
Programme CZ – Human Rights

Area of Support: Increased support for and competence on human rights

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

Call Title: Support of research, raising awareness and improving national implementation of human rights standards

The Ministry of Finance as the Programme Operator announces on 21 January 2021, 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 ‘ Increased support for and competence on human rights violence ’.

I. Identification and Timetable of the Call

Programme Operator	Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
Call Code	HRMGSA
Call Title	Support of research, raising awareness and improving national implementation of human rights standards
Call Announcement Date	21. 01. 2021
Opening date and time for the receipt of grant applications	21. 01. 2021; 12:00
Closing date and time for the receipt of grant applications	29. 04. 2021; 12:00

II. Objective and Focus of the Call

One of the objectives of the Programme **Human Rights** is to enhance the competence of the target groups in the field of human rights and increase the understanding and support for human rights in the population. The aim of this Open Call is to support the **capacity of research and educational institutions** to address new human rights topics and challenges.

The Czech Republic is a democratic state governed by the rule of law, based on respect for the rights and freedoms of human and citizen, and respecting its obligations under international human rights law. However, lack of education and awareness of human rights persistently limits a more effective promotion and protection of human rights in all spheres of life in the Czech Republic. The standards of human rights protection established at the European, international and national levels are not widely known in the Czech Republic to experts in all relevant professions or to the general public.. There is also a lack of much-needed wider social reflection on new challenges in some areas such as personal data protection, human rights and biomedicine, protection of human rights in emergencies, use of AI and new communication technologies, business and human rights or understanding of the development of human rights in the context of other social sciences (e. g. history, anthropology, international relations and others).

The activities of some civil society organizations, academic and research institutions are aimed at educating or raising awareness of human rights, but these activities are often rather marginal alongside other activities. Their impact and effectiveness are consequently insufficient. Therefore, research, awareness-raising and human rights educational institutions and specific target groups, such as civil servants, judges, persons deprived of their liberty, members of various legal or other professions, teachers and students, would benefit from enhanced capacities to be able to reach the public through modern and effective communication methods.

The aim of this Open Call is to **improve understanding of new human rights topics and challenges and to find practical solutions contributing to better implementation of human rights standards at national level**. The emphasis will be placed on **gaining targeted, practically oriented expertise on pressing global threats and challenges and on solutions** reducing social inequalities, prejudice and discrimination. Adverse impacts of new developments on vulnerable and marginalized groups and minorities shall be explored. Particular emphasis will be placed on **new approaches and methods in the field of human rights, and interdisciplinary cooperation between various disciplines** in order to better understand the complexities of human rights issues and developments. The call will also support mutual cooperation between the educational and academic institutions and other stakeholders (civil society, business, etc.). **The involvement of students and young researchers** in human rights activities and **promoting new approaches and new trends in education** at all types of schools aimed at understanding human rights and their application in all areas of social life will be also supported.

III. Allocation of the Call

The financial allocation of the Call decisive for the selection of the projects to be funded is 1 770 588 EUR.

IV. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are:

- Non-governmental non-profit organisations (hereinafter referred to as NGOs);
- Public research institutions pursuant to Act No. 341/2005 Coll., on public research institutions, as amended;

- Public or state higher education institutions pursuant to Act No. 111/1998 Coll., on higher education institutions, as amended;
- Legal entities performing the activities of schools and school facilities pursuant to Act No. 561/2004 Coll., The Education Act, as amended, except for the legal entities, whose subject of activity is entrepreneurship pursuant to special regulations (eg legal form limited liability company);
- Public institutions and entities established by law and subordinate entities established and financed by those subjects active and experienced in human rights protection and promotion.

Eligible applicants in the group of Non-governmental non-profit organisations 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).

The condition for submission of the grant application is the engagement in the human rights research, education or practical application of the applicant's organization for at least the last 3 years, exclusively or as part of its wider mission or competence (e.g. in research, education, legal competence, etc.). The applicant shall prove this condition by completion of the mandatory annexes to the grant application, *the Declaration of the Applicant* and *Annual Report 2017, 2018 and 2019 (if Annual Report 2020 is available then Annual Report 2018, 2019, 2020)*.

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

Potential applicants 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 paragraph².

V. Eligible Partners and Support for Donor Partnership Projects

The grant application can be submitted in 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' Beneficiary States and international organizations or their agencies actively and effectively participating in the implementation of the project.

The priority of the Norway Grants 2014-2021 is also to strengthen partnership between the Czech entities and entities from Norway. Within the quality assessment of the grant application, projects implemented in the partnership with the entities from Norway will thus be awarded extra points.

Eligible expenditure on supporting and strengthening the partnership can be included in the project budget.

