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EEA CIVIL SOCIETY FUND SLOVENIA

Call for proposals with guidelines for applicants – Organizational grants

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Amendment on page 16: In the subsection APPLICATION ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA, the criterion "Short brief on the project is prepared in English language." has been removed from the Application administrative criteria table.

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SUMMARY OF THE CALL

Total available funds:
€1.200.000

Grant amount:
Lot 1 = €120.000
Lot 2 = €180.000

Who can apply:
NGOs in Slovenia. Special conditions apply.

Call objective:
The main purpose of the call is to provide organizational grants to NGOs who are active in the key priority fields of the EEA Civil Society Fund to support their long-term strategic goals and to build their capacities.

Project duration:
36 or 48 months

Deadline for applications:
15. October 2026 at 15.00

Where to apply:
Online portal: E-grant

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EEA AND NORWEGIAN FINANCIAL MECHANISMS 2021 – 2028

ABOUT EEA CIVIL SOCIETY FUND (CSF)

The EEA Civil Society Fund is part of the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to 15 EU Member States under the EEA and Norway Grants, including Slovenia. The aims of the EEA and Norway Grants are **to reduce social and economic disparities in the European Economic Area (EEA) and to strengthen bilateral relations between the Donor States and Beneficiary States**.

The EEA Civil Society Fund aims to support **a vibrant and resilient civil society protecting and promoting democracy, the rule of law, and human rights**.

The EEA Civil Society Fund in **Slovenia** has a total allocation of **€ 4.514.074,88** out of which **€3.600.000 is dedicated to re-granting.** A consortium of CNVOS, Institute PIP and Dobra družba operates the EEA Civil Society Fund in **Slovenia** on behalf of the Donor States.

A healthy democracy relies on a vibrant and resilient civil society that gives a voice to citizens and holds governments accountable. Civil society organisations play a vital role in protecting and promoting democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, as well as in countering discrimination. They contribute to reducing social and economic disparities by fostering informed public debate, taking part in policymaking, building social trust, and strengthening the participation of all, including minorities and groups that are marginalised, in democratic processes and civic activities. For the European green transition, civil society can advocate for systemic change.

Civil society organisations may lack the capacity to fulfil their role effectively. Additionally, civil society in Europe faces increasing challenges, such as restrictive regulatory environments, limited access to resources, intimidation and harassment, and obstacles to participation in decision-making. The digital transformation of civic space offers unprecedented opportunities but also poses challenges to civil society. These challenges threaten the ability of civil society to fulfil its mission. Civil society's role and engagement of citizens remain critical in protecting the values of the EU and citizen participation as enshrined in Articles 2 and 11 of the Treaty of the EU and in the EU Charter of Fundamental Rights.

AREAS OF SUPPORT, OBJECTIVES AND VALUES OF EEA CIVIL SOCIETY FUND IN SLOVENIA

Areas of support are:

- Democratic values, civic engagement, information integrity and media literacy.
- Civil society participation in democratic processes.
- Human rights, anti-discrimination, and social justice.
- Gender equality, including sexual and reproductive health and rights, and LGBTIQ+ rights.
- Climate action, environmental protection, and a just green transition.

- Organisational development and an enabling environment for civil society.

The programme is based on the shared values of respect for human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law and human rights, including the rights of persons belonging to minorities.

In addition to thematic priorities, the programme also promotes the strengthening of bilateral cooperation between organisations from Slovenia and organisations from the donor states, as well as regional cooperation with other beneficiary countries of the fund.

MANAGEMENT OF THE EEA CIVIL SOCIETY FUND SLOVENIA

The Civil Society Fund programme is managed by the Financial Mechanism Office (FMO), based in Brussels, which is affiliated to the European Free Trade Association (EFTA) and reports to the Ministries of Foreign Affairs of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

Through an open call for proposals for the programme operator of the Civil Society Fund Slovenia, the Financial Mechanism Office selected CNVOS – Centre for Information, Cooperation and Development of NGOs, in consortium with the PIP Institute – Legal and Information Centre Maribor and the Dobra družba Institute.

PROVISIONS OF THE CALL FOR ORGANIZATIONAL GRANTS

AVABILABE FUNDS

The total amount of available funding is EUR 1,200,000.

The funds are indicatively allocated by programme results (outcome and outputs) as follows:

Expected results / programme target areas	**Indicative funding (EUR)**
Outcome 3: CSOs that promote democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, strengthened	***1,200,000***
Output 3.1: Organisational development supported	*1,200,000*
TOTAL	*1,200,000*

Detailed explanation on each Outcome and Output is available under the section PROGRAMME RESULTS and in the Attachment EEA CSF SLOVENIA RESULTS FRAMEWORK.

Total available funds for each Lot:

Lot 1	*480,000*
Lot 2	*720,000*

ELIGIBILITY RULES

ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

Eligible applicants are non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in compliance with the conditions set in the Article 2 of the Non-governmental Organisations Act (Official Gazette of Republic of Slovenia no. 21 /18) and if they meet requirements set in the Programme Implementation Agreement (PIA)[1].

[1] Article 7.1 of the PIA states that eligible applicants are legal entities in a beneficiary country that are: "Civil Society Organisation (CSO)": A non-profit voluntary organisation with a non-commercial purpose, independent of local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties and commercial organisations. Within the context of this definition,

i A "non-profit organisation" is an organisation that has not been created nor operates to generate personal profit. Although it may have paid staff and may engage in revenue-generating activities, it does not distribute profits to its members nor to its board. Where revenue-generating activities are undertaken, these do not represent the purpose of the non-profit organisation, but are a means to support its mission and values;

ii A "non-commercial purpose" entails that the members of the organisation have no direct commercial interest in the outcome of the work of the organisation or of its commercial activities, and the organisation does not pursue the commercial or professional interests of its members. This definition therefore excludes trade- and professional associations, where the aims and purposes of the association is to further the specific interests of its members only; and

iii "voluntary" means that the organisation is formed voluntarily by groups or individuals, and where the organisation is membership based, membership is not compulsory for any group or individual.

Eligible applicant is therefore an organisation:

a) that is a private-law legal entity established in Republic of Slovenia;
b) was established exclusively by domestic or foreign natural or legal persons under private law;
c) is non-profit (organisation that based on the law or its founding document uses its profits or surplus of revenue over expenditure exclusively for realisation of its purpose or goals; does not divide its property among its founders, members or other persons, and in the event of its termination, after settlement of its obligations, its property is transferred to another non-governmental organisation with the same or similar purpose, or non-profit legal entity of public law);
d) is not established to generate profit (organisation that based on the law is not established with the intention of for-profit operation or with the intention of making profit or with the intention of development, facilitation or promotion of for-profit operation of their founders or members);
e) is independent of other subjects (organisation whose management body, administrative body and supervision body do not consist of more than a quarter of representatives of the state, local self-governing community, other public-law entities, barriers of public authority, international intergovernmental organisations, political parties, trade unions, chambers and corporate entities, or natural persons who independently engage in a gainful activity on the market, or representatives of other entities that are not non-profit);
f) is not organised as political party, a church or other religious community, trade union or chamber.

All eligible applicants and strategies/multi-year work plans shall follow the principles of common values 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. The applicants will confirm this in the applicant statements. Fund Operator has the power to reject an application, if it will establish that the applicant, or strategy/work plan do not follow the mentioned principles.

ADDITIONAL ELIGIBILITY RULES PER APPLICANTS

Lot 1: The applicant must have had **legal personality for at least 36 months** prior to the submission deadline; the applicant must have had an average annual turnover between EUR 70,000 and EUR 200,000 over the last three financial years.

Lot 2: The applicant must have had legal personality for at least 36 months prior to the submission deadline; the applicant must have had an average annual turnover of at least 200,000 over the last three financial years.

Years 2023, 2024 and 2025 are taken into account when assessing the average turnover.

Additionally, for both lots:

Religious institutions and political parties, social partners or profit-distributing cooperatives are not eligible applicants.

1. the applicant must be implementing, or over the last five years have implemented, at least 5 different projects, within the following topics:
    a. promoting civic participation in democratic processes;
    b. promoting information integrity and media literacy;
    c. protecting human rights, including antidiscrimination and social justice;
    d. promoting gender equality, including SRHR (Sexual and Reproductive Health and Rights) and LGBTIQ+ rights;
    e. promoting climate action, environmental protection, and just green transition; or
    f. promoting inclusion and empowerment of Roma;

A project is a combination of activities with a set start and end date, clearly stated objectives and outputs and defined sources for its realization (staff and money). It is a series of activities that follow the same goal (for example 5 workshops, study visit and a final conference to promote multicultural dialogue). Individual activities that are implemented under the same project count as one project. Just one event – for example a conference – doesn't count as project.

