

Annex 4 to the Call LDI02 – Selection criteria (incl. the scoring sheet)

1. FORMAL COMPLIANCE CRITERIA

| No. | Control question | Yes | No | N/A | Comments |
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| 1. | Was the Grant Application delivered by the deadline, using the standard template and method of delivery? | | | - | |
| 2. | Are the mandatory attachments attached to the Grant Application? | | | - | |
| 3. | Has the applicant submitted the missing information/rectified identified shortcomings within the set deadline? ¹ | | | | |

2. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

| No. | Control question | Yes | No | Comments |
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| 1. | Are the applicant and project partners eligible? | | | |
| 2. | Were the maximal and minimal limits of the Grant applied for observed? | | | |

Applications not meeting Formal Compliance Criteria no 1, no 3 or any of the Eligibility Criteria shall be rejected.

¹ Relevant in case the Programme Operator requested the submission of missing information/rectify shortcomings.

3. CONTENT RELATED CRITERIA

| No. | Criterion | Description | Range | Score | Comments |
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| 1. Importance of the project and its social and economic contribution (a total of 75 points) | | | | | |
| 1a) | <u>Integrated approach</u> and partnership | <p>Integrated approach Which of these statements is closest to the truth in respect of the following five intervention areas - Health, Education, Employment, Non-discrimination and Housing?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating at least four out of the five areas – 9 points The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating three out of the five areas – 7 points The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating two out of the five areas – 2 points The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating less than two out of the five areas – 0 points (eliminating criterion) <p>Partnership Up to 6 additional points shall be awarded if the applicant creates networks and strategic partnership among entities in the target marginalised Roma community at multi-level and/or multi-stakeholder local level. Cooperation among entities should be strategic in order to foster the sustainability of the deliverables and expand the possibilities of fund raising for activities related to local development. More points shall be awarded for the involvement of both Roma and non-Roma into joint activities, more diverse stakeholders and higher expected efficiency of planned cooperation.</p> | 0 – 15 | | |

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| 1b) Qualitative assessment of the activities | | | | | |
| <p>The project include establishment and/or support of at least one existing service centre in a marginalized Roma community (0 – 1 point) (eliminating criterion)</p> | | | | | |
| <p>The services to be provided to Roma within the project:</p> | | | | | |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - are run by Roma or effectively engage Roma men and women in the provision of these services, increase the participation of Roma men and women in the community development, empowers Roma men and women and specifically target Roma children and youth, (0 – 4), - are various – by type, intervention area, target group, results to be achieved (0 – 2), - are innovative or the approach is innovative or they replicate successful innovative ideas from other successful projects (0 – 1). | | | | | |
| <p>Up to 3 additional points shall be awarded if Roma are treated fairly, equal access to opportunities to enable children/youth/people to fully participate in the project is ensured, an inclusive approach is going to be created and Roma are enabled to develop to their full potential.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Up to 3 additional points shall be awarded if the field social workers, community workers, health awareness assistants, members of the local safety service and/or other professionals from the given marginalised Roma community or directly working with the given marginalised Roma community have been actively involved in the project preparation. More points shall be awarded for more active involvement of Roma in the project preparation/daily project implementation.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Up to 2 additional points shall be awarded if a registered Community Centre is involved in the project.</p> | | | | | |
| <p>Up to 2 additional points can be awarded if the process of field work (including</p> | | | | | |
| 0 - 17 | | | | | |

