
Programme CZ – Human Rights

Open Call for proposals of projects to be funded from the Norway Grants 2014-2021

Call Title: Support for interdisciplinary cooperation in the area of domestic and gender-based violence

The Ministry of Finance as the Programme Operator announces on 18 January 2022, Open Call for proposals of projects to be funded from the Norway Grants 2014-2021 under the small grant scheme Programme CZ – Human Rights focusing on the Area of Support “Prevention of domestic and gender-based violence”.

I. Identification and the timetable of the Call

Programme Operator	Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
Call Code	HRMGSB
Call Title	Support for interdisciplinary cooperation in the area of domestic and gender-based violence
Call Announcement Date	18.1. 2022
Opening date and time for the receipt of applications	18.1. 2022; 12:00
Closing date and time for the receipt of applications	12.4. 2022; 12:00
Indicative starting date of projects	October 2022

II. Objective and Focus of the Call

One of the sub-objectives of the Human Rights Programme is to improve assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence by funding measures that will help strengthen the capacity of the system to prevent and combat domestic and gender-based violence. The issue of domestic and gender-based violence affects the area of criminal and civil law, social policy and care and it also affects the sphere of physical and mental health. Many public institutions and other non-state actors are thus involved in resolving cases of domestic and gender-based violence and helping its victims.

The aim of the Call is to support capacity building of organizations operating in the field of assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence to coordinate interdisciplinary cooperation at the regional level. Interdisciplinary cooperation is essential for the correct and comprehensive resolution of cases of domestic and gender-based violence as well as for the effective prevention of these forms of violence. At present, interdisciplinary cooperation in the Czech Republic is coordinated by various entities - at the national level, e.g. The Office of the Government of the Czech Republic and the Committee for the Prevention of Domestic Violence and Violence against Women, at the regional level through individual organizations providing assistance to victims of domestic violence (especially intervention centres¹), or municipalities or the police.

However, the effort to effectively coordinate interdisciplinary cooperation often encounters a lack of capacity (personnel, financial and professional) on the part of the relevant entities, low will of some actors to engage in interdisciplinary cooperation or the absence of suitable conditions for coordination of this cooperation. In particular, insufficient capacity to implement a human rights-based approach and a gender understanding of domestic and gender-based violence remains a persistent problem within professional capacities.² The Call responds to these shortcomings and the need for stronger interconnection of relevant actors in the assistance of persons at risk of domestic and gender-based violence and it seeks sustainable capacity building of organizations active in the field of domestic and gender-based violence to coordinate interdisciplinary cooperation at the regional level.

Capacity building in order to deepen interdisciplinary cooperation of relevant entities in addressing the issue of domestic and gender-based violence is also one of the objectives of the Action Plan for the Prevention of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence for 2019 - 2022 (hereinafter the "Action Plan").³ **The submitted projects should be based on an understanding of domestic and gender-based violence in accordance with the Action Plan and thus also reflect the Czech Republic's international human rights obligations (especially the UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women⁴).**

A related objective of the Action Plan in providing assistance to persons at risk of domestic violence is also to take into account the needs of persons facing multiple discrimination. The Call therefore also seeks to create the conditions for improving the situation of particularly vulnerable groups of victims of domestic and sexual violence, and projects are expected to take into account the needs of these people. Taking into account the specific needs of disadvantaged groups is therefore one of the evaluation criteria.

¹ Intervention centre - one of the services of social prevention, § 60a Act No. 108/2006 Coll., on social services.

² In accordance with international standards, domestic and gender-based violence is considered a violation of human rights and the principle of equality between women and men. Part of this approach is understanding that persistent gender inequalities are one of the causes of domestic, sexual and other forms of gender-based violence.

³ Available in Czech on: <https://www.vlada.cz/assets/ppov/rovne-prilezitosti-zen-a-muzu/dokumenty/AP-DN---grafikaFINAL.pdf>

⁴ Available in Czech on: <https://www.osn.cz/wp-content/uploads/2015/03/umluva-o-odstraneni-vsech-forem-diskriminace-zen.pdf>

III. Allocation of the Call

The financial allocation of the Call decisive for the selection of the projects to be funded is 1,000,000 EUR. The minimum and maximum grant amount is stated in Chapter IX.

