

Programme CZ – Home Affairs

Open Call for Proposals for Individual Projects financed from Norway Grants 2014–2021

The Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic as the Programme Operator

announces on 13 April 2021 an **open call** for the submission of grant applications **under Norway Grants 2014–2021** in the **Home Affairs Programme** for **individual projects implemented** under the **Small Grant Scheme** (hereinafter the “SGS”), focusing on activities in the area specified **below**.

I. Identification and Time Schedule of the Call

Programme Operator	Ministry of the Interior of the Czech Republic
Supported Programme Area	PA20 International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime
Call Name	Fostering media literacy of the general public
The projects will contribute to the programme outcome	Enhanced collaboration between national police, international entities and territorial self-government
The projects will contribute to the programme output	Measures on combating hate crime, disinformation and hybrid threats implemented
Call publication date	13 April 2021
Closing date and time for the receipt of grant applications	1 July 2021 till 12 a.m.

II. Objective and Focus of the Call

The general objective of the open call is to directly improve the media literacy of the general public. The projects will focus on the implementation of media-based and other forms of educational activities and the creation of educational and publication materials for the dissemination of media education and awareness among children and youth (up to 17 years of age) and/or seniors (above 65 years of age), who represent the most vulnerable groups in terms of hybrid threats.

Media literacy is considered to be a set of skills, knowledge and understanding that allows people to understand and critically evaluate different aspects of media and media content and form and share their own message using various technologies. However, media literate people are not only expected to be able to create and understand media messages but also to be able to live with and in media in various contexts to meet personal, professional and civic goals and needs. The objective of increasing media literacy is to protect and strengthen individual and democratic society.

The Small Grant Scheme (SGS) is part of the Home Affairs Programme, which aims to improve crime prevention and investigation, and the SGS shall contribute to enhancing national and bilateral cooperation in combating hate crime disinformation and hybrid threats. Strengthening media literacy as one of the effective tools against the influence of foreign power, especially the impact of disinformation campaigns, etc., is in accordance with the conclusion of the 2016 National Security Audit, which defined the most severe threats to the Czech Republic and proposed recommendations to mitigate the threats. Insufficient media literacy of the general public, especially children, youth and seniors, poses a serious risk to the safety of the Czech Republic.

Hybrid threats represent a broad, comprehensive, adaptable and integrated combination of traditional and non-traditional means, open and hidden activities, primarily of a coercive and subversive nature. They include, for example, information influence operations and the spread of misinformation, strongly misleading information or propaganda in the information space. The aim of such information influence is to impact on decisions and opinions of receivers. At the same time, it is not only a matter of promoting a specific worldview, ideology or lifestyle but also of relativizing and diluting credible information and its channels, as well as destroying the structure of intra-social trust.

The impact of information influence and spreading of misinformation on the general public, including the above-defined target groups, may be extremely destructive at several levels. The effect of disinformation campaigns may have obvious and tangible consequences in terms of influencing specific (time-limited) phenomena, processes and events but at the same time may gradually contaminate and deteriorate information space on a continuous and long-term basis, thereby accumulating negative impacts on society.

Other consequences include the radicalisation of the public, which is manifested by an increase in extremist attitudes contrary to the system (jeopardising the interests of the Czech Republic), an increase in the support for extremist parties and movements contrary to the system (often associated with hate crimes), a decrease in the support for the constitutional system of the Czech Republic and its integration in Euro-Atlantic structures, and a generally reduced trust of citizens in the state's ability to fulfil vital and strategic interests of the Czech Republic. These long-term negative consequences of misinformation then further facilitate the penetration of other disinformation campaigns into information space and amplify their impact.

III. Call Allocation, Grant Amount and Financial Conditions

The financial allocation of the open call for financing of selected projects is **CZK 10,400,000 (EUR 400,000 at the exchange rate of 26 CZK/EUR)**.

The minimum grant amount is CZK 2,080,000 (EUR 80,000) and the maximum grant amount is CZK 5,200,000 (EUR 200,000). For this call, the Programme Operator has set the CZK/EUR rate at 26 CZK/EUR.

