

## HUMAN RIGHTS



- ▲ **Programme area:** Roma Inclusion and Empowerment, Human Rights – National Implementation, Domestic and Gender-based Violence
- ▲ **Programme allocation:** € 22,352,941
- ▲ **Programme operator:** Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic
- ▲ **Contact details:** [www.norwaygrants/humanrights](http://www.norwaygrants/humanrights)
- ▲ **International partner organisations:**  
European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights  
Council of Europe

**Description of the programme:** The programme general objective is to improve human rights situation (also in the area of Domestic and Gender-based Violence (DGBV)) and to combat discrimination and extremism in the Czech Republic. The programme will foster the implementation of human rights standards in the Czech Republic. It will also directly target vulnerable groups at high risk of discrimination and exclusion, such as Roma. Victims and witnesses of domestic and gender-based violence, especially children and vulnerable groups, including migrants and Roma women will be addressed. Emerging forms of gender-based violence, such as online harassment, bullying or stalking will be also addressed. The programme will aim at combatting all forms of discrimination and exclusion and at enhancing the capacities of the relevant national institutions dealing with aforementioned matters.

### **Programme area: Roma Inclusion and Empowerment**

This programme area (PA) shall support development of systems for data collection, analysis, monitoring and evaluation for description of the situation of Roma in the Czech Republic and evaluation of their position in comparison with the majority population. It will also enhance empowerment of Roma and their engagement at local level and it will increase knowledge about Roma history through supporting establishment of Roma platforms at local and regional level, capacity building of Roma advisors and establishment and operation of a new Centre of Roma and Sinti in Prague. Finally, the PA will focus on the area of education by supporting involvement and participation of Roma children in mainstream leisure programmes, supporting activities providing extracurricular education for Roma children and promoting and strengthening cooperation between a school and a family.

The grant support will be provided through 2 Calls for Proposals and 2 pre-defined projects (PDPs).

### **Programme area: Human Rights – National Implementation**

This PA shall enhance capacities and competencies of public institutions (the Office of the Public Defender of Rights in particular), judges and judicial personnel to protect human rights and provide access to justice for minorities, vulnerable and marginalised groups.



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It will also increase awareness and knowledge of human rights among the public through national campaign on countering hate, prejudices and stereotypes and it will increasing legal professionals' knowledge of international human rights obligations of the Czech Republic through new HR web portal and electronic compatibility manual.

The PA shall also support academic and research sector to promote awareness-raising, education and gaining of expertise in new human rights topics and challenges identified by international human rights bodies. The grant support will be provided through 1 component of a small grant scheme (SGS) and 4 PDPs.

### **Programme Area: Domestic and Gender-based Violence**

The PA will enhance protection of victims of DGBV through establishing new specialised services for victims of GBV, capacity building of intervention centres mandated to coordinate interdisciplinary cooperation and organisations providing interventions for violent offenders and increasing the accessibility of the latter.

The PA will also strengthen the system of prevention of domestic and gender-based violence by campaigns on raising awareness of DGBV, by tackling gender stereotyping as a root cause of DGBV and by increasing the capacity of public administration to effectively (i) combat DGBV in conformity with standards of the Istanbul Convention, (ii) to deal with emerging forms of gender-based violence, (iii) to prevent sexual violence among youth and (iv) to work with children as witnesses of domestic violence and with perpetrators of violence in close relationships. Finally, the PA will support analytical and research activities on domestic and gender-based violence in order to promote understanding of the whole scope of DGBV and its impacts.

The grant support will be provided through 3 components of a SGS and 3 PDPs.

### **Expected timeline:**

- Programme launch event – 13. 3. 2019
- Calls for Proposals launched – Q3 2019; Q2 2020
- PDPs implementation launched – 7/2019
- SGS call launched – Q4 2019

**Eligible applicants:** Specific eligible applicants for each Call for Proposals / SGS (Civil Society Organisations, Municipalities with extended scope of authority, Regional Authorities, Founders of schools, other public sector institutions incl. academia).

**Bilateral cooperation:** Pre-defined bilateral activities shall be mostly supported, SYNERGY platform meeting on prevention DGBV and protection of victims shall be held in Prague in Q4 2019.