IV. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants shall be:

- Contributory organization established by a territorial self-governing unit established as legal persons according to Act No. 250/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules of territorial budgets;
- Non-governmental non-profit organisations (hereinafter referred to as NGOs) established as legal persons in the Czech Republic as follows:
 - Association according to Act. No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code as amended; Subsidiary Association representing an organizational unit of an Association is not considered an eligible applicant;
 - Institute according to Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code as amended;
 - Special-purpose entity of a registered church and religious society established by the church and religious society for the provision of charitable services according to Act No. 3/2002 Coll., on freedom of religion and status of churches and religious societies and amending certain laws (the Act on Churches and Religious Communities); as amended;
 - Public benefit organization according to the to Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended, that refers to the Act No. 248/1995 Coll., on public benefit organizations and on amendments to certain acts, as amended (hereinafter referred to as public benefit organization);
 - Foundation or endowment fund according to the Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended (hereinafter referred to as foundation or endowment fund).
 - Association of the legal entities Act No. 89/2012 Coll., the Civil Code, as amended.

The condition for submission of the application is experience in providing interdisciplinary cooperation by the applicant's organisation for at least the last 1 year at the time of submission of the grant application. The applicant shall prove this condition by completion of the mandatory annex to the grant application, *Annual Report for 2020 (possibly Annual Report 2021, if the document is already available)*. It is presumed that the applicant has fulfilled the obligations set out in Act No. 304/2013 Coll., The new Act on the Public Registers of Legal Entities and Natural Persons, as amended.

Within the quality assessment of the grant application there will be assessed whether the applicant has defined appropriate standards of interdisciplinary cooperation in the area of domestic and gender-based violence (see Chapter XIII of this Call). This fact that the applicant has such standards must be described by the applicant in the relevant part of the grant application in compliance with the Guidelines for Applicants (please see the Guideline for Applicants, Chapter 2.2.5). In the case of an applicant who provides interventions to perpetrators of violence in close relationships, such organization must also have defined standards corresponding to the *Minimum Standards of Work with perpetrators (male and female) of violence in close relationships in the Czech Republic*⁵.

Each applicant may submit only one grant application under this Call.

Potential applicants are not entitled to participate in the Call if:

- They have tax arrears in the tax records or arrears of insurance premium or of penalty on public health insurance or social security and national employment policy contributions⁶;
- Recovery orders have been issued against them after a previous decision of the European Commission declaring that the provided aid is unlawful and incompatible with the common market;

The conditions of applicant eligibility has to be met as of the date of submitting the grant application. Applicants state whether they meet the conditions in the previous paragraph by means of the Declaration of the Applicant, which is a mandatory annex to the grant application.

⁵ Available at: https://www.vlada.cz/assets/ppov/rovne-prilezitosti-zen-a-muzu/Projekt_OPZ/vystupy_projektu/Minimalni-standardy-prace-s-puvodci-a-puvodkynemi-nasili-v-blizkych-vztazich-v-Ceske-republice.pdf

⁶ The no-arrears conditions are met if the tax payer has been permitted to delay the payment of tax or to pay tax in instalments pursuant to Section 156 of Act No 280/2009 Coll., the Tax Code, or to pay insurance premium and penalty in instalments pursuant to Section 20a of Act No 589/1992 Coll. on contributions to social security and to the national employment policy.

V. Eligible Partners and Support for Donor Partnership Projects

The application can be submitted in the partnership with public or private, commercial or non-commercial entities, including NGOs established as legal persons in Norway, the Czech Republic or in other Norway Grants 2014-2021 Beneficiary States⁷ and international organizations or their agencies actively and effectively participating in the implementation of the project. Entities from Iceland and Liechtenstein are not considered eligible partners.

Within the quality assessment of the application, projects implemented in the partnership with the Czech regional authorities (municipalities, municipal districts, regions) and directly on the Czech regional authority's territory will be awarded extra points⁸ as such partnerships are strongly encouraged.

