet of Things (IoT) technologies enabling monitoring, data collection and evaluation.

c) **Integration of green governance into the functioning of the public institution**
Integration of the principles of green governance into the day-to-day functioning of the public institution through the development or improvement of relevant guidelines, methodological tools or standardised procedures, data-driven decision-making, engagement of relevant stakeholders, and streamlining green public procurement principles into relevant internal policies and procedures.

d) **Education, awareness-raising and dissemination of results**
Implementation of an educational or awareness-raising component linking the implemented measures with learning, research or community engagement, including the dissemination of the results of the implemented measures.

Complementary activities

Projects may also include:

a) preparatory activities related to the establishment of local energy communities, such as feasibility assessments, stakeholder mapping or participatory planning;
b) e-mobility infrastructure linked to renewable energy systems and educational or awareness-raising activities;
c) applied research and innovation activities.

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	The list of complementary activities is indicative and non-exhaustive.
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[10] (30 April 2031).
Eligible expenditure	The categories of expenditure are as follows. • 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[11]. 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 of the Regulation; • costs of consumables and supplies, provided that they are identifiable and assigned to the project; • costs entailed by other contracts awarded by a Project Promoter or project partner for the purposes of carrying out the project, provided that the awarding complies with the applicable rules on public procurement and Regulation; and • costs arising directly from requirements imposed by the project contract for each project. **Indirect costs** are all eligible costs that cannot be directly attributed to the project. They may not include any eligible direct costs. Indirect costs shall represent a fair apportionment of the overall overheads of the Project Promoter and/or project partner(s). Project Promoters and project partners may identify their indirect costs according to one of the following methods: 15% of direct eligible staff costs or 7% of direct eligible costs. The inclusion of an expenditure item in the project budget approved by the Programme Operator shall not be regarded as proof of its eligibility.

[10] Any reference to 'the Regulation' shall be understood as the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021–2028.

[11] 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.

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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 Article 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)**
	N/A	

Non-eligible expenditure

In line with 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.

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

For further information, please consult the Project implementation manual.

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.

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		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.[12]
Travel costs	Unit Costs	According to the Commission Decision (EC) C(2024) 5405, as amended
Costs of new or used equipment, or depreciation of equipment	Real Costs	Based on submitted invoices
Costs of consumables and supplies	Real Costs	Costs of consumables and supplies (deliveries) that can be directly attributed to the project
Costs of consumables and supplies	Flat rate for Indirect costs	Costs for consumables and supplies (deliveries) that cannot be directly attributed to the project (these are listed by way of example in Section D.8.7.1 of the Project Implementation Manual).
Purchase of land and buildings	Real Costs	Based on submitted invoices
Costs arising from other contracts	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.

[12] The flat rates are set out in line with 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. The flat rate for travel costs represents the percentage of direct eligible staff costs determined in accordance with the methodology set out in Article 41 of Regulation (EU) No. 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions concerning the European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financial instruments.

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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 stipulated 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. 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 ensure that the grant is awarded in compliance with the applicable State aid rules in force at the time the aid is granted, in accordance with Article 8.17 of the Regulation.

Eligible applicants under this Call are public sector entities. The activities supported under the Call are aimed at strengthening the institutional capacity and practice of public institutions for the green transition. These activities are of a non-economic nature and therefore support provided to applicants does not constitute State aid within the meaning of Article 107(1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

In the case of project partners, the activities carried out within the project will be assessed in accordance with the applicable State aid rules. Where support provided to a project partner constitutes State aid, such support may be granted as de minimis aid in accordance with the De minimis Aid Scheme for the Support of Entities Carrying out Economic Activities in Projects Financed from the EEA Financial Mechanism 2021–2028 and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2021–2028 (DM 3/2026) and subject to the conditions laid down therein.

Information requested related to state aid

Successful applicants and their project partners may be requested to provide additional information necessary for the assessment of compliance with State aid rules.

Submission of applications

Form and content of project applications

Project applications shall be prepared in the 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).