2. the applicant must be in compliance with its payment obligations with regards to taxes, social security contributions and health insurance. The applicant will confirm this in the "Applicant Statement" but the Fund Operator can at any time request the applicant to submit the official tax office confirmation.

The applicant can only submit one application. In case of several submissions only the last one will be evaluated.
Organisations that have not recovered amounts due, following a final court decision in connection with the Active Citizens Programme 2014-2021 in Slovenia, shall not be considered eligible applicants and/or partners.

ELIGIBLE PARTNERS

In this call partners are not eligible.

MAIN PURPOSE OF THE CALL

The main purpose of the organizational grants is to support organizations that have been operating continuously for several years in the fund's priority areas in achieving their long-term strategic goals and in strengthening their capacities.

Applicants will apply with their multi-year organizational work plan or strategy, which must include strategic goals both for the programme (e.g. working with minority groups; advocacy for vulnerable groups, etc.) and for organizational development (e.g. human resources management and development, fundraising, communication, etc.). The strategic plan must clearly demonstrate what elements of organizational capacities and how the organization will improve its organizational capacities within the defined time period (greater recognition, visibility, a larger number of members and supporters, better transparency, etc.), as well as how the support will contribute to achieving its substantive

goals (e.g. a higher number of beneficiaries, more activities). The change must be presented through annual quantitative indicators supplemented by qualitative reporting. The multi-year work plan or strategy must also include a financial plan clearly showing how CSF funds would contribute to the implementation of the strategy. The multi-year work plan or strategy must cover the entire duration of the project (i.e. at least the years 2027, 2028, and 2029; in the case of a 48-month duration, also the year 2030). The financial plan must therefore also include the CSF contribution. Applicants are advised to use the template that forms part of the call documentation and adapt it accordingly. **ATTENTION! The financial plan must indicate the total value of the CSF support – i.e. EUR 120,000 or EUR 180,000.**

After the contract is signed, the selected beneficiaries will, together with the fund manager, develop a capacity-building plan for the organization. To support the implementation of this plan, they will also receive extensive support in the form of mentoring, training, etc. Part of the funds will therefore be intended for the implementation of the supported organizations' programmes, while another part will be invested in the development of their organizations.

FOCUS OF THE CALL

Civil Society Fund follows a common results-based framework, based on which fund operators plan its re-granting scheme.

All actions must contribute to the achievement of the defined results (outcomes and outputs), as the final values at the level of the CSF programme represent the sum of all supported projects, actions and other activities implemented within the programme. The key areas related to this call are explained below, while the full results framework is presented in Annex – EEA CSF SI RESULTS FRAMEWORK.

PRIORITY AREAS AND SPECIFICS OF THE CALL

Project proposals must address one of the priority areas:

- Democracy, active citizenship, good governance and transparency,
- Human rights and equal treatment through combating any discrimination on the grounds of racial or ethnic origin, religion or belief, gender, disability, age, sexual orientation or gender identity,
- Social justice and inclusion of vulnerable groups,
- Gender equality and gender-based violence,
- Environment and climate change.

EXPECTED RESULTS

The CSF Slovenia programme operates under the principle of "results-based management"[2]. This means that the programme is designed and implemented with a focus on achieving results. This approach uses a clear results framework that has been established for the entire CSF programme in Slovenia, which guides our work and which fund operators use to report to donors on our achievements, in a similar way as you report to us.

[2] See more on result-based-management in Annex 1 and a full EEA CSF Slovenia results framework in Annex 2.

As a rule, all applications under this grant fall under **Outcome 3 CSOs that promote democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, strengthened and Output 3.1.**

This programme outcome focuses on measures aimed at strengthening NGOs and making them more resilient to change, financially and staff-wise stable, capable of responding quickly to changes, and generally in the best possible condition. In this context, we focus on comprehensive support for organizational development, with a particular emphasis on financial stability and volunteer engagement. However, this does not mean that all applicants must focus on these areas. In your strategic plans, include the areas that are most important for your specific organization and its current needs.

All applicants will be required to fill in the capacity building matrix, prepared by the fund operator. Spider diagram will be used as a reporting tool and a source of information regarding the overall increase of capacities (the first indicator under the Outcome 3). This will be mandatory for all grantees under this call. Additional indicators will be set at the contracting phase and the successful applicant will have to report on them.

Outcome/output number	Expected results	indicators
Outcome 3	CSOs that promote democracy, the rule of law, and human rights, strengthened	**Number of supported CSOs with improved overall organisational strength**
		Number of supported CSOs that have increased the number of active volunteers
		Number of supported CSOs that have diversified their funding base
Output 3.1	**Organisational development supported**	Number of strategic litigation cases initiated by supported CSOs
		Number of employees from supported CSOs with improved skills

Capacity building is an integral part of this call. Applicants need to integrate their organizational capacity-building goals in their strategic/multiannual plans alongside their programmatic goals.

All strategic/long-term organizational workplans must also address the priority areas of the programme, relevant for each specific organization. Your strategic/long-term workplans must include indicators of progress for all areas of your work. These indicators will become a reporting tool for assessing the success of your progress towards the strategic/long-term goals.

For example, if your strategic goal is to increase the number of the locations where you implement your programme, you have to quantify it. From 5 locations as a baseline our goal is to increase the number of locations where we're present by 3, so to be active on 8

locations in total, by the end of 2029. This gives you and us a good tool to measure the progress.

Beneficiaries will be required to report annually on the progress made in implementing their strategy. It will include both narrative and quantitative results reporting and financial reporting (the organisation's annual reports). In the event of deviations from the planned strategic objectives, beneficiaries will be required to provide an appropriate explanation. The results report should include both qualitative and quantitative information and must follow the principles of results-based management and clearly demonstrate the contribution to achieving the objectives set out in the strategy and the relevant indicators and results of the CSF Programme.

In addition to the narrative and financial reports, a meeting will be organised with each beneficiary, on the basis of which a progress report will be prepared.

In the event of significant discrepancies between the planned results and their implementation, the contract manager may initiate a procedure to reduce the grant or terminate the contract.

Duration of the support

The grants will cover the period of 36 or 48 months, depending on the average yearly turnover of the organisation. The annualised value of the grant amount applied for shall not exceed 50% of the average annual turnover of the applicant.

FINANCIAL PROVISONS OF THE CALL

The total amount of available funding is EUR 1,200,000.

The organization with an average yearly turnover between EUR 70,000 and 200,000 will receive EUR 120,000 (LOT 1), organizations with an average yearly turnover over EUR 200,000 will receive EUR 180,000.

On each Lot we estimate to support 4 organizations, in total 8.
The Fund Operator retains the right to deviate from these estimates, or to not distribute all available funds.

Financial management

The multi-annual working plan or strategic plan must include a financial plan that the contribution from CSF. It must cover all the years for which the support would be used for (2027, 2028 and 2029 for 36 months/applications and also 2030 for 48 months/applications).
We encourage applicants to use the template provided as part of this call documentation.
ATTENTION: The full amount of CSF support must be easily determined from the submitted financial plan.

Amounts per project

Lot 1: €120,000
Lot 2: €180,000

The grant will be paid out as a lump sum per organization. It is covered fully (100%) by CSF – no co-funding needed.

The annualised value of the grant amount applied for shall not exceed 50% of the average annual turnover of the applicant. Applicants with lower average annual turnover must therefore choose the longer implementation period (48 months). This option is advised for all NGOs with their yearly average turnover below EUR 100,000.

Example: *an average turnover of the organisation is EUR 78,000. If such an organisation would choose 36 months as implementation period, the annualised value of the grant would be EUR 40,000 which is over 50%. Such an organization would therefore need to choose 48 months of implementation period.*

LUMP-SUM FINANCING AND ELIGIBILITY OF COSTS

The project promoter receives the amount as a lump sum divided into tranches, which means they are not required to report on specific costs covered by the grant. Payments are not linked to actual expenditure.
However, payments are trigger by approval of the yearly reports submitted and annual meetings with the grant officer conducted. Based on this the progress report is prepared and the payment conditions fulfilled.

