

Annex 4 to the Call LDI03 – Selection criteria (incl. the scoring sheet)

1. FORMAL COMPLIANCE CRITERIA

No.	Control question	Yes	No	N/A	Comments
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
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
1. Importance of the project and its social and economic contribution (a total of 72 points)					
1a)	<u>Integrated approach</u>	<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? The area of Non-discrimination is mandatory.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating at least three out of the five areas and the area of Non-discrimination is included – 3 points The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating two out of the five areas and the area of Non-discrimination is included – 2 points The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures in one out of the five areas, which is area of Non-discrimination – 1 point The project does not aim to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures in area of Non-discrimination is not included – 0 point (eliminating criterion) 	0 – 3		

No.	Criterion	Description	Range	Score	Comments
	1b) Partnership	Up to 5 points shall be awarded if the applicant creates networks and strategic partnership among entities in the target marginalised Roma community at 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 more diverse stakeholders and higher expected efficiency of planned cooperation (eliminating criterion).	0 - 5		
	1c) Qualitative assessment of the activities	<p>The services² 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 processes is ensured, an inclusive approach is going to be created and Roma are enabled to develop to their full potential.</p>	0 - 15		

² For the purpose of this Call, services shall mean any support, including advocacy, awareness-raising activities, outreach, citizen activism etc. provided to the marginalized Roma communities.

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		<p>Up to 3 additional points shall be awarded if the field social workers, community workers, Roma mediators, 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 can be awarded if the process of field work (including outreach) is sufficiently described and detailed in order to effectively reach and engage Roma.</p>			
		<p>1d) Involvement of entities/actors active in the social inclusion</p> <p>Entities /actors active in the social inclusion</p> <p>The entities/actors supported within the project are institutions that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • are considered smaller and local, i.e. that they predominantly operate on a certain small (e.g. municipal) territory (eliminating criterion) (0 – 1) • at least two of them are active in the social inclusion (eliminating criterion) (0 – 1) • have long-term experience in this field (0 – 2) • they have a clearly beneficial role in the project (0 – 3) <p>Up to 2 additional points shall be awarded if the service centre in which these entities/actors provide their services to Roma are located in close distance to the marginalised Roma community - within a radius of approximately 1 km (10 mins walking distance) from the target marginalized Roma community. The maximum can only be awarded, if at least one of the entities/actors is located directly in the target marginalised Roma community.</p>	0 - 12		

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		<p>Up to 1 additional point shall be awarded if a registered and well-known Community Centre is involved in the project.</p> <p>Up to 2 additional points shall be awarded if the project will increase the number of Roma visiting the service centre at least by 50 Roma.</p>			
	<p>1e) Reflection of public needs and systemic approach</p> <p>Compliance with Roma community needs</p>	<p>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 within 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. • the project contributes to desegregation – termination of spatial and social separation and isolation of members of marginalized Roma communities and the majority population. 	0 - 13		
	<p>1f) Synergy with the other component of the Programme - Local Development (purely objective criterion)</p>		0 - 5		

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		<p>Are any of the marginalised Roma communities directly targeted in the project located in one of the Least Developed Districts?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • yes – 5 points • no – 0 points 			
	1g) Gap bridging activities	<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 - 6 points)</p>	0 - 6		
	1h) Grassroots initiatives in local development and/or marginalised Roma communities (eliminating criterion)	<p>The proposed grassroots initiatives are in line with the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the initiative(s) is (are) community-based approaches and address localized problems (root causes), - the initiatives are clearly defined in the questionnaire, - the initiatives also organise and mobilise individuals from marginalised Roma community, - the initiatives promote good practice in local action, - the initiative(s) is (are) working towards systemic change, moving away from the symptomatic approach to a more holistic framework, - the initiative(s) is (are) sustained action on achieving a core mission as opposed to one-off activities. 	0 - 6		
	1i) Multiplication/replication and/or enhancement of good practices in marginalised Roma communities (eliminating criterion)	<p>The proposed multiplication/replication/enhancement are in line with the following:</p>	0 - 7		

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they are appropriate for the target group and target region and sustainable; - they are clearly defined in the questionnaire; - it is a way to best implement the specific measures needed for Roma Communities and reducing the gaps between Roma and non-Roma; - they can be implemented in real life settings within the project; - they contribute to outcomes and outputs of the programme; - the origin of the good practise and its results are clearly defined in the questionnaire and supports its appropriateness for continuation or replication - the origin of the good practice and its results are clearly defined in the questionnaire and its further enhancement is based on community needs. 			
2. Project structure, risks, activities and outcomes (a total of 17 points)					
	2a)	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.	0 – 4		
	2b)	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.	0 – 4		
	2c)	Project risks are clearly defined and relevant, including a proposal of risk elimination measures. The risk connected with the potential when the COVID-19 pandemic will still not be over at the time of project implementation has been duly taken into account during the project development and the ways in which the project will mitigate the risks related to it have been appropriately considered as a part of the project risks. (0 – 3 points)	up to 5 points		

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		<p>Risk connected with building(s) to be restored: 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.</p> <p>In case the construction permit has not been issued, up to 6 points shall be 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. (up to 2 points)</p>			
		<p>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.</p>	0 – 4		
3. Budget efficiency (a total of 4 points)					
		<p>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.</p>	0 – 4		
4. Absorption capacity for the funds (a total of 3 points)					

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		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 activities) – 1 point • without bilateral cooperation – 0 points 	0 – 4		
	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 (2019, 2013)

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

- health-care centres of first contact, laundry, hygiene, safe-harbour services etc.
- health awareness programs
- health care educational activities
- 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.
- intergenerational learning programs
- 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
- parenting educational and advisory programs,
- intercultural and intergenerational programs,
- summer schools for underachieving pupils
- extra lessons after schools for underachieving pupil
- trainings for community workers, teachers, health assistants and other field workers
- arts and culture education
- simultaneous work with teachers and counselling service, parents and pupils to prevent early-school leaving
- lessons for staff in Romani language, when relevant

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
- labour market activation, schemes for guidance and counselling trainings
- educational and vocational trainings and courses
- creative and language courses

Non-discrimination measures

- activities countering hate speech, radicalisation and extremism, incl. social media,

- activities focused on empowerment of girls and women,
- activities focused on equal treatment, desegregation and non-discriminatory practices in diverse spheres of live of people living in marginalised Roma Community,
- prevention of all forms of violence,
- 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 suspicion sources of data
- 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,
- 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.).

Entities /actors active in the social inclusion

The area of social inclusion includes increasing the employment and educational level of members of the marginalized Roma communities and improving their conditions with regard to the solutions in the area of education, housing, work, health, culture and language; and improvement of overall social conditions, environment and rational use of resources.

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. E. g. the Community Centre established under the Act no 448/2008 Coll. on Social Services is considered Service Centre for the purpose of this call.

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

Clearly beneficial role in the project shall mean that a given individual entity/actor/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.).

Least Developed Districts

For the purpose of this Call, Least Developed Districts are those districts that were listed on the List of the Least Developed Districts issued in the quarter in which the Project Application was submitted. They are also listed on the website <https://www.nro.vicepremier.gov.sk/>.

Target marginalised Roma community

Marginalised Roma community, in which and by which most of the measures will be implemented.