Estimated project expenditures will be specified in CZK in the grant application. Grants are awarded in CZK.

The grant covers a maximum of 90% of the total eligible project expenditures. The remaining 10% of the total eligible expenditures will be secured by the applicant, or in cooperation with project partners. For projects where the PP is a non-governmental non-profit organisation (NGO) in-kind contribution in the form of voluntary work may constitute up to 50% of the co-financing required by the programme for the project. In case where the PP' partner is also NGO, the partner can report co-financing in the form of voluntary work as well¹.

The project must not have double funding, i.e. other funds, such as resources from other programmes or grants under the EEA and Norway Grants or under any EU Operational Programme or other funds covered by the EU budget or a Czech subsidy programme/title, may not be used to cover the same eligible expenditure in the implementation of the project.

The applicant may ask for an advance payment to finance the project at maximum 50% of the awarded grant. The applicant will justify its request for advance financing in the grant application.

In accordance with Act No. 218/2000 Coll., on budgetary rules, the advance payment is not provided to state organisational units (SOU) and to state contributory organisations (SCO), as well as to public institutions and contributory organizations established by local self-government units.

The expenditures will be paid to the beneficiary ex-post according to the actually incurred expenditures (the request for payment will be submitted together with the monitoring report; monitoring reports will be submitted for each 4-months period of the project implementation).

The applicant is not legally entitled to the grant.

IV. Eligible Applicants

Eligible applicants are:

Public and private non-commercial entities and non-governmental organisations², which are established as legal entities in the Czech Republic and operate in the territory of the Czech Republic. (Note: Commercial entities, international organisations or bodies or agencies thereof, shall not be eligible applicants under the small grant scheme.)

Only an applicant which is established for more than 12 months before the deadline for the submission of applications may apply for the grant.

An applicant that is a non-governmental organisation must be registered in the information system of the Public Administration Portal in the Non-Profit Organisations section³ (pursuant to Government Resolution No. 1357 of 22 February 1999 on the establishment and operation of a publicly accessible information system on non-governmental organisations, the

¹ Preferably, the Project applicant and its partner(s) should abide by the co-financing rate according to the project financing ratio. However, as co-financing is measured at the level of the whole project, partners can agree on different share of voluntary work among themselves on the condition that the minimum level of co-financing limit and the maximum level of in-kind contribution in the form of voluntary work is complied with.

² Overview of relevant legal forms of eligible applicants and partners from the Czech Republic in Annex 14 to the Guideline for Applicants under the SGS

³ Link to the Public Administration Portal: <http://www.isnno.cz/evidencennov10001/DesignPages/oevidenci.aspx>

information system addresses the issue of recording information on non-governmental organisations and grants awarded to them).

Each applicant may submit only one application within the call. The applicant may be a partner of a project submitted by another applicant. The entity may be involved in more projects as a partner.

V. Eligible Partners and Support for Projects in Partnership with Norway

Eligible partners are:

Public or private non-commercial entities, as well as non-governmental organisations⁴ involved in the project implementation that were established as legal entities in the Czech Republic or Norway. (Note: Commercial entities, international organisations or bodies or agencies thereof, shall not be eligible partners under the small grant scheme.)

Eligible expenditures of the partner may be included in the project budget. The partnership may exist also without the partner's financial contribution to cover the costs. The partnership may not be a supplier-customer relationship. The number of Czech and Norwegian project partners is not limited.

The priority of Norway Grants 2014–2021 is to, inter alia, strengthen the bilateral cooperation between the Czech Republic and Norway. **Partnerships with Norwegian entities will be taken into account in the scoring of the grant application (see the quality evaluation criteria in Article XIII below).**

VI. Eligible Activities and Target Group

The purpose of the support is to develop media literacy of children and youth and/or seniors in order to strengthen the skills and knowledge needed for life and orientation in the world of communication technologies and media. It also aims to improve the level of critical and rational use of media and protection against the risks that the use of both traditional and new media entails. Media-based and other educational interventions and materials created and implemented within the projects will focus on the protection and strengthening of selected groups of citizens in the context of present and future hybrid threats.