In order for the Fund Operator to assess the impact of the potential support, applicants will be required to submit an organisational budget that also includes the amount of the support. The organisational budget must ensure the efficient use of funds in a manner that is proportionate and necessary for the implementation of the multiannual organisational work plan or strategy.

As this concerns the budget of the organisation as a whole, and not merely a project budget, there is no specific list of eligible costs.

The project promoter must keep accurate records of expenditures in accordance with applicable accounting standards and generally accepted accounting principles. Together with the final report, the contractor must also submit an auditor's certificate confirming that the received funds were used in accordance with the provisions of the call and the signed contract. The **beneficiary must arrange and pay for the audit from the received grant.** Instead, if the project promoter commissions annual statutory audit reports for other purposes, the report of the latest year of implementation may be submitted, provided that it covers and specifically mentions the contribution from the CSF Programme in Slovenia.

IMPORTANT: The Fund Operator reserves the right to reduce the grant amount or terminate the contract in the event of clearly unsatisfactory implementation of the strategy.

The selected organizations will have to submit their annual reports and held a meeting with their grant officers to report on the progress in implementing their strategic plans.

Rules on procurement

The Project Promoter will have to follow national and European rules on public procurement for the duration of the support.

When concluding contracts under the selected project, the beneficiary will have to ensure that the award procedures and contractual provisions comply with applicable law and with sound economic practices, ensure accountability and efficient and economic use of the funds received, taking into account the principle of proportionality.

For services or supplies above EUR 15.000, the beneficiary must ensure fair competition between potential bidders, i.e. it must carry out effective price comparisons (between at least three bidders). The beneficiary will also be able to apply social, environmental or sustainability criteria when concluding contracts under the project, subject to prior agreement with the fund manager.

Ethical Standards

The highest ethical standards, as well as the avoidance of any conflict of interests, shall be observed during the procurement and execution of all contracts. No offer, gifts, payments or benefit of any kind, which would or could, either directly or indirectly, be construed as an illegal or corrupt practice, e.g. as an inducement or reward for the award or execution of procurement contracts, shall be accepted.

CALL DOCUMENTATION AND APPLICATION PROCESS

Call documentation

Full call documentation is published at: **https://eeagrants.org/en/eea-civil-society-fund-slovenia**.

All applications must be submitted through on-line platform: E-grant

Guidelines on how to work with the portal and fill out the application are part of the call documentation and are published at **https://eeagrants.org/en/eea-civil-society-fund-slovenia**. As this is a novelty for the Slovenian programme, we will include all this information to the info session that will take place on the 14th of May (online, see section TIMETABLE).

Call documentation is composed of:

- Call for proposals with Guidelines for Applicants – organisational grants
- application in the e-grant, including financial plan
- Sample of the Statements of the applicant
- Sample of multi-annual financial plan

- Sample of the contract between project promotor and Fund Operator.

Call for proposals in English is also published on the web page but only as a source of information.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Applicants submit the application on a designated form in accordance with the instructions. In addition to the application form with financial plan, applicants will also have to submit Applicant's statement, narrative yearly report of the organization for 2025, multi-annual/strategic plan, official financial reports for years 2023, 2024 and 2025, and current statute or the founding act of the applicant as an attachment.

DEADLINE AND SUBMISSION PROCESS

Complete application consists of:

- a completed application form with financial plan
- multi-annual/strategic plan (including financial plan)
- yearly narrative report of the organisation for 2025,
- official financial reports for 2023, 2024 and 2025,
- a scan of signed and stamped Applicant's statement, which also includes a declaration that the applicant is in compliance with its payment obligations with regards to taxes, social security contributions and health insurance,
- a scan of a current statute or the founding act of the applicant.

Applications can only be submitted online. In case of any questions, you can write to podpora.csf@cnvos.si.

Please note: Applications submitted in any other form or way (for example via e-mail, regular mail, fax etc.), shall be rejected.

Applications can **be submitted through the portal** until 15th of October, 3 PM. Date and time of the submission as recorded by the e-grant system will be considered.

Fund Operator assumes no responsibility for any delays in the delivery of application (for example, due to large attachments and server occupancy or network disruption, etc.).

Applicants will receive an automatic response once the application is submitted. In case such response does not arrive to applicant's e-mail inbox or spam within two (2) hours after sending the application, please contact us at 01 542 14 22, so we can check the status of your application on our side.

Language of the application form

The application form and all the required annexes should only be submitted in Slovenian with a project summary in English.

APPLICATION ASSESSMENT PROCEDURE AND CRITERIA

After the delivery of the application, Fund Operator will check its eligibility based on the copy of the statute and on the administrative compliance criteria. Fund Operator can request additional information or clarifications referring to administrative compliance criteria.

Application administrative criteria

Criteria	Meeting the criteria		Notes
Application is submitted through egrant.	YES	NO	Rejection
Applicant has submitted only one application	YES	NO	Rejection of all except the last application
Application is completed in Slovene language.	YES	NO	rejection
All information on the applicant and project is submitted	YES	NO	request for supplementation
Applicant's statement, signed and stamped, is submitted.	YES	NO	request for supplementation
Multi-annual work plan or strategy that covers the whole period of support (2027-2029 or 2027-2030) is attached.	YES	NO	Rejection
Multi-annual budget that covers the whole period of support (2027-2029 or 2027-2030) is attached. (can be part of the multiannual work plan/Strategy)	YES	NO	Rejection
Official financial reports for 2023, 2024 and 2025 are attached	YES	NO	Request for supplement if they're not publicly available
Organizational annual program report for 2025 is submitted	YES	NO	Rejection
The organisation's statute or act of incorporation is attached.	YES	NO	request for supplementation

Note: most of the criteria will be checked automatically in the system.

Application eligibility criteria

Criteria	Meeting the criteria		Notes
Applicant is a non-governmental organisation.	YES	NO	rejection

The applicant was established at least 36 months prior to the call's deadline	YES	NO	rejection
LOT 1 – average yearly budget is between 70,000 and 200,000 EUR LOT 2 – average yearly budget is over 200,000 EUR	YES	NO	rejection
The annualised value of the grant amount doesn't exceed 50% of the average annual turnover of the applicant	YES	NO	rejection
The applicant has conducted at least 5 projects since 1/1/2020 on the priority areas of the CSF.	YES	NO	rejection
The applicant respects the common values of the CSF.	YES	NO	rejection

In case the application will miss certain parts (documents or information) that can be supplemented according to the above criteria, applicants will be invited to provide respective missing parts within 10 days. An invitation to provide the missing parts of the application will be sent through the egrant to the e-mail address used for the submission of the application. If the application will not be supplemented in the given deadline, it will be rejected.

After the administrative eligibility assessment process is completed, ineligible applicants or applicants that did not supplement their applications on time will be notified of the rejection of their project proposals from further evaluation. Applicants of ineligible project proposals will have 10 days available to appeal against the eligibility decision. Appeals will be considered by the Complaints Committee. The decision of the Committee is final. Appeals can be submitted at: pritozbe.csf@cnvos.si.

APPLICATION QUALITY ASSESSMENT

All eligible and administratively compliant project proposals will be evaluated by two impartial evaluators in accordance with criteria set below.

If the difference between the scores given by the two experts will be higher than 30 % of the highest score, a meeting of the two experts will be held, and they and set the final score.

After the conclusion of expert evaluation of all project proposals, based on received scoring, the ranking list of applications will be prepared by the Fund Operator.
Based on the scores the Selection Committee will review all applications receiving 70 points and more. The Selection Committee will prepare a list of applications to be recommended for funding.

