
Programme CZ – Human Rights

Area of Support: Strengthened capacity of the system for preventing and combatting domestic and gender-based violence

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

Call Title: Establishing new specialized services for victims of gender-based violence

The Ministry of Finance as the Programme Operator announces on 25 November 2020, Open Call for proposals of projects to be funded from the Norway Grants 2014-2021 under the Programme CZ – Human Rights focusing on the Area of Support ‘Strengthened capacity of the system for preventing and combatting domestic and gender-based violence’.

I. Identification and Timetable of the Call

Programme Operator	Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
Call Code	HROVA3
Call Title	Establishing new specialized services for victims of gender-based violence
Call Announcement Date	25. 11. 2020
Opening date and time for the receipt of applications	25. 11. 2020; 12:00
Closing date and time for the receipt of applications	15. 3. 2021; 12:00

II. Objective and Focus of the Call

One of the objectives of the Programme **Human Rights** is improving assistance to victims of domestic and gender-based violence. The aim of this Open Call is to contribute to strengthening capacity of the system for preventing and combatting domestic and gender-based violence. Specifically, the Call focuses on **the establishment of centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence and on innovative measures implemented by providers of specialized services for victims.**

The Call responds to the long-term lack of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence. Ensuring the availability of specialized services (ambulatory, residential, crisis and field assistance services) for persons at risk of domestic and gender-based violence is one of the priorities identified in the Action Plan for the Prevention of Domestic and Gender-Based Violence for 2019 - 2022, approved by the Government of the Czech Republic, resolution of 6 May 2019, No. 318. The Call also aims to improve the quality and efficiency of existing specialized services through the introduction of innovative measures.

The Call seeks to improve the situation of particularly vulnerable groups of victims of domestic and sexual violence. Projects are expected to take into account the needs of these groups of people. Taking into account the specific needs of vulnerable groups (e.g. Roma women, migrants, people with disabilities, etc.) is therefore one of the evaluation criteria.

The Call is not focused on ensuring the availability of the services of intervention centres pursuant to §60a, Act No. 108/2006 Coll., On Social Services. Ensuring the availability of this service in each region follows directly from the above mentioned Act on Social Services.

III. Allocation of the Call

The financial allocation of the Call decisive for the selection of the projects to be funded is **1 946 471 EUR**.

IV. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are:

- **Non-governmental non-profit organisations (hereinafter referred to as NGOs) providing assistance to victims of domestic or gender-based violence established;**
- **Municipalities and regions providing services to victims of domestic and gender-based violence pursuant to Act No. 108/2006 Coll., On social services, as amended.**

Eligible applicants in the group of Non-governmental non-profit organisations providing assistance to victims of domestic or gender-based violence established as legal persons in the Czech Republic are 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 (hereinafter referred to as institute);
- 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 as amended (hereinafter referred to as special-purpose church entity);

- 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).

Eligible applicants in the group of Municipalities and regions providing services to victims of domestic and gender-based violence pursuant to Act No. 108/2006 Coll., On social services, as amended, are as follows:

- Municipality, according to Act No. 128/2000 Coll., on Municipalities (Municipal establishment), as amended;
- Region, according to Act No. 129/2000 Coll., on Regions (Regional Establishment), as amended;
- Municipal District of the City of Prague, according to Act No. 131/2000 Coll., on the City of Prague, as amended;
- Contributory organization established by a territorial self-governing unit according to Act No. 250/2000 Coll., On budgetary rules of territorial budgets.

It is expected the applicant fulfils the obligations stipulated by the Act No. 304/2013 Coll., The Act on Public Registers of Legal and Natural Persons, as amended (if relevant).

The condition for submission of the application is the providing of services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence of the applicant's organization for at least 1 year. The applicant shall prove this condition by completion of the mandatory annexes to the grant application, *the Declaration of the Applicant* and *Annual Report 2019 (possibly Annual Report 2020, if the document is already available)*.

Each applicant is allowed to submit only one application under this Call.

Potential applicants (promoters and partners) are not entitled to participate in the Call if:

- They are in liquidation, insolvency, impending bankruptcy or if insolvency proceedings are brought against them within the meaning of Act No 182/2006 Coll., on insolvency and the means of its resolution (the Insolvency Act);
- 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 contributions¹;
- 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 are assessed during the project appraisal and selection and must be met as of the date of submitting the grant application. Applicants use the *Declaration of the Applicant* in the grant application to state they meet the requirements of the previous paragraph.