The call will support projects the activities of which will help to the immediate strengthening of media literacy of the target group (see below – Target Groups) through the acquisition of knowledge and skills that are essential to active and responsible citizenship.

Each applicant will be obliged to ensure the processing of educational materials for the selected target group so that each material will consist of learning content and an annex for the trainer, who will be able to use the material. For the target group, educational and media-educational activities must also be provided and the methodology of these specific activities

⁴ Overview of relevant legal forms of eligible applicants and partners from the Czech Republic in Annex 14 to the Guideline for Applicants under the SGS. The legal form of the Norwegian partners is not further defined by this Call, with the exception of the information provided in Article V.

must be proposed. If the grant application fails to include all of the above, the project will not meet the eligibility criteria and will be excluded from the selection procedure.

Eligible activities:

- **awareness-raising and media-educational activities and events intended for the general public to improve the media literacy of children, youth and/or seniors** (e.g. training sessions, workshops, audio-visual screenings, project meetings, discussions and debates to raise the awareness of media literacy, media campaigns, etc.)
- **educational materials (materials intended for children and students must be in accordance with the Framework Educational Programme of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports** (these may include: publications, brochures, leaflets, learning aids in the form of multimedia, thematic websites, etc.)). These materials must always be free of charge and publicly accessible in printed/electronic form for sharing the general public (even after the end of the project).
- **project publicity in accordance with the programme rules pursuant to the Guideline for Applicants** – each project must include this activity. The communication plan of the project is one of the mandatory annexes to the grant application.

In evaluating the applications submitted, the following aspects will be, inter alia, taken into account in terms of points:

- **bilateral cooperation with Norwegian partners in the preparation and implementation of project activities**
- **project implementation through a regional network** – a regional network means the involvement of the applicant and at least two other entities performing their activities in the region(s) targeted by the project (i.e. the development of a platform of organisations which provide media education to the general public and which will participate in the regional network to share information and best practices in the field of media literacy; e.g. sites or organisations which contribute to the support, support or intend to support the promotion of media literacy; they may offer their capacity, resources and experts for working with children and seniors; these may include for example local libraries, community centres, low-threshold centres, nursing homes, maternity centres and other publicly accessible premises for meeting and learning).
- **innovative approach to the development of media literacy through projects focused on intergenerational (children/youth-seniors, children (up to 14 years of age)-youth (15-17)) or peer (children-children, youth-youth, seniors-seniors) learning.**
- **diversification within primary target groups**, i.e. focusing the project on specifically vulnerable sub-groups of primary target groups (e.g. disadvantaged groups, socially and culturally excluded families, people with lower education, people without income, families living near the poverty threshold, people with disabilities, groups otherwise at risk of social exclusion, seniors living alone, etc.). The selected sub-group must be duly substantiated and the manner in which it is threatened must be documented by research or statistics. The focus on a diversified group is in addition to the chosen primary target group.
- **innovative approach to the development of media literacy through participatory and creative activities** (e.g. projects improving media literacy and critical thinking through active involvement of the groups (e.g. already in the development of the intervention and materials), projects aimed at integrating online and digital technologies into educational interventions, etc.)

- **focus on regions that are in need the most** – the impact of the project on the support of media literacy in the regions that are in need the most according to the report of the Czech School Inspectorate⁵, i.e. the Liberec, Ústí nad Labem and Karlovy Vary Regions.

Target groups:

The general public – children and youth (up to 17 years of age) and/or seniors (above 65).
The applicant may address one or both target groups within the project.

Focusing on both target groups will be taken into account in the scoring of the grant application (see the quality evaluation criteria in Article XIII below).

Geographical focus of the call – location of project implementation:

The activities developed under the project may be targeted to any regions (NUTS III) in the Czech Republic except for the Capital City of Prague.

VII. Project Implementation Period and Sustainability

The deadline for the completion of the project implementation and all related activities is 31 December 2023. **With regard to the estimated date of evaluation of applications and award of grants, the implementation of projects is expected to start no sooner than on 11 October 2021.** More detailed information is provided in the Guideline for Applicants.