Quality criteria (max. total points: 100)

QUALITY OF THE MULTI-ANNUAL ORGANISATIONAL WORK-PLAN OR STRATEGY (40 points) ***Eliminating criterion: If below 20, the project is automatically rejected ***	
Description of criteria	Score
To what extent does the multi-annual organisational work-plan/strategy identify clear, relevant, and measurable results, indicators and targets? *To what extent does the workplan clearly and convincingly explain how the proposed activities and results will contribute to the achievement of the programme's expected outcome and outputs?*	/ 10
To what extend the applicant uses evaluation and monitoring at its work? To what extend is this visible also in multi-annual workplan or strategy? To what extend are the methods used appropriate?	/ 10
*To what extent does the multi-annual organisational work-plan/strategy contain visible progress related to implementation of the programs **and** organisational development?* *To what extent is the applicant's is using innovative approaches?*	/ 10
To what extent is the applicant aware of the main weaknesses of the organization? To what extend are the proposed area of capacity-building in line with identified risks and current organizational structure?	/ 10
	/ 40

RELEVANCE OF THE MULTI-ANNUAL ORGANISATIONAL WORK-PLAN OR STRATEGY (20 points)	
Description of criteria	Score
To what extent is the multi-annual organisational work-plan/strategy relevant for Slovenia (To what extent does it target relevant needs, niche, etc.)?	/ 5
To what extent is the multi-annual organisational work-plan/strategy relevant for the CSF - to what extent does it target the programmes priority areas and CSF SI results framework?	/ 10
What is the balance between other areas of the organizational works in comparison to the work done on the priority areas of the CSF? How important are the priority areas for the organization?	/ 5
	/ 20

FINANCIAL VIABILITY (20 points) ***Eliminating criterion: If below 10, the project is automatically rejected ***	
Description of criteria	Score
To what extent does the applicant demonstrate sufficient financial sources of funding to maintain its activity throughout grant duration?	/ 10
To what extent does the organisational budget appear proportionate and necessary for the implementation of the multi-annual organisational work-plan/strategy, ensuring the optimal use of resources?	/ 5
To what extend are the financial resources for priority areas of CSF in balance with the rest of the work of the organization?	/ 5

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TRANSPARANCY (5 points)	
Description of criteria	Score
Does the applicant publish members of the governing structures, annual narrative and financial reports, activities and results on its web site?	/ 5
	/ 5

EXPERIENCE OF THE APPLICANT (15 points)	
Description of criteria	Score
To what extent does the applicant have appropriate organisational, managerial and expert capacities to implement the multi-annual organisational work-plan/strategy (with the envisaged capacity building support)?	/ 5
To what extend the applicant addresses the risks (financial, staff related, political, programmatic) appropriately? To what extend are the mitigation actions visible from the multi-annual plan/strategy?	/ 5
Ti what extend does the applicant used monitoring and evaluation in practice? To what extend is this visible from the multi-annual workplan/strategy?	/ 5
	/ 15

The Selection Committee will thoroughly review the list of organisations proposed for support and re-assess their compliance with the shared values of the CSF Programme (human dignity, freedom, democracy, equality, the rule of law, and human rights, including the rights of minorities). If it determines that an organisation does not respect these values, it will exclude the organisation from further consideration. In cases of doubt, it may request additional information and consult with the FMO.

The Selection Committee may amend the list of organisations proposed for approval if necessary to achieve the objectives of the programme, but it must provide appropriate justification for doing so.

The final decision rests with the Steering Committee of the Fund Operator.

Notification on selection

Applicants will be notified on the selection of their project proposals via egrant (email used for the submission of the application). Applicants whose project proposals will not be selected for funding, will have 10 days to appeal the decision. Appeals can be submitted at: pritozbe.csf@cnvos.si. Appeals will be reviewed by Complaints Committee and its decision is final.

PROVISIONS ON PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

After final decision on selection of project for financing by CSF, the applicant will receive a Grant agreement based on standard agreement sample as presented in the call

documentation. Before the signature of the agreement strategic goals may be further defined and detailed to ease the reporting process.

CONTRACT PROVISIONS

Beneficiaries will be required to report annually on the progress made in implementing their strategy. The report will include both narrative and quantitative results reporting and financial reporting (the organisation's annual reports). In the event of deviations from the planned strategic objectives, beneficiaries will be required to provide an appropriate explanation. The results report should include both qualitative and quantitative information and must follow the principles of results-based management and clearly demonstrate the contribution to achieving the objectives set out in the strategy and the relevant indicators and results of the CSF Programme.

In addition to the narrative and financial reports, a meeting will be organised with each beneficiary, on the basis of which a progress report will be prepared.

In the event of significant discrepancies between the planned results and their implementation, the contract manager may initiate a procedure to reduce the grant or terminate the contract.

Upon submission of the final report, beneficiaries will also be required to submit a report from an external auditor confirming that the funds were used in accordance with the intended purpose and the provisions of the contract, including compliance with public procurement rules. This may also form part of the beneficiary's regular audit, if such an audit is already carried out, provided that it also covers and specifically addresses the support received from the CSF Programme.

The contractor must maintain accurate records of expenditures in accordance with applicable accounting standards and generally accepted accounting principles. The final report must include an auditor's certificate confirming that the received funds were used in accordance with the provisions of the contract. The auditor shall be selected and paid by the beneficiary. If the contractor has already undergone an audit for the last calendar year prior to the termination of the contract, and if the audit report also refers to and specifically mentions the contribution of the CSF Programme in Slovenia, such audit report may be attached to the final report. In this case, no additional auditor's review is required.

REPORTING AND PAYMENTS

The percentage of payment and number of payments will depend on the duration of the support. To be eligible for the next tranche payment conditions need to be fulfilled. These are the submission of yearly reports and completion of the annual meeting with the grant officer. This are the basis for the preparation of the progress report, and next payment can be authorised.

Option 1: duration of support – 36 months:

- 25% prepayment in 15 working days after the last signature of the contract;
- 35% payment in 15 working days after the above-mentioned conditions are met;
- 30% payment in 15 working days after the after the above-mentioned conditions are met;
- 10% payment in 15 working days after the above-mentioned conditions are met;

Option 2: duration of support – 48 months

- 25% prepayment in 15 working days after the last signature of the contract;
- 25% payment in 15 working days after the above-mentioned conditions are met;
- 20% payment in 15 working days after the above-mentioned conditions are met;
- 20% payment in 15 working days after the above-mentioned conditions are met;
- 10% payment in 15 working days after the above-mentioned conditions are met.

INFORMING THE PUBLIC

Project promoters are obliged to inform the public on receiving a grant from CSF. As a minimum they have to put the EEA CSF logo on their web page with the statement that in the period from 2027-2029 or 2027-2030 they are receiving an organizational grant. This has to be included in their yearly reports as well.

Guidelines for informing and communicating will sent to all project promoters when the contract will be signed.

INFORMATION REGARDING THE PROCESSING OF PERSONAL DATA SUBMITTED BY THE APPLICANTS TO THE CIVIL SOCIETY FUND IN SLOVENIA

Obligations of the applicant about the processing and protection of personal data

An applicant who includes personal data of individuals (e.g. workers who will implement the project) in his/her application following a public call (e.g. in the application form) must provide an appropriate legal basis for the transmission of personal data of other persons. Individuals must be properly informed in advance about the processing of their personal data in accordance with the applicable rules on the protection of personal data. This shall include, as a minimum, information about the transmission of their personal data to this public call, the purposes for which they will be processed, to whom they will all be accessible, on which grounds the processing of their personal data is based, the time limits for the storage of their personal data and their rights.

When submitting the application, the notifier shall declare that he or she has adequately informed the individuals whose personal data he or she included in the application about the processing of their personal data and that he or she provides an adequate basis for the processing thereof by fund operators and other users of personal data as defined below. The declaration shall be included in the general declaration made by the notifier when applying for a summons.

If it turns out that individuals have not been adequately informed by the applicant and this would cause damage to fund operator, the applicant is obliged to compensate such damage.

If it turns out that the applicant has not provided an adequate legal basis for the processing of personal data by the fund operator or other users of personal data and this would cause damage to the fund operator, the applicant shall be obliged to compensate such damage. If fund operator were obliged to delete or destroy such individuals' personal data, this may mean that the applicant has failed to fulfil its obligations (e.g. it has not indicated in the

application the workers who would carry out the project), and such a breach of its obligations towards the fund operator may result in the refusal of co-financing or the loss of an already recognised right to co-financing and the return of funds already received.

Information on the processing of personal data

1. Controllers and purpose of the processing of personal data

The personal data you provide (include) in your application to the public call for applications of the EEA Civil Society Fund Slovenia are managed by the CNVOS, Povšetova 37, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia, Institute PIP -Legal and information centre Maribor, Gosposvetska cesta 83, 2000 Maribor and the Institute Dobra družba, Trdinova ulica 1, 8250 Brežice (hereinafter: fund operator). The fund operator shall act as joint controllers of the personal data received.