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| | | outreach) is sufficiently described and detailed in order to effectively reach and engage Roma. | | | |
| | 1c) Quantitative assessment of the project | <p>Access to the services</p> <p>After verifying the data provided by the applicant with the Atlas of Roma Communities (2019), the number of Roma living within a radius of approximately 1 km (10 mins walking distance) from the closest Service Centre is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 500– 5 points • 300 – 500– 3 points • Less than 300– 0 points <p>Number of effectively involved Service Centres</p> <p>Number of Service Centres working with Roma with a clearly beneficial role in the project, is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 5 service centres with a clearly beneficial role – 5 points • 3 to 5 service centres with a clearly beneficial role – 3 points • 1 to 2 service centres with a clearly beneficial role – 1 point • No service centre with a clearly beneficial role – 0 points <p>Increase in the number of Roma using the services of the service centre(s)</p> <p>The project will increase the number of Roma visiting the service centre(s) by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • more than 200 - 2 points • 150 to 200 – 1 point • Less than 150 - 0 points <p>Opening hours of the Service Centre</p> <p>Increase of time (in hours per week) the Service Centre is going to be open for Roma is:</p> | 0 - 15 | | |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 and more - 3 points • 3 to 7 hours - 1 point • less than 3 hours – 0 points | | | |
| | 1d) Reflection of public needs and systemic approach | <p>Compliance with local needs The project has been consulted with the local/regional community, incl. Roma before submitting the Project Application and is relevant to its needs and requirements, mainly the local Roma (0 – 6).</p> <p>The project is in line with community needs and justification is sufficiently described and proved in the Project Application (how the project is “bottom-up” and refers to public opinion, municipal plans, already agreed needs etc.). The services portfolio of the Service Centres defined reflects the needs of the Roma. (0 – 4)</p> <p>Up to 3 additional points shall be awarded if the Project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the applicant follows an already existing strategy of working with Roma and the project only follows up on other systemic efforts of the applicant. The excerpt from the strategy should be detailed in the questionnaire. • there has been an active participation of Roma in the project preparation. | 0 - 13 | | |
| | 1e) Synergy with the other component of the Programme - Local Development (purely objective criterion) | <p>Are any of the marginalised Roma communities located in one of the Least Developed Districts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • yes – 5 points • no – 0 points | 0 - 5 | | |

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| 1f) | <u>Gap-bridging activities</u> | <p>The project supports gap-bridging activities in which both Roma and non-Roma actively participate together. The implementation of these activities or the effect of these activities is lasting, continuous and sustainable (0 - 3 points)</p> <p>Up to 2 points can be awarded if the project supports investment into public infrastructure reducing disparities between Roma and non-Roma. On the other hand, up to 2 points shall be deducted in case the investment would enlarge the gap between Roma and non-Roma. The score in this criterion can be negative.</p> | 0 - 5 | | |
| 1g) | Employability of Roma | <p>The project demonstrably contributes to job creation for Roma, creates conditions for new jobs opportunities or addresses Roma unemployment. More points shall be awarded in case the employability of Roma women is specifically targeted under the Project. (0 – 5 points)</p> | 0 - 5 | | |
| 2. Project structure, risks, activities and outcomes (a total of 14 points) | | | | | |
| 2a) | | <p>Project management is adequately defined and clearly described. The publicity is suitably set up, with a communication strategy and adequate budget. The role of partners and their contribution to project preparation and implementation is clearly defined. Persons responsible for the management and implementation of activities are experienced in the given field.</p> | 0 – 4 | | |
| 2b) | | <p>The proposed time schedule of project implementation is clear, realistic and corresponds to the content and needs of the project – in clearly defines the process of implementation of individual activities and outcomes.</p> | 0 – 4 | | |
| 2c) | | <p>Project risks are clearly defined and relevant, including a proposal of risk elimination measures. If relevant, the building(s) to be restored is/are owned or operated by applicant or project partner. In case the applicant/partner is renting the building only, even fewer points can be awarded.</p> <p>In case the building is not owned/operated or rent by applicant or partner – 0 points. In case the construction permit has not been issued, up to 6 points shall be</p> | up to 2 points | | |