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

The project application shall demonstrate that the proposed project constitutes a coherent, feasible and replicable pilot model of green transition for a public institution, combining evidence-based climate change adaptation planning with long-term institutional change.

The project application shall clearly describe:

a) the strategic relevance of implementing the proposed pilot project within the public institution, including its societal, educational or territorial significance, the scale and nature of the public buildings or premises under its management, its previous activities, experience or strategic direction in the areas of sustainability, climate change adaptation and energy transition;
b) the current situation and the main climate, environmental and operational challenges affecting the area or buildings concerned, the need for the project and the expected changes, as well as the primary and secondary target groups, their needs, the expected benefits of the project and the project's potential to positively affect the wider community;
c) the proposed approach to climate change adaptation planning as part of the green transition, including the identification and assessment of climate risks and the use of climate scenarios, climate risks and vulnerability assessments in the preparation and application of the Adaptation and Resilience Plan;
d) the preliminary technical solution, including the selection, justification, interlinkage and feasibility of adaptation measures, with a focus on nature-based solutions, and measures using renewable energy or strengthening energy resilience, as well as how the proposed combination of measures responds to the identified climate risks and the needs of the public institution and contributes to strengthening the climate resilience of the building or buildings and supporting the energy transition. The final scope and technical design of the measures will be refined based on the Adaptation and Resilience Plan prepared or updated during project implementation;
e) the use of sensors or Internet of Things (IoT) technologies for monitoring, data collection and evaluation of the implemented measures, including how the collected data will be used to assess their performance and effects and, where relevant, to support their efficient operation and adjustment over time;
f) the approach to integrating the principles of green governance into the day-to-day functioning of the public institution, including data-driven decision making, engagement of relevant stakeholders, and streamlining green public procurement principles into relevant internal policies and procedures;
g) the project's potential to contribute to long-term changes in the way green transition is planned and implemented within the public institution; how the implemented measures, monitoring results and experience gained will support institutional learning and the further development of the institution's green transition practices; how the project will function as a demonstration site or living laboratory; the educational or awareness-raising component linking the implemented measures with learning, research or community engagement and dissemination of project results; and the potential for relevant elements of the proposed model, experience and practical knowledge to be used or adapted by other public institutions;
h) the project intervention logic, including the links between the identified needs, objectives, proposed activities, expected results and indicators;

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the project results framework, including the selected indicators and realistic target values; as well as the proposed activities, timetable and individual stages of implementation;

i) the adequacy and justification of the budget; the implementation capacity of the applicant, and where relevant, project partners, including their professional, organisational, administrative and financial capacities; the project management arrangements and division of tasks and responsibilities; and, where the project is implemented in partnership, the justification for the selection of project partners, their expertise, experience, added value and arrangements for cooperation;

j) how gender equality is integrated into project design and implementation and into the participation of stakeholders and participants in project activities, including how the needs of relevant vulnerable and underrepresented groups have been considered and, where relevant, how barriers to participation and access will be addressed.

Where relevant, the applicant shall also describe:

- the added value of cooperation with a partner from Norway, including the relevance of the partner's expertise and its expected contribution to the project;
- where the applicant claims additional points for the territorial priority, the justification for meeting the conditions of the territorial priority in accordance with the methodology set out in the call;
- how the project addresses challenges arising from the invasion of Ukraine, where the applicant claims additional points.

The following mandatory attachments shall be submitted along with the 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 documents demonstrating compliance with individual selection criteria, if relevant, are 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 the 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 at 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

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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 independent of the Programme Operator. 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 its 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.

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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	06. 03. 2027
Administrative and eligibility checks	3/2027
Assessment of applications	4/2027 - 6/2027
Decision on the award of grants	7/2027 – 8/2027
Signature of project contracts	8/2027 – 9/2027
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 EEA and 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 GRT01)

phone: +421-2-2092 8464

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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 Water Resources and Energy Directorate (NVE) lkro@nve.no, jome@nve.no https://www.nve.no/english/

Annexes to the call for proposals

Annex 1	Selection criteria and scoring chart for assessment
Annex 2	Selection Committee Statute and Rules of Procedure

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