The personal data provided will be used solely for the purposes of implementing the call for proposals (evaluation of applications, notification of applicants), the personal data provided for selected and co-financed projects, as well as for the preparation of co-financing contracts, monitoring, control of co-financing and related communication activities or other related commercial communication (calls for amendments, notification of funds), and for the purposes of demonstrating eligibility for funding to funders.

Registration at a public call means the establishment of a contractual relationship between the fund operator and the applicant, in which the CNVOS assumes the financing obligation and, together with the Institut PIP and Institut Dobra družba, has the right to monitor and supervise the implementation of the project. This contractual relationship or a public call for applications (as a requirement for the establishment of a contractual relationship) constitutes the legal basis for all processing of personal data by the fund operator.

2. Recipients of the personal data transmitted

The personal data provided in the context of project application or implementation (name, surname, gender, telephone number, e-mail) may be made known to and processed by the employees of the fund operator who need it because of the nature of their work (communication with applicants, implementation of controls, etc.) and by the authorities or bodies of these organisations in the performance of their tasks (e.g. evaluators, project selection committee).

Applications to the call for applications, which may contain the above-mentioned specified personal data, may also be made available to third parties for the purpose of exercising control over the use of funds, namely the Financial Mechanism Office (EFTA, Avenue des Arts, 19 H, 1000 Brussels, Belgium) and persons authorised by them. We base the transfer of personal data to the funder or bodies carrying out the controls on our legitimate interest, as this is the only way to fulfil our commitments to the funder of the public call and to credibly report to the funder on the number of applications and co-financing and the implementation of projects, all of which is a condition for obtaining the funds necessary to carry out the public call itself. In other words, we cannot carry out a public call without such intervention.

Users of the personal data transmitted include, as processors, persons who offer to the fund operator the use of the e-grant portal and other regular internet-based

communication services, such as email or telecommunication providers and other persons to whom they provide support services (accounting services, etc.).

3. Period for which the personal data will be stored

We keep the personal data contained in the application for the public call for applications for three years from the closure of the entire programme, i.e. three years from the moment the closure of the programme is confirmed by the Financial Mechanisms Office on the basis of the reports received after all project disbursements, which is expected to last until 31 December 2035.

4. Transfer of data to third countries

Personal data shall not be transferred to third countries.

5. Rights of individuals whose personal data are included in calls for applications

Data subjects whose personal data are included in a public call for applications have the right to know about their personal data, to have it rectified and, where the conditions laid down by the applicable rules apply, to have it erased, to restrict the processing of that data and to have it portability.

Should you have any further questions about the protection of your personal data or wish to exercise any of the rights listed above, please contact us at info@cnvos.si or call us on 01/542 14 22.

Any individual also has the right to lodge a complaint about the processing of their personal data with the Information Commissioner, Dunajska cesta 22, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia (website: www.ip-rs.si).

Important: When submitting a project proposal to a public call, the applicant's legal representative must sign a declaration that he or she is aware of the processing of personal data provided in the context of the application (part of the Applicant's statement).

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT TO PROJECT APPLICANTS

Support to project applicants is available on telephone and email. All inquiries concerning the call for proposals should be directed to podpora.csf@cnvos.si. All questions and answers will be replied within one week and will be published on the programme's website. For quick information you can contact Emilija Kastelic (+386 1 542 14 22), Andreja Pavlin (069 655 069) or Brigita Horvat (02 234 21 27).
A video of information workshop a video tutorial on the calls' purpose and focus are available at the programme's web site.

TIMETABLE

DATE	WHAT
23. 6. 2026	Publication of the call
Till 8. 10. 2026	Phone and e-mail Q&A
15. 7. 2026 at 10.00	Info session (online)
9. September 2026	Strategic workshop – basic
10. September 2026	Strategic workshop - advanced
15. 10. 2026 at 15.00	Deadline for the application
till 30. 10. 2026	Admin & eligibility check
till 1. 12. 2026	Evaluation
15. 12. 2026	Notification of the applicants

ANNEX 1: RESULTS-BASED MANAGEMENT FOR THE EEA CIVIL SOCIETY FUND

All programmes and funds supported by the EEA and Norway Grants shall follow the principles of results-based management.

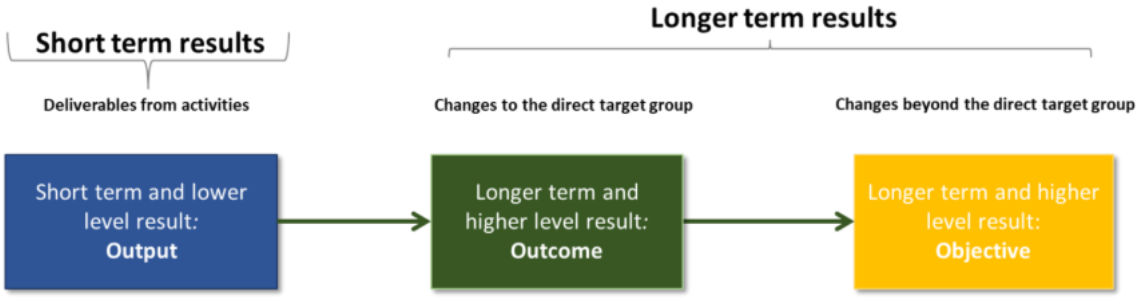
In results-based management, focus is first and foremost on the overall results to be achieved. For the EEA Civil Society Fund, this means focus is on the overall objective. The overall objective is, "A vibrant and resilient civil society protecting and promoting democracy, the rule of law and human rights".

The next step in results-based management is to set a strategy for how to best achieve this overall objective. Results-based management offers a set of tools to do this including result chains, result frameworks, monitoring, and evaluation. We also manage risks for the achievement of results.

Overall about results in the EEA Civil Society Fund

A result chain includes lower-level results that are called outputs, medium level results that are called outcomes, and finally the highest-level result that is the objective.

The result chain can be presented in a figure as follows:

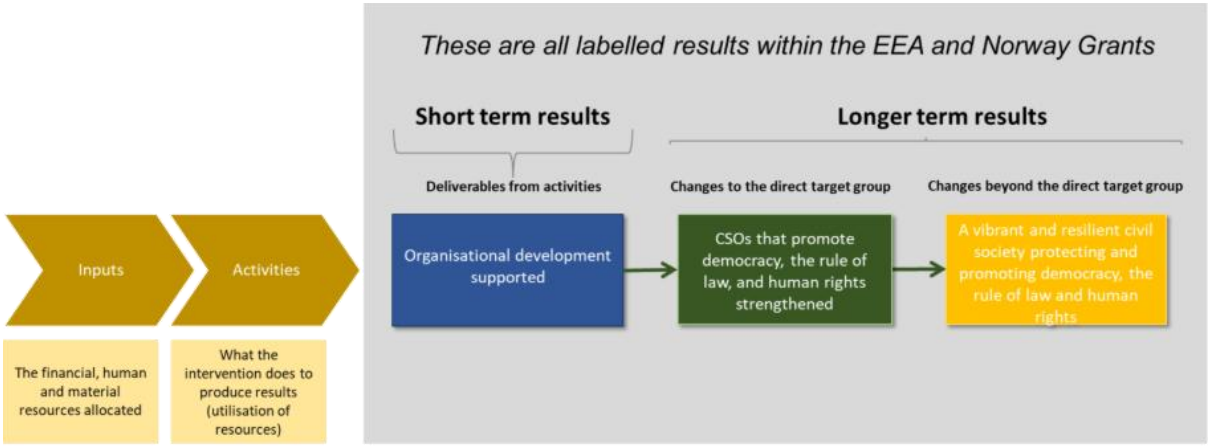


Here is one of the result chains for the EEA Civil Society Fund:

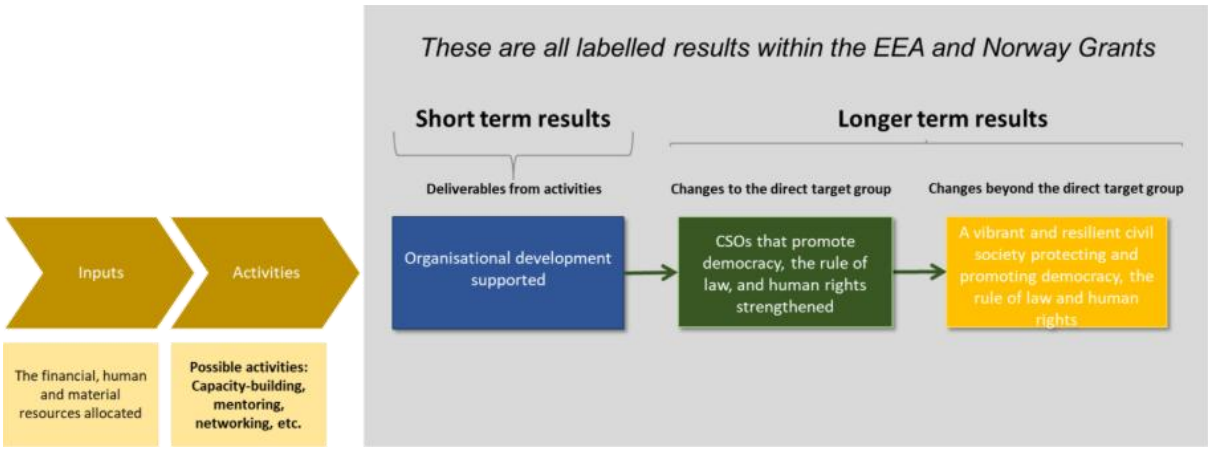


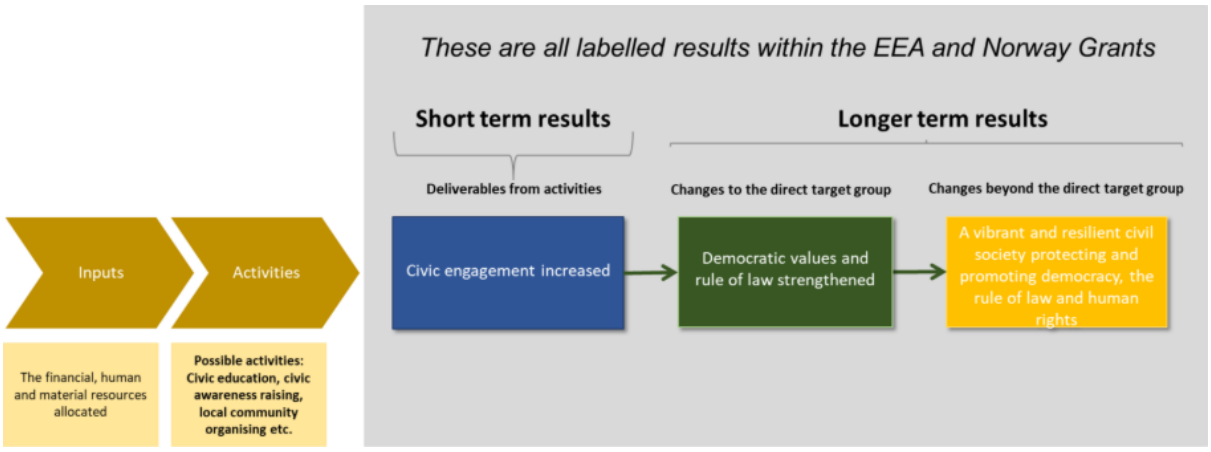
To achieve the outputs, it is necessary to implement activities using the available resources which can be called inputs.

Together with the activities and inputs, the result chain can be presented in a figure as follows:



The two figures below provide general examples of some activities that may be identified to achieve two of the outputs and outcomes in the EEA Civil Society Fund.

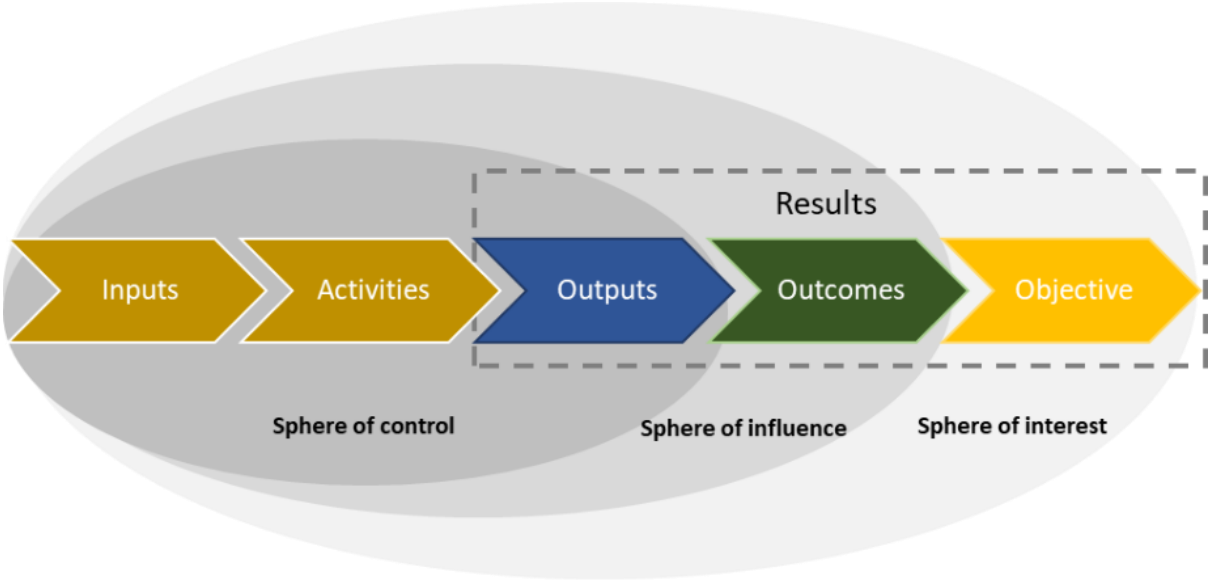




There are assumptions for how one level in the result chain connects to the next. For example, it is an assumption that if CSOs are supported to develop their organisations, then they will be stronger as CSOs. For each assumption it is useful to either provide evidence or plan for evidence through for example an evaluation. For this particular assumption on supporting organisational development, the FMO commissioned an external assessment of organisational grants in 2023 which is available on the EEA and Norway Grants website.

The higher up in the result chain, the less control stakeholders have on the achievement of the desired result. The evidence for how the previous level of the result chain contributes to this higher level of the result chain might also be more ambiguous.

Together with the inputs and activities, the different levels of control along the result chain can be presented in a figure as follows:



Key elements for project result-based management in the EEA Civil Society Fund

The EEA Civil Society Fund follows the Programme model. This means that the desired results at both the outcome and output levels will be derived from projects. As the Civil Society Results Framework specifies what is eligible for support, this means that all projects that would be eligible for support have to contribute to the results expected as per the result framework.

Every project must be situated only under one of the three outcomes (not multiple outcomes). Within the same outcome, projects may contribute to one output or more outputs. In addition to contributing to one single outcome, all projects that include bilateral cooperation must also report on bilateral results.

Each project within the programme can also have its own specific results chains. Applicants are encouraged to check alignment between their project specific results chains with the overall programme results chains. This can help preclude challenges in the implementation and reporting of the projects. However, applicants are not required to develop or work with project specific results chains.

Progress against the EEA Civil Society Fund programme results framework will be measured with the use of indicators. The indicators, including their unit of measurement, data sources of verification, baselines and targets, will be agreed in the project contract.

During implementation, the agreed indicators become a reporting tool. Project Promoters will be responsible for collecting and analysing data to report on the indicators and with narrative against the selected output(s) and outcome.

To ensure accountability and learning, applicants may plan for an evaluation either during or after project implementation.

ANNEX 2: CIVIL SOCIETY FUND SLOVENIA RESULTS FRAMEWORK

Full results framework for EEA Civil Society Fund Slovenia is published as a separate document. There you'll find outcomes and outputs that are not relevant for this call as well as all other relevant information, like disaggregation data and unit of measurement as well as baselines and data collection.

Outcome 1: Democratic values and rule of law strengthened	
Number of times CSO inputs in a local policy initiative are acknowledged by public authorities	This indicator reflects greater government recognition of civil society contributions to policymaking, effectiveness of CSO advocacy / policy impact and enhanced legitimacy / role of CSOs. Total number of times CSO inputs in a policy initiative (law, policy, strategy, etc.) are referenced in writing or adopted by government or other institutions at any level (local or national). Acknowledgement is defined as: a. Direct references to CSO inputs in official documents (e.g., laws, policies, strategies, reports, meeting minutes). b. Inclusion of CSO recommendations in action plans, draft regulations, or programme designs. c. Recognition of CSO inputs in communication materials (e.g., press releases or public statements by officials). The same input can be acknowledged several times: it should be counted every time it is acknowledged in writing. Verbal acknowledgment in public forums, consultation meetings, or hearings do NOT count towards this indicator as these must be verifiable, i.e., recorded in writing.

