

**Updated Open Call for Submission of Grant Applications for Initiatives
financed from the Fund for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level –
measure „B“
under the programme CZ10 funded from the Norway Grants 2009 – 2014**

The Ministry of Finance, the Operator of the Fund for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level
– measure „B“

updates the Open Call for submission of Grant Applications for Initiatives financed from the Fund for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level – measure “B” under the programme CZ10 funded from the Norway Grants 2009 – 2014.

Application can be submitted at any moment from the date of the announcement of the Call for proposals until December 31, 2016 or until the total allocation is used¹.

**The overall amount of the Bilateral Fund is 964 600 CZK, that means
36 400 EUR.**

The maximum grant amount per initiative: 964 000 CZK, that means 36 400 EUR

I. Scope of the Fund

The objective of the Fund is to enhance the development and strengthening cooperation between Project Promoter and entities in the donor state (or out of donor state if they are in a role of expert or consultant) and/or international organizations during the implementation of the pre-defined project under the programme CZ10. The cooperation shall be based on the exchange, sharing and transfer of knowledge, technology, know-how, experience and best practices in relation to the subject matter of the pre-defined project.

II. Eligible applicants

Applicant eligible to draw on the Fund is the final beneficiary of the pre-defined project under programme CZ10, who have been implementing the project or have accomplished the project implementation and whose intention is to get financial support for its supplementary bilateral initiatives that are not part of the approved project and that will be implemented:

¹ Grant Application must be submitted in accordance with the Guidelines for Applicants and Final Beneficiaries from the Fund for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level – measure “B”, available at [www.eeagrants.cz/
www.norwaygrants.cz](http://www.eeagrants.cz/www.norwaygrants.cz).

- a) in cooperation with the project partner², including the Council of Europe;
- b) in cooperation with institutions from the donor state (or out of donor state) and/or international organizations (including the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights) competent in the subject matter of the pre-defined project implementation (i.e. actively involved in the area of pre-defined project implementation for a minimal period of 1 year).

III. Eligible initiatives

The Fund is designed to finance targeted one-off or short-term supplementary initiatives in the pre-defined project under the programme CZ10. These are not the initiatives crucial for achieving planned outcomes and outputs of the pre-defined project/sub-project.

Eligible initiative that may be, according to art. 5.1, Annex 1 of the CZ 10 Programme Agreement, financed from the Fund, is the international workshop on implementation of the Directive (EU) 2015/849 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 20 May 2015 on the prevention of the use of the financial system for the purposes of money laundering or terrorist financing and EU Action plan for Strengthening the Fight against Terrorist Financing and evaluation of their impact.

IV. Eligible expenditures and their reimbursement

According to Article 7.7 of the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 adopted by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, following categories of expenditure are eligible for funds:

- fees and travel costs for participation in conferences, seminars, courses, work meetings and workshops;
- travel costs for study trips abroad;
- travel costs, per diems and salary costs for visits by experts;
- taxi costs - taxi may be used only in exceptional and justified cases, if transportation cannot be assured by other means of transport;
- expert fees;
- costs related to studies, including feasibility studies, and preparation of financial, economic and technical analyses;
- costs of conferences, seminars, working meetings and workshops, interpreting and translations of working materials;
- costs for promotional and information activities aimed at strengthening bilateral relations;
- external consultancy fees;
- travel insurance, ticket cancellation insurance;

² Partner organisation from the Donor State means a subject from Norway and/or international organizations including and the European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights, bound to the Final Beneficiary by the Partnership Agreement.

- other costs related to the bilateral initiative (justified within the application).

Dates of the eligibility of expenditures to be covered by the Fund are given in the Grant Award Approval Letter and subsequently in the Grant Award legal act. The final date for the eligibility of expenditures is 1 month after the completion of all activities within the approved initiative financed from the Fund. Expenditures will be eligible no later than till April 30, 2017.

The mechanism of eligible expenditures reimbursement (in CZK) is based on **ex-post** payments of incurred costs after the Final Report on the initiative implementation has been approved by the Fund Operator.

V. Submission of the grant application

Grant application may submitted starting from the date of the call launch.

Evaluation of formal requirements and eligibility will be followed by the evaluation of the application's compliance with the call.

The application shall be submitted in the Czech language in given format and the requested grant amount shall be given in CZK.

The form of Grant Application for Initiatives financed from the Fund for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level is included in the Guidelines for Applicants and Final Beneficiaries from the Fund for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level – Measure “B”.

Submitting an application does not constitute a legal grant award claim.

Method of application submission in the IS CEDR, system of the ex-post reimbursement of expenditures and Final Report submission procedure, are described in the Guidelines for Applicants and Final Beneficiaries from the Fund for Bilateral Relations at Programme Level – Measure “B”. The document is also available online at www.norwaygrants.cz.

VI. Further information

Questions may be sent electronically to: fmrealizace@mfcf.cz. Replies will be sent by e-mail within 10 calendar days.

Based on the assessment of the implementation of the Fund and after mutual agreement with the donors, conditions of the Call for Proposals may be revised.

Information on each revision will be always published at www.norwaygrants.cz.