The cost of supporting and strengthening the partnership can be included in the project budget.

There is no limit to the maximum number of project partners. Natural persons are not eligible project partners.

VI. Eligible Activities, Period of Project Implementation and Sustainability

The Call is aimed at strengthening the capacities of organisations working in the field of assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence to coordinate interdisciplinary cooperation at regional level and to develop the professional capacities of these entities.

The Call **supports the creation or expansion of an interdisciplinary platform that will contribute to comprehensive assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence.** This type of eligible activity must be developed into at least one so-called key activity of the project within the grant application.

In particular, the following types of eligible activities are supported under the Call in relation to the creation or expansion of an interdisciplinary platform:

- **the creation of a new interdisciplinary platform** (i.e. in particular the establishment of an interdisciplinary platform in a new location or territory or the establishment of an interdisciplinary platform to address forms of gender-based violence not yet covered by the activities of existing interdisciplinary platforms in a given location);
- **development of personal and professional capacities of the staff** of entities involved in multidisciplinary cooperation in the framework of providing assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- **introducing innovative programmes and tools for interdisciplinary cooperation** in providing assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- **implementation of measures to increase the motivation of relevant actors to interdisciplinary cooperation** in the provision of assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- **implementation of measures to increase professional capacities** (building and developing professional knowledge and skills) in the application of gender mainstreaming and ensuring international standards (in particular the Council of Europe) in assisting persons at risk of domestic and gender-based violence;
- **implementation of measures to increase professional capacities** to address the needs of multiple disadvantaged groups of persons at risk of domestic and gender-based violence (persons with disabilities, the elderly, Roma, Roma women, LGBT+ persons, migrants, etc.) and the introduction of tools to take into account the needs of these groups;
- **introducing tools to enhance the capacity of newly created or expanded platforms to respond to emergency situations** (e.g. pandemics, natural disasters, etc.) **in providing assistance to people at risk of domestic and gender-based violence;**
- **processing and development of tools to identify risk factors related to domestic and gender-based violence and aspects of the potential threat to persons exposed to these forms of violence and to introduce these tools into practice;**
- **applying examples of good practice and innovative solutions** to increase the positive impact of services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- **deepening cooperation with organizations providing interventions to perpetrators of violence in close relationships** (Cooperation can take place only with organizations providing interventions to persons perpetrating violence in close relationships, which have ensured a way of complying with the Minimum Standards for Treatment for Violent Perpetrators (male and female) in

⁷ Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Cyprus, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia.

⁸ Act No 314/2002 Coll., on the appointment of municipalities with a delegated municipal office and on the Appointment of municipalities with extended competence, as amended, the City of Prague according to Act No. 131/2000 Coll., on the City of Prague, (the Municipal Order), as amended, Act No 129/2000 Coll., on regions (Establishment of Regions), as amended.

Close Relationships in the Czech Republic⁹. The applicant will describe in the grant application, if the cooperating organizations have the ensured way of keeping these Standards);

- **expanding data collection in relation to domestic and gender-based violence;**

- **education in order to spread awareness about the activities of organizations** operating in the field of assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

The above list of eligible types of activities is not exhaustive. The applicant may include in the grant application and develop in the form of so-called key project activities other types of suitable activities that may be considered eligible, if the applicant properly describes them and justifies the need for their implementation with regard to the stated goal and expected outcome of the Programme. Extra points will be awarded to projects that reflect the specific needs of vulnerable groups and are able to identify them and respond appropriately to them in individual activities (please see the Evaluation criterion 5.1).

The project activities must take place on the territory of the Czech Republic and/or Norway (if the project is implemented in bilateral partnership with an entity from Norway).

The minimum implementation period is 12 months. The deadline for completing the project implementation and all its activities is 30 April 2024.

The sustainability of the project outputs after its implementation is not required. However, within the quality assessment projects whose activities and concrete outputs contribute to effective problem solutions of the target groups and at the same time lead to the development (capacity building) of the applicant will be awarded extra points. The expected benefits of the project must be properly described and justified in the grant application.

