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JUSTICE



- ▲ **Programme area:** Correctional Services and Pre-trial Detention; Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Judicial System, Strengthening Rule of Law
- ▲ **Programme allocation:** € 7,058,824
- ▲ **Programme operator:** Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
- ▲ **Contact details:** www.norwaygrants.cz/justice
- ▲ **Programme partner:** Ministry of Justice of the Czech Republic
- ▲ **Donor programme partner:** Norwegian Correctional Service
- ▲ **International partner organisation:** Council of Europe

Description of the programme: The programme will support systemic measures in areas of penitentiary and post-penitentiary care, new treatment programmes which shall (in long term perspective) reduce substance abuse, a higher motivation for change and support of reintegration, higher competences of sentenced persons to imprisonment.

The objective of the programme is improved correctional system which is important for the sustainability and development an effective criminal justice and social system in the Czech Republic. The most suitable instrument for collecting of financial aid is the way of the pre-defined projects (PDPs). The correctional system is a very specific area with its distinctive needs and challenges that have to be entirely realized by state institutions - the Ministry of Justice, the Prison Service and the Probation and Mediation Service. Only services for prisoners in release procedures and professional care for vulnerable groups with emphasis on drug addicted could be provided on the basis of an open call for non-governmental organisations.

Expected timeline:

- Launch Conference and match making seminar for applicants is planned in March 2019.
- Open Call is expected to be launched in September 2019.

Eligible applicants: Open Call: Non-Governmental Organizations (NGOs); PDPs: public entities

Bilateral cooperation: 3 bilateral activities have already been realized: Roundtable with Czech and Norwegian partners, Study trip to Norway – visit the Correctional Service of Norway Staff Academy (KRUS) and Roundtable on bilateral ambition.

Expected bilateral activities in 2019: The pre-defined initiatives regarding the PDPs, bilateral cooperation between Bastoy prison and open prison Jiřice, Match-making seminar for NGOs.