

Implementation framework

In accordance with Article 2.1 of the Regulation, the Parties to this Memorandum of Understanding have agreed on an implementation framework outlined in this annex.

1. Financial parameters of the implementation framework

Czech Republic	Norwegian FM contribution
Programme area	
Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)	€ 5,023,623
Global fund for Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue	€ 704,000
Bilateral Research Cooperation	€ 14,516,377
Bilateral Scholarship Programme	€ 3,520,000
Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities	€ 1,760,000
Public Health Initiatives	€ 19,180,000
Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance	€ 3,412,947
Domestic and Gender-based Violence	€ 4,162,870
Schengen Cooperation and Combating Cross-border and Organised Crime, including Trafficking and Itinerant Criminal Groups	€ 6,274,183
Judicial Capacity-building and Cooperation	€ 2,464,000
Correctional Services, including Non-custodial Sanctions	€ 2,464,000
Other allocations	
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State (Art. 1.9)	€ 1,056,000
Fund for bilateral relations at national level (Art. 3.5.1)	€ 582,000
Net allocation to the Czech Republic	€ 65,120,000

2. Specific concerns

Bilateral relations between Norway and the Czech Republic shall be strengthened with the aim of stimulating long-term cooperation, in particular in the programme areas listed below with donor programme partners, as well as through other means such as partnership at project level in all programme areas supported.

The Beneficiary State shall ensure that the co-financing to programmes or projects from national sources is in a close proximity to 15 % of the total eligible costs to programme areas in the Beneficiary State unless otherwise is agreed and specified in the Programme Agreement.

The appraisal of Programme Proposals will take due account of relevant human rights- and governance-related standards of the Council of Europe (such as those monitored by CPT, GRECO, GRETA, ECRI etc.), including the Convention for the Protection of Human Rights and Fundamental Freedoms.

3. Substantive parameters of the implementation framework

The programmes described below are to be prepared and, subject to NMFA approval, implemented in the Beneficiary State.

A. Programme Area no 20:

Carbon Capture and Storage (CCS)

Programme:

Pilot studies and surveys on CCS technology

Objective:

Mitigate Climate Change

Outcome(s):

Increased knowledge and transnational cooperation on CCS

Programme grant:

€ 5,023,623

Programme operator:

National Focal Point – Ministry of Finance

Specific concern(s):

Geophysical investigations and preparation potential repository, including reflection seismology, deep bore-holes, identification of physical properties of rocks etc.

Knowledge exchange and networking activities.

The cooperation committee shall include as member representatives from the relevant public authority or institution in charge of the policy area in question.

B. Programme Area no 22:

Global Fund for Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue

Programme:

Decent work and Social Dialogue

Objective:

Decent work promoted and tripartite cooperation improved between employers' organisations, trade unions and public authorities in supporting equitable and sustainable economic and social development

Programme grant: € 704,000
Programme operator: Innovation Norway

C. Programme Area no 23:

Bilateral Research Cooperation

Programme:

Research Support Fund

Objective:

Enhanced research-based knowledge development in the Beneficiary States through enhanced research cooperation between Norway and the Beneficiary States

Programme grant:

€ 14,516,377

Programme operator:

Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports

Donor programme partner(s):

The Research Council of Norway

Specific concern(s):

The programme will also cover social sciences and the humanities and will be developed in consultation with the donor country. The parties commit to ensure the efficient and smooth management of the Programme. The details concerning the reimbursement of the costs of the Donor State partners will be further discussed.

D. Programme Area no 24:

Bilateral Scholarship Programme

Programme:

Bilateral Scholarship Programme

Objective:

Enhanced human capital and knowledge base in the Beneficiary States

Programme grant:

€ 3,520,000

Programme operator:

The National Agency for European Educational Programmes, within the Centre for International Services.

Donor programme partner(s):

The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU)

Specific concern(s):

The programme shall be implemented jointly with PA 19 in the EEA Financial Mechanism.

E. Programme Area no 25:

Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities

Programme:

Capacity-building and Institutional Cooperation between Beneficiary State and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities

Objective:

Strengthened institutional capacity and human resource development in public institutions, local and regional authorities in the Beneficiary States within the agreed priority sectors through cooperation and transfer of

knowledge with similar institutions and authorities in Norway

Programme grant: € 1,760,000
Programme operator: National Focal Point – Ministry of Finance
Pre-defined project(s): Cooperate with the Council of Europe to ensure an improved implementation of the recommendations made by Greco.

F. Programme Area no 27:

Public Health Initiatives

Programme: **Public Health Initiatives**
Objective: Improved public health and reduced health inequalities
Programme grant: € 19,180,000
Programme operator: National Focal Point – Ministry of Finance
Donor programme partner(s): The Norwegian Institute of Public Health
Specific concern(s): Minimum 40 % of the total eligible expenditures of the programme shall be dedicated to the area of mental health.
The cooperation committee shall include as member representatives from the relevant public authority or institution in charge of the policy area in question.

G. Programme Area no 28 & 29:

Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance & Domestic and Gender-based Violence

Programme 1: **Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance & Domestic and Gender-based Violence**
Objective: *Let's give (wo)men a chance*
Gender equality and work-life balance promoted
Outcome(s): Awareness raised and research on gender issues promoted
Balance between work, private and family life improved
Domestic violence reduced
Capacity of gender equality organisations and networks strengthened
Gender-based violence reduced
Programme grant: € 6,735,817
Programme operator: Open Society Fund Prague
Specific concern(s): The programme should also address the specific needs of minorities.

Programme 2: **Domestic and Gender-based Violence & Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance**

Objective: Gender-based violence prevented and tackled

Outcome(s): Gender-based violence reduced
Domestic violence reduced
Awareness raised and research on gender issues promoted
Balance between work, private and family life improved

Programme grant: € 840,000

Programme operator: National Focal Point – Ministry of Finance

Pre-defined project(s): Prevention of Domestic and Gender-based Violence and Gender Equality in Practice.

The pre-defined project shall be a governmental project. The Project Promoter shall be the Office of the Government of the Czech Republic.

The total project grant shall be € 800,000.

H. Programme Area no 30:

Schengen Cooperation and Combating Cross-border and Organised Crime, including Trafficking and Itinerant Criminal Groups

Programme: **Schengen Cooperation and Combating Cross-border and Organised Crime, including Trafficking and Itinerant Criminal Groups**

Objective: Increase citizen's security through improvement of the efficiency of cooperation between law enforcement authorities in the Schengen Member States in fighting organised crime, including trafficking in human beings.

Programme grant: € 6,274,183

Programme operator: National Focal Point – Ministry of Finance

Specific concern(s): The programme should address the importance of good cooperation between the law enforcement authorities and the general public, especially the cooperation with minority groups.

I. Programme Area no 31:

**Judicial Capacity-building Cooperation
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Programme:

Objective: A fairer and more efficient judicial system
Programme grant: € 2,464,000
Programme operator: National Focal Point – Ministry of Finance
Specific concern(s): The programme shall be prepared and implemented jointly with PA 32.

Programme Area no 32:

Correctional Services, including Non-custodial Sanctions

Programme: Correctional services, including Non-custodial sanctions.
Objective: Improved correctional services system in compliance with relevant international human rights instruments.
Programme grant: € 2,464,000
Programme operator: National Focal Point – Ministry of Finance
Donor programme partner: The Council of Europe
Specific concern(s): The cooperation committee shall include as member representatives from the relevant public authority or institution in charge of the policy area in question.
The programme shall be prepared and implemented jointly with PA 31.