In the application, the applicant shall describe how it will ensure the sustainability of the project outputs. For educational and awareness-raising activities, long-term publication of educational materials available at least in electronic form via remote access is expected. For courses and seminars, ensuring sustainability, for example, by publishing curricula, syllabi, videos, etc. is expected. In the case of media campaigns, publication of and long-term access to materials for the widest possible group of the general public, at least on the website. All the above mentioned is to be available free of charge.

VIII. Project Outcomes and Outputs

In relation to the Programme Home Affairs, the project contributes to the fulfilment of the outcome **Enhanced collaboration between national police, international entities and territorial self-government** (programme outcome 3), including the related indicator of the programme outcome **Number of measures fostering media literacy of the general public**. The indicator represents the number of newly formed measures to support media literacy of the general public. The term “measures” expresses a combination of the performance of media-educational activities (such as training, workshops, audiovisual screenings, project meetings, discussions or debates to develop knowledge about media literacy, media campaigns, etc.) and the creation of educational and publication materials for disseminating media education and awareness among the general public.

⁵ Link to the CSI report: <https://www.csicr.cz/cz/Dokumenty/Tematicke-zpravy/Tematicka-zprava-Medialni-vychova-na-ZS-a-SS-ve-sk>

Given the focus of the call and the above-defined eligible activities, the project must contribute to the programme output **Measures on combating hate crime, disinformation and hybrid threats implemented** (programme output 3.3) by fulfilling mandatory and optional output indicators (see the table of indicators below).

The grant applicant will fill in the application the values of the following indicators set for the SGS by the Programme Operator of the Home Affairs Programme.

Indicator	Indicator description
The number of people reached by events on promoting media literacy	The indicator represents the number of persons including children and youth and/or seniors who will be demonstrably affected by awareness-raising and media-educational activities and events intended for the general public. The Project Promoter is obliged to collect and record the data. The number of all affected persons is the target value of the indicator in the application. This indicator is set as mandatory.
The number of materials on media literacy developed	The indicator represents the outputs envisaged within the project (clearly described in the application). The target value of the indicator is the number of newly created materials to support media literacy. This indicator is set as mandatory.
The number of promotional/information activities raising awareness of the project supported by Norway Grants	The indicator describes the event(s) organised by the applicant in accordance with the communication plan. This indicator is set as mandatory.
Bilateral cooperation with Norwegian partners in the preparation and implementation of project activities	The indicator represents the engagement of a partner from Norway (donor state) in joint activities in which both partners later participate. It is stated whether the project is implemented in cooperation with Norwegian partner(s). This indicator is set as mandatory elective, i.e. the applicant chooses the indicator if relevant to the submitted project.
Project implementation through a regional network to improve media literacy	The indicator represents the development of a network of organisations cooperating in the sharing and exchange of information and best practices in the field of media literacy. It is stated whether a regional

	<p>network will be developed under the project. This indicator is set as mandatory elective, i.e. the applicant chooses the indicator if relevant to the submitted project..</p>
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In the grant application, the applicant will provide the target value of the indicators (i.e. the value to be achieved through the implementation of the project specified in the grant application) including the method of verifying the values of the indicators.

The applicant may include its own additional output indicators in the grant application.

More detailed information on the method of determining the outputs of activities/programme and the outcome of the programme, a description and definition of indicators, etc. are given in the Guideline for Applicants and its Annexes.

IX. Eligible Expenditure

The rules on which categories and types of expenditure are eligible and ineligible are laid down in Chapter 8 of the Regulation on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 and further described in the Guideline for Applicants and the Guideline of the National Focal Point for Eligible Expenditures under EEA/Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014–2021.

Expenditures shall respect the principles of economy, efficiency and effectiveness.

Expenditure is eligible if it was actually incurred under the project between the start and end date of eligibility, is adequate and necessary for the implementation of activities related to the project implementation and is included in the detailed budget. The eligibility of expenditures starts on the date of approval of the grant by the Programme Operator and ends no later than on 29 February 2024, where the start date and end date of the eligibility of expenditures will be specified in the legal act awarding the funds.

Expenditure incurred prior to the approval of the grant application will not be considered eligible. Therefore, applicants are advised not to initiate the project implementation before receiving the Programme Operator’s decision on grant approval.