Number of times CSO inputs in a national policy initiative are acknowledged by public authorities	This indicator reflects greater government recognition of civil society contributions to policymaking, effectiveness of CSO advocacy / policy impact and enhanced legitimacy / role of CSOs. Total number of times CSO inputs in a policy initiative (law, policy, strategy, etc.) are referenced in writing or adopted by government or other institutions at any level (local or national). Acknowledgement is defined as: a. Direct references to CSO inputs in official documents (e.g., laws, policies, strategies, reports, meeting minutes). b. Inclusion of CSO recommendations in action plans, draft regulations, or programme designs. c. Recognition of CSO inputs in communication materials (e.g., press releases or public statements by officials). The same input can be acknowledged several times: it should be counted every time it is acknowledged in writing. Verbal acknowledgment in public forums, consultation meetings, or hearings do NOT count towards this indicator as these must be verifiable, i.e., recorded in writing.
Output 1.1: CSO participation in democratic processes increased	
Number of consultation processes with a public institution facilitated by CSOs	This indicator reflects increased civic participation and public interest in shaping policies, and more inclusive policymaking. Total number of consultation processes with public decision-making bodies that are organised or facilitated by supported CSOs. This indicator highlights the role of CSOs in bridging citizens and government to ensure inclusive and responsive decision-making. Public participation can be defined as a process through which the government actively seeks the opinions of citizens (interested and affected groups) for a policy initiative. The consultation processes can be at any level: local or national. Consultation processes refer to structured, interactive forums or processes aimed at gathering input, feedback, or recommendations from stakeholders (e.g., citizens, interest groups, experts) on policy, programmatic, or governance issues. Examples of consultation processes facilitated by CSOs include: a. Public hearings b. Town hall meetings c. Stakeholder workshops d. Online or offline focus group discussions e. Surveys or citizen panels contributing to a decision-making process For consultation processes to count towards this indicator, the supported CSOs must be actively involved in organising, managing, or moderating the consultation processes.

Number of people who participated in public gatherings led by CSOs	This indicator reflects the reach and engagement of CSOs in mobilising communities, fostering civic participation, and influencing public discourse. Total number of individuals who have attended public gatherings organised or led by supported civil society organisations (CSOs). Public gatherings may include events such as townhall meetings, marches, sit-ins, rallies, community meetings, awareness-raising events, or public demonstrations (organised in line with the Fund values). This indicator focuses on community organising rather than policy advocacy. **Participants who participated in consultations with a public institution facilitated by CSOs are NOT count towards this indicator.**
Output 1.2: Civic engagement increased	
Number of people who signed a CSO-led petition	This indicator reflects increased public mobilisation / activism around an issue and increased level of public support and engagement. Total count of individuals, including from other countries than the Beneficiary Country, who have signed a petition organised by a supported CSO that focuses broadly on advocating for democratic principles, human rights, gender equality, rule of law, civic engagement or climate action. To count towards this indicator, the petition should be initiated and managed by a CSO supported by the Grants that seeks to influence policy, raise awareness, or advocate for change on issues in line with the CSF programme. Signatories are individuals from any country who voluntarily add their names to the petition in support of the cause, either physically (in person) or digitally (through an online platform). The indicator is calculated as the total number of individual signatories who have added their names to a petition. This can be tracked by keeping records of signatures collected in different forms (physical, online, etc.). **To avoid double counting, if the same person signs several petitions, this person should only be counted once.**

Estimated number of people who engaged and took an action in support of the advocacy / awareness-raising campaigns	Estimated total number of individuals who engaged with the content, messages, or activities of advocacy or awareness-raising campaigns conducted by supported organisations/entities and took an action in response to such campaigns. This indicator tracks direct interactions with the content of the campaign through likes, shares, comments, or other interactions (e.g., re-posts). Reach - impressions (number of times content is displayed to users) and views (number of people who watch or click on content, such as videos or links) do NOT count towards this indicator. Efforts should be made to track unique individuals to avoid double-counting when the same person interacts with multiple elements of the campaign. METHODOLOGY FOR DIGITAL CAMPAIGNS a. Track social media analytics (platforms like Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, and LinkedIn provide detailed analytics dashboards, showing engagement metrics such as likes, comments, and shares) or email campaign metrics (e.g., Mailchimp provide data such as: number of recipients, open rates and click-through rates). For webinars or online events, track the number of participants through attendance reports. b. Aggregate data from all platforms and tools used in the campaign. c. Verify reported data to ensure reliability (e.g., screenshots of analytics dashboards). Deduplicate counts where possible (e.g., using unique user identifiers for websites or cross-referencing engagement data from multiple platforms). METHODOLOGY FOR PHYSICAL CAMPAIGNS: To establish this estimated number, you can track: a. Event attendance: Collect attendance lists from campaign activities. Record headcounts at events like rallies, workshops, or community meetings. b. Material distribution: Track the number of people who receive printed materials (e.g., approximate counts for flyers handed out in a marketplace or posters displayed in high-traffic areas). c. Door-to-door/community outreach: Keep records of the number of households or individuals reached during door-to-door visits. d. Observational counts: For open or informal events (e.g., street theatre, public rallies), estimate the audience size through observational techniques or crowd sampling (or media records for public events).

Number of advocacy/awareness-raising campaigns carried out	Total count of distinct advocacy or awareness-raising initiatives, whether physical or online, conducted by supported organisations/entities. These campaigns should be evidence-based (informed by research) and designed to promote awareness, engagement, or action on a specific issue. Single actions (such as an online petition) do not count towards this indicator. Rather, this indicator tracks structured efforts / multiple actions to influence public opinion, raise awareness, or mobilize support for a cause or policy through digital or in-person channels. Examples of digital channels include social media campaigns, email campaigns, webinars, and targeted advertising. Examples of physical channels include: community outreach events, public demonstrations, rallies, or marches; distribution of printed materials; town hall meetings, workshops, or public seminars; and street theatre, exhibitions, or door-to-door advocacy. A campaign is considered "carried out" when it has been fully implemented or launched and demonstrates tangible activities, such as published content, hosted events, or disseminated materials. The same campaign repeated several times over the Grants period should only be counted once.
Output 1.3: Information integrity and media literacy increased	
Number of new or continued partnerships established between supported CSOs and educational institutions in Slovenia	This indicator measures the total number of new or continued partnerships, alliances, coalitions, or networks established between supported CSOs and other entities (e.g., government agencies, international organisations, businesses, other CSOs, Universities, media outlets, or community groups) within the Beneficiary Country. It reflects the extent to which CSOs are collaborating with other stakeholders, both formally and informally, to advance shared goals, enhance impact, and strengthen their collective efforts. The indicator includes both formal partnerships (e.g., memorandums of understanding, contracts, or legal agreements) and informal partnerships (e.g., non-binding collaborations, alliances, coalitions, or networks that may involve joint actions, shared resources, or informal agreements to work together towards common objectives). New partnerships refer to collaborations established for the first time with Grants support. Continued partnerships refer to partnerships that have existed previously and are maintained or extended with Grants support. This indicator can be customised by the FO, including based on programme priorities and country-specific focus areas, such as: a. Number of new or strengthened alliances/networks between supported CSOs and community groups, religious organisations, ethnic minority groups, and educational institutions focused on promoting intercultural, interethnic, and/or interreligious understanding, dialogue, and inclusion. b. Number of new or strengthened alliances/networks between supported CSOs, media outlets and educational institutions focused on promoting information integrity around the invasion of Ukraine. c. Number of new or strengthened alliances/networks between supported CSOs, environmental groups, media outlets and educational institutions focused on climate action, environmental protection, and a just green transition.
Number of CSO-led initiatives implemented to promote media literacy and counter disinformation	All the CSOs initiatives that will be implemented with the support of CSF. Initiative is not an individual activity but a set of activities with a shared goal.