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 Beneficiary States and international organizations or their agencies actively and effectively participating in the implementation of the project.

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 points.

The priority of the Norway Grants 2014-2021 is also to strengthen partnership between the Czech entities and entities from Norway. The grant applications can therefore be submitted in **partnership with relevant partner institutions from Norway**. Eligible expenditure on supporting and strengthening the partnership can be included in the project budget.

Within the quality assessment of the application, projects implemented in the partnership with the entities from Norway will be awarded extra points.

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

¹ 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.

VI. Eligible Activities, Period of Project Implementation and Sustainability

The Call supports establishing and further development of specialised services² for victims of domestic and gender-based violence. Following types of eligible activities are:

- 1) **Establishing new specialized centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence**
- 2) **Introduction of innovative measures by providers of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence**

The applicant may implement a project focusing on one of the above areas or a combination thereof.

Projects focusing on area 1) Establishing new specialized centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence will be awarded extra points within the quality assessment of the application. In particular, the following types of activities will be supported in this area:

- Construction and non-construction works and repairs of real estate in connection with the establishment of new specialized centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Acquisition of real estate and / or movable property in connection with the establishment of new specialized centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Providing specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence in newly established centres;
- Activities focused on personal and professional development of the applicant's or partner's staff (e.g. educational activities) and professionalization of specialized services provided for victims of domestic and gender-based violence in newly established centres;
- Setting up methodologies, internal rules and working procedures in new centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Setting up and verifying the system of evaluating the effectiveness of specialized services provided for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Safe data-collection and analysis of needs of victims of domestic and gender-based violence in connection with the activities of the newly established centres;
- Evaluation of the functioning of the center and its benefits for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Support for networking (creation of platforms, organization of discussion meetings, conferences to share good practice, etc.) with existing providers of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Public awareness raising (beyond mandatory publicity) in order to spread information about the activities of the newly established specialized center for victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

Priority will be given to comprehensive projects that systematically support the establishment and operation of centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence, in which more of the above types of activities will be combined. The above list of types of eligible activities in area 1) is not exhaustive. The applicant may include in the grant application other suitable activities that may be considered eligible, provided that they are linked to the above types of supported activities and the applicant justifies the need for their implementation with regard to the set objective and expected result of the program.

The following types of activities will be supported in this area 2) **Introduction of innovative measures by providers of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence:**

- Creation and implementation of innovative (new) solutions (products, processes, organizational structure, good practice, etc.) in order to increase the positive impact of services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Application of foreign examples of good practice and foreign innovative solutions in order to increase the positive impact of services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Introduction of innovative programs and tools of interdisciplinary cooperation in connection with the provision of services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Development, testing and application of technological innovations for victims of domestic and gender-based violence;
- Introduction of procedures and measures in order to prevent new forms of gender-based violence (e.g. in cyberspace) and to help its victims;
- Introduction of procedures and measures to take into account the needs of specific groups of victims (e.g. migrants, ethnic minorities including Roma, people with disabilities, etc.);
- Networking (creation of platforms, organization of discussion meetings, conferences to share practice, etc.) in order to support the use of innovative measures;
- Public awareness raising (beyond mandatory publicity) in order to spread information about innovative measures;

² For the purposes of this call, the term service means not only a registered social service according to Act No. 108/2006 Coll., but also other activities for the benefit of victims of domestic and gender-based violence, for example in health care, social and legal protection of children, social inclusion, education. etc., including interdisciplinary overlapping activities. In the case of registered social services, it is necessary to respect the provisions of Act No. 108/2006 Coll.

— Evaluation of innovative measures and their benefits for victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

The above list of types of eligible activities in area 2) is not exhaustive. The applicant may include in the grant application other suitable activities that may be considered eligible, provided that they are linked to the above types of supported activities and the applicant justifies the need for their implementation with regard to the set objective and expected result of the program.

Project activities must be conducted in the territory of the Czech Republic and/or in the territory of the project partners in Norway.