At least 90% of the total eligible expenditures shall be allocated to implement soft activities/soft measure developed by the applicant/project promoter and its partners including the copyright protection of original works of authorship⁶. Maximum 10% of the total eligible expenditures may be used to finance consumables and supplies, which are necessary for implementation of project and do not fall within the group of fixed depreciated assets.

Given the nature of the project, the generation of any revenues by the project is not expected.

⁶ The protection of authors' rights is defined by Act No. 121/2000 Coll., the [Copyright Act](#). The owner of the intellectual property (author) may grant another person rights to dispose of the intellectual property by means of a licence.

X. Information on Public Aid Conditions

It is not possible to finance projects that would constitute state aid and require notification to the European Commission.

If relevant, the project might not be supported by public funds to the maximum extent as defined in Article III of this call. In this case the support will be provided in the form of de minimis (due to low amounts of aid, it is not considered state aid as it does not meet all aspects of the definition of state aid pursuant to Art. 107 of the TFEU). The prerequisites and required documents will also be submitted as an annex to the grant application and are specified in the Guideline for Applicants.

XI. Drawing up and Submitting the Grant Application

The grant application must be filled in and submitted only electronically through the CEDR Information System (IS CEDR) by **1 July 2021 12 a.m.** When completing the application, applicants will proceed in accordance with the text of the call and the Guideline for Applicants, which forms an annex to this Call.

The grant application and its annexes will be prepared in the Czech language and in a standardised format (if a standardised format is specified for the given annex - see the Guideline for Applicants). Only the part of the grant application entitled “Brief summary of the project in English” and relevant information including the attached documents relating to the bilateral partnership will be drafted in English.

The application will include information on all consultants involved in the preparation of the project application.

Further information necessary for the processing and submission of the application is provided in the Guideline for Applicants and in descriptions and help in the IS CEDR.

Technical requirements and recommendations:

- the application and the relevant annexes must be provided with a qualified electronic signature of the statutory or authorised representative of the applicant
- access to the IS CEDR is possible via www.mvcr.cz/norwaygrants
- in the case of technical difficulties with the preparation and submission of the application, it is possible to contact the person listed on the home page of the IS CEDR
- the grant application and its annexes can be prepared gradually in the IS CEDR; the system enables continuous saving of already filled in parts
- when completing the grant application, it must be taken into account that the evaluation and selection of projects will be based exclusively on the information contained in the grant application and its annexes. Therefore, all parts of the application and annexes must be filled in carefully, specifically and clearly.

XII. Process of Application Evaluation and Project Selection

The process of project evaluation applied in the selection of applications submitted under this call consists of the following stages:

1) Assessment of Administrative and Eligibility Criteria by the Programme Operator

The Programme Operator will assess the compliance with the administrative and eligibility criteria according to the set criteria. Applications that fail to meet these criteria will be excluded from further evaluation. The possibilities and deadline for providing missing documents are described in the Guideline for Applicants. The applicant may appeal against the exclusion of the application due to non-compliance with administrative and eligibility criteria within 15 business days of receiving notification on rejection of the application via the IS CEDR.

2) Qualitative Assessment of Application by External Evaluators

Each application is evaluated by two external evaluators. The external evaluators will be selected by the Programme Operator based on their expertise and experience in project evaluation.

The final score of the grant application is calculated as an arithmetic mean of the scores given by both evaluators. If the difference between the total scoring of the evaluators exceeds 30% of the higher score, the application will be evaluated by a third evaluator. The final score will be then calculated as an arithmetic mean of the scores that are closest to each other in terms of their value.

3) Application Assessment by Selection Committee

The list of all projects evaluated in terms of their quality will be submitted to the selection committee. The projects are listed by their final score received in the evaluation by the external evaluators (arithmetic mean of scores). The selection committee will discuss the submitted projects and provide a list of recommended projects, including reserve projects, to the Programme Operator – the Ministry of the Interior for verification.

4) Verification by Programme Operator

The Programme Operator shall verify that the selection process has been conducted in accordance with the Regulation and that grant award decisions comply with the rules and objectives of the Programme.