VII. Programme Objectives and Project Relevance

The aim of the Programme is to improve the human rights situation and combat discrimination and extremism in the Czech Republic. In Programme Area 22 - Domestic and Gender-Based Violence this Call aims to support the capacity building of organisations working in the field of assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence to coordinate interdisciplinary cooperation at the regional level and to develop professional capacities to provide assistance to victims of domestic violence.

In order to monitor the impact and influence of the Programme, expected Programme outcomes and outputs of the Programme have been defined, the indicators of which make it possible to evaluate the progress of the Programme. The project submitted must support Programme outcome 3 below, while contributing to Programme outcome 3.1 (see table below).

In the grant application, the applicant shall describe the relevance of the project to the overall objective, outcome and output of the Programme and set out the purpose of the project in relation to the focus of this Call.

In addition to the pre-set mandatory indicator, which must always be taken into account in the submitted project, the applicant must also select from the mandatory optional Programme indicators (see table below) those that are relevant to the submitted project with regard to its key activities. For both the mandatory indicator and the selected mandatory optional indicators, the applicant shall indicate the planned target value, i.e. set a realistic value to be achieved through the implementation of the project. The default value of the Programme indicators, i.e. the state before the start of the project, is set to zero. The fulfilment of the target values of the indicators will be monitored during the project implementation through monitoring reports submitted three times a year (or every four months of the project implementation).

Programme Objective	Improving the human rights situation and combating discrimination and extremism at national level	
Programme outcome 3	Strengthened capacity of the system for preventing and combatting domestic and gender-based violence	
		Further Specification
Outcome 3 indicators	Number of beneficiaries of services provided	Mandatory optional indicator, monitoring indicator, target value to be disaggregated by gender, age
	Number of jobs created	Mandatory optional indicator, monitoring indicator, target value to be disaggregated by gender, age
Programme output 3.1	Victims of domestic and gender-based violence assisted	

⁹ Standards are available in Czech on: https://www.vlada.cz/assets/ppov/rovne-prilezitosti-zen-a-muzu/Projekt_OPZ/Vystupy_projektu/Minimalni-standardy-prace-s-puvodci-a-puvodkynemi-nasili-v-blizkych-vztazich-v-Ceske-republice.pdf.

Output 3.1 indicator	Number of interdisciplinary platforms conducive to complex assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence supported	Mandatory indicator, binding target value
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The Programme output and related target values of Programme output indicators are binding as directly linked to the project activities and the project budget.

The project implementation shall contribute to reaching the Programme outcome, the achievement of which may depend on factors out of the project promoters' control. **The achieved results for the Programme outcome indicator will be collected and reported for monitoring purposes.** Eventual failure to achieve the target value will have to be explained in the monitoring reports.

The applicant also defines the outputs of project activities and their indicators. **The outputs of project activities and set indicator target values are binding** as directly linked to the project activities and the project budget. Although deviations at this level should not occur, any eventual deviations between achieved results and the target values will have to be justified in the monitoring reports and this discrepancy is subjected to the assessment of the PO with regards to its effect on the project purpose.

Partnership with entity(ies) from Norway must fulfil at least one of the pre-defined bilateral indicators through which the cooperation between the entities from the donor and beneficiary states will be monitored. Bilateral partnership will also be measured by the skills and knowledge acquired through the partnership and the level of trust and satisfaction within the partnership¹⁰.

Detailed information on the outcome and output indicators of the Programme including definitions and description of their methods of determination and evaluation are provided in the Guideline for Applicants.

VIII. Eligible Expenditures

Rules on the categories and types of eligible expenditures are laid down in Chapter 8 of the Regulation on the Implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021. They are further described in the Guideline for Applicants and Guideline of the National Focal Point for Eligible Expenditures under EEA/Norway Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021.

Investment costs are not considered eligible for support under this Call. Investment expenditures means the acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets and the acquisition of real estate and/or land according to the specification in chapter 3.1.3 or 3.1.5 Guideline of the National Focal Point for Eligible Expenditures under EEA/Norway Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021.