Within the quality assessment of the application, projects implemented in the Czech Republic in regions with low availability of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence (i.e. outside the Capital City of Prague and the City of Brno) will be awarded extra points.

The minimum project duration is 18 months. The deadline for completing the project implementation and all its activities is **30 April 2024**.

The required period of sustainability of projects, within which infrastructure (hard measures) is realized, is generally set at 5 years from the end of project implementation. This condition is confirmed by the applicant by completion the mandatory Annex of the grant application *Declaration of Ownership / Other Right for Use*. More detailed information and specific requirements related to sustainability are provided in the Guideline for Applicants. In the grant application, the applicant shall indicate how the outputs of the project will be maintained after its completion. Ensuring the sustainability of project outputs is part of the quality assessment.

VII. Programme Objectives and Project Relevance

The objective of the Programme is to improve the situation in the area of human rights and combat discrimination and extremism in the Czech Republic. In the Programme area No. 22 – Domestic and gender-based violence, the Call HROVA₃ aims to support specialised services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

In order to measure the achievements of the Programme and its impact, expected Programme outcomes and outputs were identified, the indicators of which will enable to evaluate the Programme’s progress. Projects to be supported under this Call shall contribute to the fulfilment of the Outcome 3 and the Output 3.1 (listed in the table below).

An applicant shall describe the relevance of the intended project to the overall objective of the Programme, its outcome and output and set the purpose of the project in line with the focus of the Call.

In addition to the pre-defined mandatory indicators, an applicant can also select additional indicators from the list of facultative Programme indicators that are relevant to their project. An applicant will determine planned target values for both mandatory and facultative indicators (i.e. set realistic value to be achieved by the project implementation). The value of the indicators’ baseline (i.e. the situation before the project started) is by default set to zero. Progress towards the fulfilment of the set target values will be monitored during the project implementation through monitoring reports that will be submitted three times a year for every four months of project implementation. An applicant selects indicators from the list of Programme indicators applicable to this Call from the table below:

Programme Objective	Human rights situation improved and discrimination and extremism combatted 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 or improved	Mandatory indicator, monitoring indicator, target value to be disaggregated by gender and ethnicity
	Number of jobs created	Optional indicator, monitoring indicator, target value to be disaggregated by gender and age
Programme Output 3.1	Victims of domestic and gender-based violence assisted	
Output 3.1 indicators	Number of shelters/centres for victims of domestic and gender-based violence	Mandatory optional indicator, binding target value
	Number of innovative measures implemented by providers of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence (incl. vulnerable groups).	Mandatory optional indicator, binding target value

Note:

Mandatory means that respective outcome/output/outcome indicator/output indicator must always be selected. Optional means that the respective output indicator can be chosen if it is relevant to the planned key activities listed in chapter VI.

The Programme output and target values of selected output indicators are binding as linked directly 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 promoter's control. The target value of the Programme outcome indicator will be collected for monitoring purposes; eventual failing to achieve the target value will have to be justified in a monitoring report.

An applicant also defines 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.

In case the project will be implemented in cooperation with a donor partner, the applicant shall select relevant pre-defined bilateral indicators in the grant application. The bilateral cooperation will be measured on the knowledge and expertise gained from the partnership, as well as by the level of trust and satisfaction within the partnership³.

Detailed information on the Programme outputs and outcomes including their definitions and further information on setting of project activities outputs are provided in the Guideline for Applicants.

VIII. Eligible Expenditure

Rules on the categories and types of eligible expenditure 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 the **Guideline of the National Focal Point for Eligible Expenditures under EEA/Norway Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021**.

Projects aimed at the implementation of eligible activities in the area 1) Establishing new specialized centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence may include investment expenditures among the eligible project expenditures. The share of project investment costs is a maximum of 85% of the total eligible project costs. The expenditure for the purchase of real estate and/or land may not represent more than 10% of the total eligible expenditure of the project, **The maximum allocation available to finance the project investment expenditure under this call is EUR 1 000 700**.

It is not allowed to include investment expenditures among eligible project expenditures in the case the project is focused only on the implementation of eligible activities in the area 2) Introduction of innovative measures by providers of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence.