5) Grant Approval/Non-Approval by Programme Operator

Based on the result of the verification, the Programme Operator will decide on the approval/non-approval of the grant and informs the applicant about the next steps. Successful applicants will receive a Grant Award Letter and, subject to the acceptance of grant conditions set out in the annex to the Grant Award Letter, a legal act on the allocation of funds. The PO will publicise the results. Unsuccessful applicants will receive a legal act on not awarding the grant.

XIII. Administrative, Eligibility and Evaluation Criteria

1) Administrative Criteria

- The application was submitted within the deadline set in the call.
- The application is processed in the required language in accordance with the call.
- The application provides all mandatory information.
- The application contains a qualified electronic signature of the applicant's statutory representative or authorised person.
- All mandatory annexes are complete and submitted in the required form in accordance with the call and the Guideline for Applicants.

2) Eligibility Criteria

- The applicant is eligible.
- The applicant meets the condition of at least one year of its existence.
- The partner(s) are eligible (if a partnership is applied).
- The applicant submitted only one grant application within this call.
- The project includes the creation of training materials, including training methodology, and training of the entire selected target group.
- The project activities are eligible.
- The location of the project is in accordance with the conditions of the call.
- The project implementation period does not exceed the maximum implementation period specified in the call.
- The required grant amount is in accordance with the conditions set out in the call.

Only those applications which will meet of the criteria of formal requirements and eligibility will be submitted for quality assessment. Applications that fail to meet the criteria will be excluded from further evaluation.

3) Quality Evaluation Criteria

If the relevant criterion is met, the applicant will receive the appropriate number of points listed in the table. If the criterion is not met, the applicant will receive 0 points.

Detailed criteria for the qualitative evaluation of the application		
	Evaluation criterion	Maximum points of the criterion (of 100)
1	The Applicant's Ability and Readiness to Implement the Project	13
	1.1 The applicant has adequate administrative capacity for the project implementation, including continuous monitoring of the implementation.	5
	1.2 The organisational structure of management, technical preparation and project implementation are clearly described, including the division and provision of individual implementation steps and roles of the applicant's external assistants (if proposed by the applicant).	4
	1.3 If the project involves a partnership, the roles of individual partners in the project implementation are clearly described in detail.	4
2	Project Relevance and Significance	36
	2.1 Approach to the fulfilment of SGS objectives and the impact of the project	
	2.1.1 In accordance with the call, the project is focused on the improvement of media literacy as a means of combating hybrid threats, in particular to reduce the impact of disinformation campaigns. Efficiency of the project – the link between the project budget and number of people reached by events on promoting the media literacy (it is expected that number of reached people will not be less than 250 people).	8

	2.1.2 The focus of the project is in line with the needs of the target group.	4
	2.1.3 Working with the target group in terms of the degree of impact *. <i>* the project is focused on one target group – 0 points, the project is focused on both target groups – 4 points.</i>	4
	2.2 Qualitative criteria for working with the target group	
	2.2.1 Within its activities, the project develops intergenerational (children/youth-seniors, children (under and including 14 years of age)-youth (15-17)) or peer (children-children, youth-youth, seniors-seniors) learning *.	4
	2.2.2 Project is focused on target groups in the neediest regions, i.e. the regions of Liberec, Ústí nad Labem and Karlovy Vary**.	4
	2.2.3 The applicant focuses in addition to the target groups on specific vulnerable sub-groups of primary target groups (disadvantaged groups, socio-economic environment, etc.)***. <i>* the project does not develop intergenerational/peer learning – 0 points, the project develops intergenerational/peer learning – 4 points</i> <i>** the project is targeted at one of the neediest regions – 2 points, the project is targeted at more than one of the neediest regions – 4 points</i> <i>*** the project is not targeted at a specific vulnerable sub-group of target groups – 0 points, the project is targeted at a specific vulnerable sub-group of target groups – 4 points</i>	4
	2.3 Innovative approach to media literacy	
	The applicant has selected an innovative approach through participatory and creative activities as a form of media literacy education*. <i>* the project does not focus on an innovative approach through participatory and creative activities – 0 points, the project focuses on an innovative approach through participatory and creative activities – 4 points</i>	4
	2.4 The project is implemented through a regional network	
	The applicant engages at least two other local organisations (local libraries, community and low-threshold centres, nursing homes, maternity centres, etc.) in the project* <i>* the project does not focus on the development of a regional network – 0 points, the project focuses on the development of a regional network – 4 points</i>	4
3	Project Structure, Risks, Activities and Outputs	35
	3.1 The structure of the project is clearly defined and corresponds to the focus of the call <i>Individual activities and their outputs are clearly and sufficiently described in the project, including their continuity. The project activities are complementary.</i>	7
	3.2 All the proposed project activities are necessary to achieve the project outputs specified in the application. <i>(There may be several project outputs.)</i>	10