The project must not generate a profit.

The project management cost may be part of the project budget exclusively in the Management chapter. For projects with a duration above 24 months, the maximum allocation of the Management chapter is set at 15% of the total eligible project expenditures. Projects with a duration of less than and including 24 months can set the allocation of the Management chapter to a maximum of 10 % of the total eligible project expenditures.

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IX. Grant Amount – Co-financing – Advance Payments – System of Payments

The minimum grant amount is 50,000 EUR. The maximum grant amount is 200,000 EUR.

The maximum project grant rate is shown in the table below.

Type of the Applicant	Grant (Norway Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021 + state budget)	Co-financing of the Grant recipient
Eligible Applicants as referred to in Chapter IV. Eligible Applicants	100%	0%

The final date of eligibility of expenditures is 30 April 2024.

The applicant may apply for an advance payment for up to 60% of the awarded grant. The applicant will justify the advance payment request in the grant application.

¹⁰ The level of trust and satisfaction within the partnership will be measured by an external survey conducted by Financial Mechanism Office.

In accordance with Act No. 218/2000 Coll., On Budget Rules, the advance payment is not provided to public entity associated with state budget.

Project promoter's expenditures will be reimbursed ex-post as part of interim payments based on the expenses actually incurred (payment request will be submitted together with the monitoring reports; monitoring reports shall be submitted every four months). The project promoter will provide lists of expenditures including required documents. The final payment (maximum 10% of the grant) will be reimbursed after the approval of the final monitoring report.

There is no legal claim for the grant.

The Programme Operator reserves the right not to distribute all of the funds available within the financial allocation of the Call mentioned in Chapter III.

X. Drawing up and Submitting of the Grant Application

The grant application must be filled in and submitted only electronically through the information system IS CEDR by **12.4.2022, 12:00**.

The grant application and its annexes will be drawn up in English (only given fields such as Brief Project Summary and relevant fields in the grant application will be filled in Czech) and provided in the standardized format (if the standardized format is available for the given annex – see Guideline for Applicants).

The planned project expenditures will be calculated in CZK.

Information on drawing up and submitting the grant application is provided in this Call, Guideline for Applicants, and description and help comments in the IS CEDR.

- Guideline for Applicants is available at www.eeagrants.cz
- The grant application must be accompanied by all mandatory annexes – see the Guideline for Applicants. Standardized annexes can be downloaded from the IS CEDR and www.eeagrants.cz
- In the course of the appraisal of the grant application, the applicant may be asked to provide additional supporting documents or data necessary for the decision on the grant award, including the request to submit paper form of some annexes. As part of the verification, the Programme Operator may recommend the applicant to modify some parts of the grant application.
- The mandatory data to be filled in the grant application include information on all consultants involved in the preparation of the grant application.

Technical requirements and recommendations

- The IS CEDR application is available at www.eeagrants.cz/cedr. Access to the IS CEDR application is also available via the CEDR banner at www.eeagrants.cz.
- In case of technical difficulties with the preparation and submission of the grant application, it is possible to contact the hotline; contacts to be found at IS CEDR homepage, menu Contacts.
- The grant application and its annexes can be filled in gradually in the IS CEDR, the system supports continuous saving of already completed parts.
- The grant application and relevant requested annexes (see the Guideline for Applicants) must be signed with a qualified electronic signature of the statutory or authorised representative of the applicant.
- Please note that only information available in the grant application and its annexes will be considered for the process of project appraisal and selection. All parts of the grant application must be therefore filled in carefully, specifically and clearly.
- We recommend submitting the grant application sufficiently in advance before the deadline of the Call. Leaving the submission of the grant application to the last minute could cause problems due to the system overload.