Investment expenditures means the acquisition of tangible and intangible fixed assets and the acquisition of real estate and / or land as specified in Chapters 3.1.3 and 3.1.5 of the National Focal Point Guideline for Eligible Expenditures under EEA/Norway Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021.

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

The minimum grant amount is 200,000 EUR the maximum grant amount is 500,000 EUR.

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

Type of applicant	Grant (Norway Grants 2014 – 2021 + state budget)	Co-financing by the project promoter
Non-governmental organisation (according to the Chapter no. IV. Eligible Applicants)	100 %	0 %
Municipalities and regions providing services to victims of domestic and gender-based violence (according to the Chapter no. IV. Eligible Applicants)	100 %	0 %

The final date for eligibility of expenditure is 30 April 2024.

³ The levels of trust and satisfaction will be measured by means of a survey carried out by the Financial Mechanism Office.

An 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. 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 based on the expenses actually incurred (payment requests 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.

Each Request for payment (including advance payment) must differ investment and non-investment expenditures, with the share of non-investment expenditure in each request for payment being at least 15 % of the expenditures to be disbursed.

There is no legal claim for the grant.

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

X. Drawing up and Submitting the Grant Application

Grant applications must be filled in and submitted only electronically through the information system CEDR (IS CEDR) by 15. 3. 2021 12:00 p.m.

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

The planned project expenditures will be calculated in CZK.

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

- The Guideline for Applicants is available at www.norskefondy.cz.
- The application must be accompanied by all mandatory annexes - see the Guideline for Applicants. Standardised annexes can be downloaded from the IS CEDR and www.norskefondy.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 Program 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 recommendation

- The IS CEDR can be accessed at www.norskefondy.cz; clicking the CEDR button.
- 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 application and relevant requested annexes must be signed with a qualified electronic signature of the statutory or authorised representative of the applicant.
- 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 application sufficiently in advance before the deadline of the Call. Leaving the submission of the 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 EEA Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, also Communication Manual, and other Guidelines including on Results reporting and Monitoring)

www.eeagrants.org

XII. Process of Application Appraisal and Project Selection

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

1) Assessment of the administrative and eligibility criteria

The administrative and eligibility criteria will be assessed by the Programme Operator according to the defined criteria.

Applications that do not meet these administrative and eligibility criteria will be excluded from the further appraisal. The applicant may appeal against the exclusion of the 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 application.

The applicant will be informed of any shortcomings identified that are related to correctable criteria (e.g. completeness and legibility) through the IS CEDR and invited to make corrections of the annexes to the application. The application itself cannot be amended after its submission. Administrative and eligibility criteria set out in the Open Call are further detailed, including the information on whether they are correctable, in the Annex of the Guideline for Applicants (Checklist for the applicant to self-assess the compliance with administrative and eligibility criteria).

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

Each application is assessed by two external evaluators. The resulting score of the grant application is the arithmetic average of the scores of both evaluators. Please see Chapter XIII below for the detailed list of the quality criteria.

If the difference between the total scores of the evaluators is higher than 30 % of the value of the higher score, the application will be assessed by a third evaluator. The resulting score will be calculated as an arithmetic average of total scores from two evaluations, for which the total scores are closest to each other.

3) Assessment of the applications by the Selection Committee

The Selection Committee receives a list of all projects that have been assessed in terms of quality. The projects are listed in order of the resulting score given by external evaluators (arithmetic average of scores).

Projects with investment expenditures will be discussed according to the final point ranking until the maximum possible allocation limit for investment expenditures is exhausted (applies to activities in the area of support 1) *Establishing new specialized centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence*). When the maximum allocation for investment projects set by the Call is exhausted, the Selection Committee will not discuss other investment projects and will continue to redistribute the available allocation of this Call only to non-investment projects in the order of the resulting score given by the external evaluation. If the maximum allocation for investment expenditures within investment projects is not exhausted, the Selection Committee will redistribute the available funds of the allocation of this Call among non-investment projects in the order of the final number of points obtained within the external evaluation.

The Selection Committee discusses the submitted projects and submits a list of recommended projects including reserve projects to the Programme Operator - the Ministry of Finance - for the verification.

In case of more projects intended to be implemented in the same region, the Selection Committee may decide to select only 1 project (or a limited number of projects) for the particular region.