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| | | deducted, based on the importance of the building in question for the successful implementation of the project. The score in this criterion can be negative. | | | |
| | | 2d) The logical framework of the project clearly outlines the relevance of the project in relation to the Programme, specifying the indicators and methods of their verification (outcomes, results, objective). The baseline and target indicator values are realistic; the indicators are quantified and objectively measurable in terms of quantity and time. The sources for verification are specified in the project and will be available and appropriate for verification of the baseline and target indicator values. The overall objective of the project is in line with the result/outcome of the Programme. The structure of the project, activities and outcomes is clearly defined. The activities are interconnected. | 0 – 4 | | |
| 3. Budget efficiency (a total of 4 points) | | | | | |
| | | A detailed budget is indicated for the entire project period. The indicated budget items are necessary for the implementation of the project activities and the indicated amounts are reasonable. Unit prices are adequate and correspond to prices that are usual in the local market. | 0 – 4 | | |
| 4. Absorption capacity for the funds (a total of 3 points) | | | | | |
| | | Evaluate if the project is able to effectively absorb the grant applied for within the period of project implementation. | 0 - 3 | | |
| 5. Specific requirements (a total of 4 points) | | | | | |
| | | The project contributes to strengthening of bilateral cooperation with the Norwegian partners: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • bilateral cooperation will continue after project completion – throughout sustainability period – 4 points • bilateral cooperation will be continuous throughout the project period – 3 points • bilateral cooperation is limited to individual events (e.g. additional | 0 – 4 | | |

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| | | activities) – 1 point | | | |
| | | • without bilateral cooperation – 0 points | | | |
| | Total score (of maximum 100 points) | | | | |
| | Recommendation | | | Recommended / Not recommended | |
| | Substantive comments | | | | |

Eliminating criteria are considered as being of special importance as regards the successful implementation and/or timely completion of the project. The Selection Committee shall be notified and may recommend special measures to be taken in order to mitigate the risk, incl. the recommendation not to support the project.

Purely objective criteria are criteria that must be, under normal circumstances, scored the same by the independent experts. The Programme Operator may ask the independent experts for clarification in case the score awarded for this criterion differs.

Projects receiving less than 60 points (in average) shall not be supported.

Explanations:

Integrated approach

An approach that combines the individual components (i.e. Health, Education, Employment, Housing and Non-discrimination) in order to contribute to the main objective of the project at minimum cost and in a sustainable manner. The approach includes close coordination of all aspects (intervention areas) needed for development and improvement. In our case, the main objective can be defined as improving the status of the marginalised Roma community and their opportunities in society. An integrated approach in our case therefore means the best possible mix of measures from various components able to create the suitable conditions for and to give people living in the marginalised Roma communities the best possible sets of skills for their future endeavours and empowerment.

Marginalised Roma community (MRC)

For the purpose of this call, a marginalised Roma community is a community (concentration) listed in the Atlas of Roma Communities, either in its version from 2013 or in its more recent versions from 2019.

Atlas of Roma Communities

The Atlas of Roma Communities 2019 can be found at <https://www.minv.sk/?atlas-romskych-komunit-2019>

The Atlas of Roma Communities 2013 can be found at https://www.minv.sk/?atlas_2013.

Cost-efficient measure

For the purpose of the Call, **cost-efficient measure** represents the Value for Money for the given measure, i.e. whether the cost of the intervention is justified by the results.

Sustainable measure

Sustainable measure means measure where there is a reasonable assurance that its implementation will continue after the project is completed. The sustainability of the measures shall be supported by a sustainability plan (part of the questionnaire attached to the Project Application) that should be realistic in the long term, logical, consistent and contain a long-term funding plan. The project outcomes and outputs shall be sustainable for at least three (if there are no infrastructure measures in the project) or five years (if infrastructure measures are present) and the methods used to achieve it are clearly described. The risks associated with subsequent use are clearly defined, including a proposal of measures for their elimination.