XI. Publicly Accessible Documents for the implementation of the Norway Grants 2014-2021

Documents (Regulations, guidelines and methodologies) are accessible on the following websites:

Financial Mechanism Office

(mainly Regulation on the Implementation of the Norway
Financial Mechanism 2014-2021)

www.eeagrants.org

National Focal Point

(mainly the Guideline of the NFP for Eligible Expenditures)

www.mfcr.cz, www.norwaygrants.cz

XII. Process of Grant Application Appraisal and Project Selection

The phases of the project appraisal to be applied in the selection process of grant applications submitted under this Call include:

1) Assessment of the administrative and eligibility criteria

The administrative and eligibility criteria will be assessed according to the defined criteria, which are listed in points 1) and 2) of Chapter XIII of this Call.

In case of deficiencies (e.g. completeness and legibility) in any of the correctable criteria, the applicant will be informed of these facts and invited via the IS CEDR to adjust the relevant annexes to the grant application, within the determined deadline. The grant application itself can no longer be adjusted after its submission. The administrative and eligibility criteria set out in the Call, including information on whether they are correctable, are described in more detail in Annex 3 of the Guideline for Applicants (Checklist for verifying compliance with the administrative and eligibility criteria).

Grant applications that do not meet administrative and eligibility criteria will be excluded from the further appraisal. The applicant will be notified via the IS CEDR about the rejection of the grant application due to non-compliance with administrative and/or eligibility criteria. The applicant may appeal against the exclusion of the grant application due to a failure to meet the administrative and eligibility criteria through the IS CEDR within 15 days after receiving the decision on the rejection of the grant application.

2) Assessment of the quality of the grant application by external evaluators

Each grant application is assessed by two external evaluators according to the evaluation criteria specified in point 3) Chapter XIII of this Call. The resulting score of the grant application is the arithmetic average of the scores of both evaluators.

If the difference between the total scores of the evaluators is higher than 30% of the value of the higher score, the grant application will be assessed by a third evaluator. The resulting score will be calculated as an arithmetic average of scores (i.e. the sum of points awarded by external evaluators) of the two evaluations that are closest to each other. If the score value of the third evaluation is exactly between the score value of the first and second evaluation, the arithmetic mean is calculated from the two higher values.

3) Assessment of the grant applications by the Selection Committee

The Selection Committee receives a list of all projects that have been assessed in terms of quality. The grant applications are listed in order of the resulting score given by external evaluators (arithmetic average of scores rounded on two decimal places). The Selection Committee discusses the submitted grant applications and submits a list of recommended grant applications including reserve projects to the Programme Operator - the Ministry of Finance - for the verification. The Selection Committee based on proper justification has the right to change the ranking of the grant applications determined by external evaluators' scores.

4) Verification by the Programme Operator

The Programme Operator verifies the process of appraising the grant applications including the verification of each of the recommended and reserve grant applications.

5) Approving/disapproving the grant

Based on the result of the verification, the Programme Operator decides on approving/disapproving the grant and informs the applicant about the next steps. A Grant approval letter and subsequently a legal act on grant award are issued to the successful applicants. The Programme Operator publishes the list of the successful applicants to which a grant has been awarded on its website. Unsuccessful applicants receive a legal act on not awarding the grant with a brief description of the reasons for that decision. The legal act on not awarding the grant is not possible to appeal.

Start of the approved projects implementation is expected not earlier than 6 months after the closing date of the Call for receipt of grant applications (i.e. in October 2022).

Information on the conditions of state aid

This Call will support projects financing which does not constitute state aid pursuant to Art. 107 (par. 1) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union.

Information on the conditions of state aid

The implementation of the EEA Grants is based on the principles of transparency, openness and accountability with no tolerance for corruption or misuse of grants. In accordance with these principles, the applicant has the right to lodge a complaint regarding suspected abuse or irregularities related to the EEA Grants. A complaint may be submitted in the following ways:

— electronically by email: stiznosti-czp@mfcrcz

— in writing - by post to:

Ministry of Finance
Department 58 - International Relations
Unit 5804 - Centre for Foreign Assistance - Preparation and Coordination
Letenská 15
118 10 Prague 1

XIII. Administrative, Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

1) Administrative criteria

- The grant application was submitted within the due period set in the Call.
- The grant application is drawn up in the required language in line with the Call.
- All mandatory data are filled in the grant application.
- The grant application is electronically signed by a statutory representative of the applicant or an authorised person.
- All mandatory annexes are complete and are provided in the required form in line with the Call and the Guideline for Applicants.
- The applicant submitted 1 grant application ¹¹.