	3.3 The proposed time schedule for the project implementation is clear and feasible and corresponds to the needs of the implementation of activities in terms of their content and complementarity.	6
	3.4 The logical framework of the project provides clear and concise information on the project relevance to the programme and SGS, including the specified indicators* and verification sources (outputs, outcomes, objective). <i>The initial and final values of the indicators are feasible, the indicators are quantified and objectively measurable in terms of quantity and time. The sources for the verification of indicators are provided and will be available and suitable for the verification of initial and final values of the indicators.</i>	5
	3.5 Project risks are clearly defined and relevant, including a proposal for measures to eliminate them to ensure smooth implementation of the project.	3
	3.6 Project publicity is clearly described in the communication plan, including individual activities to ensure publicity.	4
4	Project Economy	12
	4.1 The items listed in the indicative budget are in accordance with the project and its activities and their amount is reasonable.	6
	4.2 The method of setting the price of individual budget items is given.	3
	4.3 The budget structure is clear and understandable.	3
5	Bilateral Cooperation – Partnership with Norwegian Entities	4
	5.1 The project contributes to the strengthening of bilateral relations with the donor state*. <i>* the project does not involve a Norwegian partner – 0 points, the project involves a Norwegian partner and contributes to the partnership in the project implementation – 4 points</i>	4
	Total	100

The support will be granted to those applications which received total score of at least 70 points in the quality evaluation together with at least 18 points in the evaluation of the criterion no. 2 “**Project Relevance and Significance**”.

XIV. Project Publicity

The applicant is obliged to draw up a communication plan as one of the mandatory annexes to the grant application. The minimum requirements for ensuring the awareness of the public including details on the implementation of publicity activities are provided in the Guideline for Applicants.

XV. Publicly Accessible Documents for Implementation of Norway Grants 2014–2021

Documents (the Regulation, guidelines and methodologies) are available on the following websites:

Financial Mechanism Office (in particular the Regulation on the Implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014–2021)	www.eeagrants.org
National Focal Point (in particular the Guideline of the National Focal Point for Eligible Expenditures under EEA/Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014–2021)	www.eeagrants.cz
Programme Operator	www.mvcr.cz/norwaygrants

The implementation of the EEA and Norway Grants is based on the principles of transparency, openness and accountability. The EEA and Norway Grants have zero tolerance for corruption or misuse of funds. In accordance with these principles, complaints and alerts may be made by the public regarding suspected abuse or irregularities related to the EEA and Norway Grants. More information on where such complaints and alerts may be sent can be found at <https://www.eeagrants.cz/cs/stiznosti>.

XVI. Information on Call Consultancy

Contact details of the call announcer (Programme Operator):

Ministry of the Interior – Department of Financial Mechanisms and Structural Funds
Jindřišská 34, 110 00 Prague 1

Queries regarding the call (e.g. the submission of the grant application, call conditions, evaluation methods and award of funds) can only be sent by e-mail to mgs@mvcr.cz.

Queries can be made no sooner than on the day of announcement of the open call and no later than five business days before the deadline for the submission of grant applications. The response will be sent to the applicant within five business days from the request date, on the day preceding the end of the call at the latest. Only written responses are binding. Frequently asked questions and answers will be published in the Q&A section at www.mvcr.cz/norwaygrants.

An information seminar will be held for applicants during the call. The date and venue of the seminar will be announced at www.mvcr.cz/norwaygrants.