Health-related measures

Some examples of health-related measures relevant for this Call are:

- public construction works related to public health, such as sewage system, water treatment plants (these shall always be linked with the employment trainings for the MRCs)
- early intervention for children, especially children from a socially disadvantaged environment

- counselling services, including relevant psycho-social services,
- health-care centres of first contact, laundry, hygiene, safe-harbour services etc.
- health awareness and educational programs
- establishing health facility (of primary contact) in the MRC
- sport and physical activities
- nutrition programmes
- mentoring programmes for various groups, e.g. pregnant mothers, first-time young parents, elderly people, children etc.
- school dentist, school doctor and other easily accessible health services for Roma
- addiction prevention programmes (incl. recognition programmes for adults)
- providing early help for children whose parents abuse alcohol or drugs and/or have mental illness
- measures to help children who are victims of violence – coping and quality of life (incl. violence, and domestic violence recognition programmes)

Education-related measures

Some examples of education-related measures relevant for this Call are:

- support of kindergartens (education) and/or pre-school preparation
- support of the establishment of educational infrastructure (e.g. modular schools)
- support of community social services
- summer schools for underachieving pupils
- support of non-formal education and modern personal development programmes for young people from MRC (with the aim to reduce ESL)
- extra lessons after schools for underachieving pupils
- trainings for community workers, teachers, health assistants and other field workers
- arts and culture education
- simultaneous work with local and regional self-government, teachers and counselling service, parents and pupils to prevent early-school leaving
- lessons for staff in Romani language, when relevant
- trainings for community workers, teachers, health assistants and other field workers

Employment-related measures

All measures that increase the job prospect, such as:

- courses and trainings specifically focused on the regional needs, e.g. manufacture, construction works courses, tourism-related courses and other courses increasing the employability of the MRC
- financial, IT and literacy courses
- support in job application processes, including elaboration of CVs,
- labour market activation, schemes for guidance and counselling trainings
- educational and vocational trainings and courses
- creative and language courses

Non-discrimination measures

Measures, such as:

- activities countering hate speech, radicalisation and extremism, incl. social media,
- protecting children from online hoaxes, cyber-bulling, sexual abuse, domestic violence
- activities promoting understanding of social inclusion in general
- working with information, understanding information, identifying hoaxes and disinformation
- support of community social services
- other activities specifically focused on children and youth at risk

Housing-related measures

While the Call is not specifically designed for larger housing investments (note that four of five measures suffice to get the maximum score in the criterion), some examples of suitable housing-related measures are:

- counselling services in order to ensure housing stability and housing loss prevention,
- support in submission of social housing applications,
- awareness-raising activities for the community related to housing,
- financial literacy courses,
- self-help construction courses,
- legal services related to proprietary rights,
- action plans, strategy, public policy, community services,
- establishment of management, mapping of the housing situation.

Multi-level and multi-stakeholder partnership

Multi-level partnership means partnership between various levels of public administration (national, regional, local).

Multi-stakeholder partnership means partnership between organisations from different sectors (public sector, civil society sector (incl. churches and religious institutions), private sector etc.).

Service Centre

For the purpose of this Call, Service Centre shall mean a facility or set of facilities in which the services for Roma will be provided.

Gap-bridging activities

For the purpose of the Call, gap-bridging activities are activities in which both Roma and non-Roma actively participate together, helping to reduce disparities between the majority and Roma.

Children and youth

Children and youth means people aged 0 – 24.

Radius

The radius shall be counted from the target marginalised Roma community (the community in which most of the measures will be implemented).

Clearly beneficial role of a Service Centre

Clearly beneficial role in the project shall mean that a given individual Service Centre is a natural and logical part of the project. Its involvement shall follow a clear vision, be part of a well-thought concept and naturally fits into the concept. Stand-alone components, not clearly integrated into the overall strategy of the project, shall rather be discouraged. There are several other financial instruments to cover such expenditure (e.g. the ESIF, the regional contribution etc.).

Increase of time (in hours per week) the Service Centre is going to be open for Roma

For the purpose of the calculation, the Service Centre means an aggregation of all institutions working with Roma under the project. It is calculated as a total number of hours these institutions (centres) are open to Roma longer per week.

The applicant shall, in the questionnaire, provide the data on the current opening hours of each centre involved in the project, as well as the proposed opening hours during the project implementation and after the project is completed.

The Least Developed Districts

The Least Developed Districts are published at <https://www.nro.vicepremier.gov.sk/>.

Target marginalised Roma community

The marginalised Roma community in which most of the measures will be implemented.