2) Eligibility criteria

- The applicant is eligible.
- The partner is/partners are/ eligible.
- The project complies with the focus of the Call (Programme area, outcome, output).
- The place of the project implementation complies with the conditions of the Call.
- The expected duration of the project implementation is in line with the minimum period of implementation set in the Call.
- The deadline for completion of the project does not exceed the deadline for completion of the project set in the Call.
- The requested amount of grant complies with the conditions set in the Call.

3) Evaluation criteria

Detailed criteria for assessing the grant application quality

Evaluation criterion	Max. score for the criterion (out of 100 possible)
1 Capacity and readiness of the applicant to implement the project	12
1.1 The applicant has sufficient administrative, financial and operational capacity to be able to deliver the planned project. The organisational and management structure of the project, including the distribution of responsibilities and competences of the project management members, is clearly described and is effective to ensure the successful implementation of the project. The project management team is appropriately constituted, taking into account the nature, size and duration of the project and the scope of its activities.	6
1.2 The implementation team has sufficient expertise and experience in the field of prevention of domestic and gender-based violence and gender equality, especially in relation to the implementation of awareness-raising activities on this issue.	6
2 Relevance and significance of the project	46

¹¹ If the applicant submits more than 1 grant application, only the grant application submitted as first, will be considered and other grant applications will be automatically excluded.

2.1	The project responds to current needs and shortcomings in the field of prevention of domestic and gender-based violence. The project is based on the understanding of domestic and gender-based violence in accordance with the Action Plan for the Prevention of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence 2019-2022 and the identification of relevant issues related to gender inequalities in relation to the societal causes of these forms of violence.	16
2.2	The project demonstrably contributes to the Programme's objective, outcome and output as stated in the Call.	12
2.3.	The planned awareness-raising campaign has the potential to contribute to a change in public attitudes towards domestic and gender-based violence or to significantly increase the awareness of target groups, including the public, on issues related to these forms of violence in the identified areas, and thus bring about a change towards better prevention of these forms of violence.	6
2.4	The project is implemented in a partnership with the Czech regional authorities (municipalities, municipal districts, regions) and directly on the partner's territory. The roles of each partner are clearly described.	6
2.5	The project has concrete and effective benefits for the target groups of the project and contributes to the development (capacity building) of the applicant.	6
3	Activities, outputs and risks of the project	20
3.1	The results framework of the project provides clear and transparent information on the relevance of the project to the Programme, including a clearly defined purpose of the project and relevant indicators. The target values of the indicators are realistic, the indicators are quantified and objectively measurable in both quantity and time. The sources of verification of indicators are listed and will be available and suitable for verifying the target values of the indicators. The purpose of the project is in line with the desired outcome and output of the Programme.	5
3.2	The activities and outputs of the project are clearly defined and their implementation is feasible at the same time. The activities are eligible, interrelated and directed towards suitably designed outputs. Proposed activities are necessary for the fulfilment of the project purpose.	5
3.3	The proposed time schedule of project implementation is clear, consistent and realistic, reflecting the content of project activities and their relationship.	5
3.4	The risks of the project are clearly defined and relevant, including a proposal of elimination measures to be adopted in order to secure smooth project implementation.	5
4	Cost-effectiveness of the project	8
4.1	A detailed project budget is indicated for the entire project period. Expenditures are eligible, the budget items are necessary for the implementation of the project activities and correspond to the project content. A clear quantification of budget items including measurable units are provided. Total project costs are adequate to deliver expected project outputs. The amount of each budgetary item is reasonable and proportionate.	8
5	Specific Call conditions	
5.1	The applicant has defined appropriate standards of interdisciplinary cooperation in the area of domestic and gender-based violence and in case the applicant provides interventions to perpetrators (male and female) of violence in close relationships, the applicant has also defined standards corresponding to the <i>Minimum Standards for Treatment for Perpetrators of Violence in Close Relationships in the Czech Republic</i> ¹² . — the applicant has not defined appropriate standards of interdisciplinary cooperation in the area of domestic and gender-based violence; standards corresponding to <i>the Minimum Standards for Treatment for Perpetrators of Violence in Close Relationships in the Czech</i>	6