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

VI. Eligible Activities, Period of Project Implementation and Sustainability

The Call supports following two types of eligible activities. The applicant may implement a project focusing on one of the areas below or a combination thereof.

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.

² It is the applicant's responsibility to maintain the information stated in public registers in such a way as to correspond to the reality (register of associations, register of institutes, foundation register, register of public benefit organizations, register of registered legal entities, register of public research institutions/list of research organizations, school register or university register).

1) Research activities

Activities including research in the field of human rights focused on current issues and topics will be supported, in particular:

- Research of international human rights standards³ and their implementation in the Czech Republic;
- Investigation / monitoring of respecting human rights in practice in a defined area of interest;
- Analysis of the problems of certain (especially disadvantaged) groups in securing and respecting their rights;
- Examining the impact of various aspects of social development and global changes (modern technologies, strengthening transnational actors, global warming, drought, pandemics, etc.) on respect for and protection of human rights;
- Exploring new ways to deal with current human rights challenges;
- Developing procedures, standards and practical solutions and tools for better protection of human rights in defined situations, environments or in relation to specific target groups (preferably in an intersectional perspective).

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.

Within the quality assessment of the grant application, projects that apply new methods and approaches to human rights research, use the cooperation of various social science disciplines to research human rights issues and problems or apply the results of their research in cooperation with educational and non-governmental institutions, business or other entities in the process of educating and promoting human rights will be awarded extra points.

2) Educational and awareness-raising activities

In this area, a wide range of educational and awareness-raising activities aiming at strengthening awareness of human rights among the expert or general public and their ability to effectively protect and apply human rights will be supported, in particular:

- Creation of curricula and modules on human rights issues and topics for all types and levels of schools, including universities;
- Creation of training programs and modules on human rights issues and topics for different groups of experts focusing on their expertise (civil servants, judges, police officers, doctors, social workers, etc.);
- Creation of awareness-raising and educational materials (tools, aids, etc.) on human rights for the general public and their dissemination;
- Organization of courses, seminars and other awareness-raising activities on human rights issues for various professions and groups or the general public;
- Implementation of awareness-raising and educational campaigns on current human rights issues in all relevant forms.

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.

Within the quality assessment of the grant application, projects that support the involvement of target groups (children, students, elderly, vulnerable groups, expert groups, etc.) in the discussion and solution of human rights problems and the strengthening of their human rights competencies and participation will be awarded extra points.

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

The minimum project duration is 24 months. The deadline for completing the project implementation and all its activities is **30 April 2024**.

In the grant application, the applicants will describe how they will ensure the sustainability of the project outputs. As for research projects, the publication of the results and their subsequent public availability in accordance with professional standards (website, public databases, etc.) is expected. As for educational and awareness-raising projects, the publication of educational materials is expected to be long-term accessible min. in electronic form via remote access. Sustainability of courses and seminars is expected to be, e. g. in the form of published syllabi, videos, etc. For campaigns, the publication and long-term accessibility of campaign materials to the widest possible public is expected to be min. on web sites. Ensuring the sustainability of project outputs is part of the quality assessment.

VII. Programme Objectives and Project Relevance

One of 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. 17 – Human Rights – National Implementation, the Call HRSGSA aims to support research and educational institutions in responding to new human rights topics and challenges.

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 2 and the Output 2.2 (listed in the table below).

³For the purposes of the Call, international standards also mean EU standards and in particular equality and anti-discrimination standards.

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

An applicant will determine planned target values for mandatory 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.

Programme indicators applicable to this Call are listed in the table below:

Programme Objective	Human rights situation improved and discrimination and extremism combatted at national level	
Programme Outcome 2	Increased support for and competence on human rights	
		Further Specification
Outcome 2 indicators	Number of jobs created	Mandatory indicator, monitoring indicator, target value to be disaggregated by gender and ethnicity
Programme Output 2.2	Awareness raising on human rights protection conducted	
Output 2.2 indicators	Number of expert materials on human rights protection developed and published	Mandatory indicator, binding target value

Note:

Mandatory means that respective outcome/output/outcome indicator/output indicator must always be selected.

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 partnership⁴.

Detailed information on the Programme outputs and outcomes including their definitions, required methods of measurement, and further information on setting of project activities 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**.

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 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.

⁴ The levels of trust and satisfaction will be measured by means of an external survey carried out by the Financial Mechanism Office.

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.

Minimální výše grantu je 1 325 000 Kč (50 000 EUR), maximální výše grantu je 5 300 000 Kč (200 000 EUR).

Míra podpory je zachycena v tabulce níže.