Number of people who have completed the CSO-led training courses	This indicator reflects CSO engagement in knowledge-sharing and skill-building, and CSO role in empowering target groups with knowledge. Total count of people who have fully completed at least one training course led or organised by supported CSOs. A training course can be defined as multiple structured educational or skill-development sessions over several days (more than one day). People are considered to have "completed" a training course if they have attended and finished all required sessions and met any stipulated requirements (e.g., attendance rate, passing assessments, or receiving a completion certificate). Only courses that are fully completed, not partially attended, count toward this indicator. Avoid double counting: the same individual having completed several training courses should not be counted twice. If your programme targets women or Roma, please use a gender- or Roma-specific indicator. If not, this indicator can be disaggregated by self-reported gender (in non-binary terms) and/or by self-reported ethnicity.
Outcome 2: Human rights strengthened	
Number of cases of activists or human rights defenders at risk protected and/or supported	Total number of documented cases in which activists or human rights defenders (HRDs) at risk have received protection and/or support by supported CSOs. It helps reflect the effectiveness of efforts to safeguard individuals advocating for human rights, democracy, climate action or other Programme-related topics and mitigate threats against them. Each case represents one or more activists or HRDs who have been provided with protection or support. Protection includes legal assistance, emergency relocation, security measures, temporary shelter, or other interventions to ensure the safety of individuals facing threats, harassment, or persecution. Support encompasses psychosocial counselling, medical care, financial aid, advocacy assistance, relocation support or other resources that help at-risk individuals continue their work or recover from trauma. The Project Promoters should document cases using a case management system while upholding confidentiality and ethical standards. To prevent double counting, they are strongly encouraged to assign a unique identifier – such as a code or case number – to each supported individual. This approach ensures anonymity, safeguards personal data, and enables accurate tracking. The FMO recognizes that case management databases cannot be shared across organisations and, therefore, acknowledges the possibility of data duplication when the FO aggregates programme-wide data. If your programme targets women or Roma, please use a gender- or Roma-specific indicator. If not, this indicator can be disaggregated by self-reported gender (in non-binary terms) and/or by self-reported ethnicity. Please see the Guidance on the use of the core indicators library. Please see the Guidance on the use of the core indicators library.

Number of training participants self-reporting improved knowledge/understanding	This indicator reflects increased knowledge and understanding among target groups and reflect short-term learning outcomes – immediate cognitive gains. This indicator measures the total number of training participants who report an increase in their knowledge/understanding of the training topics [topics to be defined in line with the CSF programme], based on a self-assessment. If your programme targets women or Roma, please use a gender- or Roma-specific indicator. If not, this indicator can be disaggregated by self-reported gender (in non-binary terms) and/or by self-reported ethnicity. Please see the Guidance on the use of the core indicators library.
Estimated number of people who engaged and took an action in support of the advocacy / awareness-raising campaigns	same as above
Output 2.1: Human rights, including anti-discrimination, and social justice supported	
Number of human rights violations documented and reported by supported CSOs	This indicator reflects increased capacity of CSOs to monitor, document and raise awareness of human rights issues and increased role in accountability and advocacy for justice. Total count of human rights violations that have been formally documented and reported by supported CSOs to relevant authorities, institutions, or advocacy platforms at any levels (local, national, regional or international). Documentation includes collecting evidence, recording testimonies, and categorising violations based on legal or human rights frameworks. This indicator intends to help assess the scope and frequency of human rights violations in a given country. Human rights violations can be tracked through: a. Incident reports from human rights organisations, media sources, or legal bodies. b. Official complaints filed with national or international institutions. c. Surveys and interviews with victims, witnesses, or community monitors. d. Legal case tracking where human rights violations are brought before courts or tribunals. As much as possible, avoid duplication of reports if multiple organisations document the same incident.
Number of advocacy/awareness-raising campaigns carried out	same as above
Number of people who have completed the CSO-led training courses	same as above
Output 2.2: Gender equality, including SRHR, and LGBTIQ+ rights supported	

Number of supported CSOs working on LGBTQI+ rights outside of Ljubljana	the total number of supported CSOs working on LGBTIQ+ rights that are not based in Ljubljana
Number of advocacy/awareness-raising campaigns carried out	same as above
Number of supported CSOs working on gender equality or women's rights outside of Ljubljana	the total number of supported CSOs working on gender equality or women's rights that are not based in Ljubljana
Output 2.3: Climate action, environmental protection, and a just green transition supported	
Number of strategic litigation cases filed in court by the supported CSOs	This indicator reflects CSOs' engagement in legal advocacy to influence policy, set legal precedents, or protect rights. Total count of legal cases filed by supported CSOs under the Grants on a topic related to the CSF programme. To be counted, a case must be filed in a recognized legal or quasi-legal body (e.g., courts, tribunals, or regulatory bodies). Strategic litigation cases are specifically designed to achieve broader societal impact beyond the immediate interests of the parties involved, often aiming to set legal precedents, influence policy, or promote systemic change. The case can be on any topic (climate inaction, domestic and gender-based violence, violation of freedom of expression, restrictions to NGOs' operations, etc.) relevant to the CSF programme and brought at any level (local, national, regional, international courts).
Number of new or continued partnerships established between supported CSOs and other entities within the Beneficiary Country	same as above
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Number of supported CSOs with improved overall organisational strength	Measured by a spider-diagram.
Number of supported CSOs that have increased the number of active volunteers	Number of CSOs that were supported and have increased the number of active volunteers. By active we mean volunteers that have participated as volunteer in at least one event/action of this organization in the previous 12 months. If they only participated as non-active observer (as participant of the conference) this doesn't count.
Number of supported CSOs that have diversified their funding base	This indicator reflects increased financial stability, sustainability and resilience. It measures the total count of supported CSOs that have successfully expanded the variety of their funding sources as a result of Grants' support. Funding refers to financial contributions, grants, donations, or sponsorships directly supporting the activities, programmes or operations of CSOs. To count towards this indicator, the CSO must meet at least one of the following criteria: a. Increased total number of distinct donors. b. Funding secured from new types of donors (e.g., governments, individuals, private sector entities, foundations, international organisations/UN agencies). c. Alternative income streams such as social enterprises, income-generating activities or membership fees have been developed. d. A more balanced structure of funding between core/unearmarked funding, and earmarked funding is achieved. If a CSO has achieved greater funding diversification in several ways, it should still count once towards this indicator.
Output 3.1: Organisational development supported	
Number of strategic litigation cases initiated by supported CSOs	same as above

Number of employees from supported CSOs with improved skills	This indicator reflects enhanced competences and capacity within the supported entities / organisations. This indicator measures the total number of employees from the supported the supported public institutions, CSOs and companies who have gained new or enhanced skills through training, mentoring, coaching, upskilling, or other capacity-building efforts thanks to Grants' support. It is different from the indicators (ALL-007c/d and CIV-HUM-001b) on the number of participants in training workshops. METHODOLOGY This indicator will be tracked through a self-assessment survey among employees of supported entities / organisations, conducted by Project Promoters. a. Define improved skills – Specify what "improved skills" means (e.g., increased confidence, better application of skills) and list key targeted skills. b. Survey design – Use a self-reported questionnaire with questions such as: “On a scale of 1 to 5, how would you rate your skills in [X] before and after receiving support?” “Have you applied the new skills in your work?” (Yes/No) “Do you feel more confident in performing tasks related to [X]?” (Likert scale) c. Conduct an anonymous, online survey (e.g., Google Forms, SurveyMonkey) annually for ease of data collection and honest feedback. d. Data analysis – Compare self-reported "before" and "after" ratings. Employees receiving support over multiple years should be counted only once, as the unit of measure is cumulative. e. Aggregation – The Programme Operator / Fund Operator consolidates results from all project promoters. If your programme targets women, consider making this indicator gender-specific. If not, this indicator should be disaggregated by self-reported gender (in non-binary terms): female / male / other / prefer not to say. Please see the Guidance on the use of the core indicators library.
Output 3.2 An enabling environment for civil society supported	
Number of capacity-building materials developed by the supported networks that are used by other CSOs or networks.	Number of capacity-building materials (like guidelines, toolkits, tools etc.) that were produced by the supported networks and are used by other CSOs or networks. To be counted the materials have to be in use not only produced. This can be proven by the number of downloads or surveys among CSOs.

Number of CSO that participated in capacity-building activities delivered through supported networks	number of different CSOs who have participated in capacity-building activities delivered by supported networks. Each CSO can be counted only once even if it has participated in different activities with different representatives.
Number of CSO training participants self-reporting improved knowledge in key thematic areas following training by supported networks	same as above