¹² Available at: https://www.vlada.cz/assets/ppov/rovne-prilezitosti-zen-a-muzu/Projekt_OPZ/Vystupy_projektu/Minimalni-standardy-prace-s-puvodci-a-puvodkynemi-nasili-v-blizkych-vztazich-v-Ceske-republice.pdf

Republic are not defined in the applicant's organization, that provides interventions for perpetrators of violence in close relationships (0 points)

— the applicant has defined appropriate standards of interdisciplinary cooperation in the area of domestic and gender-based violence; standards corresponding to the *Minimum Standards for Treatment for Perpetrators of Violence in Close Relationships in the Czech Republic* are defined in the applicant's organization, that provides interventions for perpetrators of violence in close relationships (6 points)

6 Specific Programme conditions	8
6.1 The project reflects the specific needs of vulnerable groups, is able to recognize them and respond appropriately to them within the individual activities. In accordance with the Action Plan for Prevention of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence for the years 2019 - 2022, the vulnerable groups are mainly persons with disabilities, seniors, migrants, homeless people, and Roma, in particular Roma women. The project may focus on the specific needs of other vulnerable groups.	8
Total	100

Weighted point evaluation

To be considered for funding, the minimum qualifying score of the grant application is 60 points.

Criterion 5.1 is the elimination criterion. If the applicant does not have defined appropriate standards of interdisciplinary cooperation in the area of domestic and gender-based violence, there will be given 0 points for the criterion 5.1 and the grant application will be excluded from further evaluation. For the criterion 5.1 there will be also given 0 points in case, that the applicant provides interventions for perpetrators of violence in close relationships and does not have defined standards corresponding to the requirements specified in the document *Minimum Standards for Treatment for Perpetrators of Violence in Close Relationships in the Czech Republic* in its organization. Such a grant application will be also excluded from further evaluation

In order to ensure the highest level of objectivity, each external evaluator shall separately assess the fulfilment of each criterion using the below described 0-5 scale (except for the criterion where only one of the scoring options is selected). The final score for each criterion is calculated by applying the percentage rate derived from the maximum amount of points that can be obtained for the given criterion. For example, a criterion with a maximum of 10 points will be graded 4 (Good) by the evaluator. The resulting number of points for this criterion will be 8 points, i.e. 80% of the maximum number of points that can be earned for this criterion.

0 – The project does not meet the evaluated criterion or the criterion cannot be evaluated due to missing or incomplete information (the criterion is awarded 0% of the maximum score for the criterion).

1 – Very poor. The criterion has only been fulfilled in a superficial and unsatisfactory manner (the criterion is awarded 20% of the maximum score for the criterion).

2 – Poor. There are serious and substantial shortcomings concerning the given criterion (the criterion is awarded 40% of the maximum score for the criterion).

3 – Satisfactory. Although the project addresses the given criterion from a broad perspective, there are shortcomings that would require corrections (the criterion is awarded 60% of the maximum score for the criterion).

4 – Good. The project fulfils the given criterion, however space for improvement is left (the criterion is awarded 80% of the maximum score for the criterion).

5 – Excellent. The proposal successfully addresses all aspects of the given criterion (the criterion is awarded 100% of the maximum score for the criterion).

The total score is calculated as the sum of the awarded points for each criterion.

The maximum score is 100 points in total.

XIV. Information on Providing Consultations on the Call

Any queries concerning the Call (e.g. submission of the application, conditions of the Call, e.g. eligibility of expenditures, co-financing, indicators etc.) can be sent by e-mail to:

- czp@mfcrcz

The queries may be raised no later than 5 working days before the final date for submitting the grant applications. The reply will be sent to the applicant within 5 working days, at the latest on the last day of the Call. Only replies given in writing are binding.

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