Type of applicant	Grant (Norway Grants 2014-2021 + state budget)	Co-financing by the project promoter
Eligible Applicants according to the Chapter no. IV.	100%	0%

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

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.

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 29. 04. 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 grant 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 grant 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 the paper form of some annexes. As part of the verification, the Program Operator may recommend the applicant to modify the grant application/approve the application with conditions.
- 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 banner.
- 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 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 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

www.eeagrants.org

(mainly Regulation on the Implementation of the EEA/Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021, also Communication Manual, and other Guidelines including on Results reporting and Monitoring)

National Focal Point

www.mfcr.cz,

(mainly the Guideline of the NFP for Eligible Expenditures)

www.norwaygrants.cz

Programme Operator

www.eeagrants.cz/humanrights

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 formal criteria

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

Grant applications that do not meet these will be excluded from the further appraisal. The applicant may appeal against the exclusion of the grant application due to a failure to meet administrative and eligibility criteria through the IS CEDR within 15 days after receiving the decision on the rejection of the grant 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 grant application. The grant 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 grant application by external evaluators

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

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 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 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. It is not possible to lodge an appeal against a legal act.

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

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 (hereinafter the TFEU).

Support for so-called research organizations under the Framework for State aid for research, development and innovation⁵ (2014 / C 198/01, hereinafter referred to as the “Framework”) may be provided for the implementation of non-economic activities defined in the Article 19 of the Framework. Any economic activity must be purely incidental in accordance with the provision of Article 20 of the Framework.

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@mfcf.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 Quality 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 application⁶.

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.

3) Quality 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	20
1.1 The applicant has a stable organizational structure The organizational and management structure of the project is effective and clearly described, including the distribution of responsibilities and competencies to ensure particular steps in the implementation. The project management team is set up accordingly, taking into account the nature, size and duration of project implementation and the scope of its activities. The roles of each partner are clearly described (if relevant).	10

⁵Communication from the European Commission - <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/?uri=celex%3A52014XC0627%2801%29>.

⁶ 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.

	1.2 The applicant has sufficient experience in implementing projects in the field of research, education, application or awareness raising on human rights topics, on the basis of its mandate specified in the law, the founding act and other documents or on the basis of realized contracts or services, or as a recipient of subsidies for this purpose. The implementation team has sufficient expertise and experience in research, education, application or awareness raising in the field of human rights.	10
2	Relevance and significance of the project	22
	2.1 The project clearly contributes to the fulfilment of the Programme outcome and output stated in the Call. The project corresponds to current and emerging issues and challenges in the field of human rights, as defined in national or international documents, such as reports on the state of human rights in the Czech Republic, recommendations and reports of human rights bodies within the UN, Council of Europe, OSCE and EU, in national or international case law or in the opinions of relevant expert organizations and authorities.	10
	2.2 The project is able to bring a new perspective on the problem or new solutions in the international or national context, use interdisciplinary cooperation in research on human rights issues and problems or use its research results to educate and promote human rights in cooperation with educational as well as with non-governmental institutions or other entities. Or in the field of education and awareness-raising the project is able to involve target groups into discussion and solution of human rights problems appropriately and strengthen their human rights competencies and participation.	12
3	Activities, outputs and risks of the project	30
	3.1 The project structure is clearly defined, transparent and efficient. 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. The project is in line with and complement the other activities of the applicant, but it does not merge with these activities. Project has its own structure, content and visibility.	5
	3.2 The proposed time schedule of project implementation is clear, consistent and realistic, reflecting the content of project activities and their order.	5
	3.3 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.	10
	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
	3.5 The project publicity is well-defined and clearly formulated.	5
4	Cost-effectiveness and sustainability	18
	4.1 A detailed project budget is indicated for the entire project period. The project must meet the principles of 3E, i.e. efficiency, economy and effectiveness. Expenditures are eligible, budget items are necessary for the implementation of the project activities and correspond to the project content and are proportionate to the duration of the project, the content of the activities, the planned outputs and the objectives of the project. A clear quantification of budget items including measurable units is 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. The results and outputs of the project must be permanently available to the expert and general public (e.g. by publishing in an expert journal, on a website, in printed form etc.).	10

5	Specific program conditions	10
	5.1 The project reflects the following policy markers: anti-discrimination; gender equality; social inclusion of vulnerable groups other than Roma; Roma inclusion and empowerment.	5
	5.2 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.	5
Total		100

Weighted point evaluation

The minimum score of the grant 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 grant 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 to the conceptual aim of the Call, project ideas and technical questions, e.g. eligibility of expenditures, co-financing, indicators etc.).

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.

Frequently asked questions and answers will be published in the section Questions and Answers www.norskefondy.cz.