4) Verification by the Programme Operator

The Programme Operator verifies the process of appraising the applications including the verification of each of the recommended 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 will publicise the results. Unsuccessful applicants receive a legal act on not awarding the grant with a brief description of the reasons for that decision.

Start of the approved projects implementation is expected 6 months after the Call closing date for receipt of applications (i.e. September 2021).

Information on the conditions of state aid

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

In case the project meets all aspects of the definition of state aid pursuant to Art. 107 (par. 1) of the TFEU, the aid will be provided in accordance with the Regulation of the Commission (EU) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the TFEU on de minimis aid.

Information about the complaint mechanism

The implementation of the Norway 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 Norway Grants. A complaint may be submitted in the following ways:

— **electronically** by email: stiznosti-czp@mfcz.cz

— in writing - by post to:

Ministry of Finance
Department 58 - International Relations
Unit 5804 - Center for Foreign Assistance - Preparation and Coordination
Letenská 15
118 01 Prague 1

XIII. Administrative Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

1) Administrative criteria

- The application was submitted within the due period set in the Call.
- The application is drawn up in the required language in line with the Call.
- All mandatory data are filled in the application.
- The 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 application⁴.

2) Eligibility criteria

- The applicant is eligible.
- The partner/partners is/are eligible.
- The project complies with the focus of the Call (Programme area, outcome, outputs).
- 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 and the maximum period of implementation set in the Call.
- The requested amount of grant complies with the conditions set in the Call.
- Project includes eligible type of project expenditures (investment, non-investment) with regard to the area of focus of the project and respect the conditions set by the call

3) Evaluation criteria

Detailed criteria for assessing the application quality

Evaluation criterion

Max. score for the criterion
(out of 100 possible)

⁴ If the applicant submits more than 1 application, only the application submitted as first, will be considered and other applications will be automatically excluded.

1	Capacity and readiness of the applicant to implement the project	14
	1.1 The organizational and management structure of the project is effective and clearly described, including the division of responsibilities and competencies to ensure particular steps in implementation. The project management team is suitably set up, taking into account the nature, size and duration of project implementation and the scope of its activities.	7
	1.2 The implementation team has sufficient expertise and experience in the prevention of domestic and gender-based violence and assistance to its victims. The applicant has demonstrable experience with projects in the field of domestic and gender-based violence.	7
2	Relevance and significance of the project	33
	2.1 The project responds to the current need and shortcomings in the accessibility and low capacity of the system of preventing and combating domestic and gender-based violence, which is evidenced by references to relevant expertise.	10
	2.2 The project clearly contributes to the fulfilment of the Programme outcome and output stated in the Call.	13
	2.3 The project is focused on the area of eligible activities 1) Establishing new specialized centers for victims of domestic and gender-based violence (exclusively or in the combination with the area of eligible activities 2) Introduction of innovative measures by providers of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence).	7
	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.	3
3	Activities, outputs and risks of the project	18
	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 order.	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.	3
4	Cost-effectiveness and sustainability	14
	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

4.2 The proposed project activities and their outputs have the potential to generate long-term benefits for project target groups and enhance development of further activities and sustainability of the applicant. 6

5 Specific program conditions 21

5.1 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 - 2023, 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

5.2 The project focuses on regions with low availability of specialized services for victims of domestic and gender-based violence. In accordance with the current situation in relation to the accessibility of these services, the regions with low accessibility of specialized services are considered to be the territory of all regions except the Capital city of Prague and the City of Brno. In case that the project is implemented on the territory of the Capital city of Prague or the City of Brno and at the same time the outputs of the project (services provided within the project) will be sufficiently used by persons residing outside these cities, the application will be awarded less than the maximum score for the criterion. 10

5.3 The proposed project partnership with the entities from Norway is beneficial for the implementation of project activities and contributes to the strengthening of bilateral relations, especially in terms of shared results, knowledge and mutual understanding between the Czech Republic and Norway. 3

Total 100

Weighted point evaluation

The minimum score of the application to advance to the next stage of evaluation is 50 points.

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, the method of appraisal and award of grant) can be sent by e-mail to:

- czp@mfcz.cz (questions related both with the conceptual aim of the Call, project ideas and technical questions, e.g. eligibility of expenditures, co-financing, indicators etc.).

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