

Annex 4 to the Call LDI01 – 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.	Does the Applicant have at least two different project partners among those listed as mandatory Eligible partners?			
3.	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 75 points)					
	1a) Integrated approach and partnership				
	<p><u>Integrated approach</u></p> <p>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 – 8 points The project aims to implement cost-efficient and sustainable measures integrating three out of the five areas – 6 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</p> <p>Up to 5 additional points shall be awarded if the applicant creates networks and strategic partnership among entities in the target municipality 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 more municipalities, more diverse stakeholders and higher expected efficiency of planned cooperation.</p>	0–13			

No.	Criterion	Description	Range	Score	Comments
		<p>1b) Qualitative assessment of the multifunctional Youth Centre</p> <p>The services to be provided to children and youth within the multifunctional youth centres:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - prepare appropriate conditions for vulnerable children and youth to attend the multifunctional Youth centre at different level, including family/community level and to support their interest in development of their ability to learn social standards and patterns of behaviours in situations of natural life at different events (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 the vulnerable groups are treated fairly, equal access to opportunities to enable children/youth/people to fully participate in the processes is ensured, an inclusive culture in the multifunctional youth centre is going to be created and the vulnerable groups shall be enabled to develop to their full potential.</p> <p>Up to 2 additional points shall be awarded if the field social workers and/or Roma mediators have been actively involved in the project preparation.</p> <p>Up to 2 additional points can be awarded if the process of outreach is sufficiently described and detailed in order to effectively reach and engage the target groups</p> <p>Up to 2 additional points shall be awarded for the involvement of a recognised, well-known Youth centre is involved in the project.</p>	0 - 16		

No.	Criterion	Description	Range	Score	Comments
		<p>1c) Quantitative assessment of the multifunctional Youth Centre</p> <p>Access to the multifunctional Youth Centre After verifying the data provided by the applicant, the number of children and youth living in least developed districts within a radius of approximately 15 km (30 mins using public transport) from the target municipality is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 10,000– 5 points • 5,000 – 10,000– 3 points • Less than 5,000– 0 points <p>Deduct one point if the number of children and youth in the target municipality is less than 4,000. Deduct two points if the number of children and youth in the target municipality is less than 2,000.</p> <p>Number of effectively involved centres Number of centres working with children and youth from the least developed districts with a clearly beneficial role in the project, is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More than 5 centres with a clearly beneficial role – 5 points • 3 to 5 centres with a clearly beneficial role – 3 points • 1 to 2 centres with a clearly beneficial role – 1 point • No centre with a clearly beneficial role – 0 points <p>Increase in the number of children and youth visiting the centres The project will increase the number of children and youth visiting the centres 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 multifunctional Youth Centre Increase of time (in hours per week) the multifunctional Youth Centre is going to be open for children and youth is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 and more - 3 points • 3 to 7 hours - 1 point • less than 3 hours – 0 points 	0 - 15		

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The score in this criterion cannot be negative.					
1d) Reflection of public needs and systemic approach					
Compliance with local needs					
<p>The project is in line with community needs, mainly local youth at risk 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 centres defined reflects the needs of the local youth at risk. (0 – 9)</p> <p>The maximum score shall be awarded if the project</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • has been consulted with the local/regional community, incl. youth before submitting the Project Application and is relevant to its needs and requirements, mainly the local youth at risk. • the applicant follows an already existing strategy of working with children and youth 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 is an active youth parliament/council or similar association of youth involved in the project preparation • If relevant, the project includes the Concept of the Youth Work Development of towns involved in the project in accordance of Act No. 282/2008 on the support of youth work. The justification of the project's compliance with the concept is sufficiently described in the project application or its annexes. 					
Compliance with Action Development Plans					
<p>The project and its activities are in line with the Action Development Plan of the respective least developed district(s) with specific focus on measures related to Children and Youth at Risk.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All the activities are in line with the Action Development Plan of the respective district(s) and are identified as the priorities. - 4 points • Most activities are in line with the Action Development Plan of the 					
			0 - 13		

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		<p>respective district(s) and are identified as the priorities. - 2 points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The compliance of the project activities and the Action Development Plan of the respective district(s) is not apparent – 0 points 			
	1e) Synergy with the other component of the Programme (Roma inclusion)	<p>In case a municipality/Roma settlement identified in the updated Atlas of Roma Communities 2019² is involved in the project, this involvement is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> significant – 5 points medium – 3 points low or no involvement – 0 point <p>Up to 3 additional points can be awarded if the project supports joint, bridging activities between Roma and non-Roma, in which Roma and non-Roma participate together. More points for more active participation of both groups in the preparation and implementation of these activities shall be awarded.</p> <p>Up to 2 additional 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.</p> <p>The score awarded cannot be negative.</p>	0 - 10		
	1f) Regional criterion	<p>The project is to be exclusively implemented in a least developed districts, which has an youth unemployment rate of: (purely objective criterion)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> more than 15% - 8 points 10% - 15% - 4 points less than 10% - 0 points 	0 - 8		
2. Project structure, risks, activities and outcomes (a total of 14 points)					
	2a)	Project management is adequately defined and clearly described. The publicity	0 – 4		

² <https://www.minv.sk/?atlas-romskych-komunit-2019&subor=353673>

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		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.			
	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. 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. 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 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		
	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	0 – 4		

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		indicated amounts are reasonable. Unit prices are adequate and correspond to prices that are usual in the local market.			
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 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. In our case, the main objective can be defined as increasing chances of vulnerable children and youth to succeed in society. An integrated approach in our case therefore means the best possible mix of measures from various components able to give the children the best possible sets of skills for their future endeavours.

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:

- sport and physical activities
- health care educational activities
- school nutrition programmes
- school dentist, school doctor and other easily accessible health services for vulnerable children and youth
- addiction prevention programmes for children and youth (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)
- services for first-time young parents

Education-related measures

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

- arts and culture education
- support of kindergartens
- summer schools for underachieving pupils

- extra lessons after schools for underachieving pupil
- 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:

- educational and vocational trainings and courses
- creative and language courses
- courses and trainings specifically focused on the regional needs, e.g. construction, manufacture, tourism etc.

Non-discrimination measures

- activities countering hate speech, radicalisation and extremism, incl. social media,
- protecting children from online hoaxes, cyber-bullying, 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:

- community-based initiatives to improve housing conditions of vulnerable children and youth on a voluntary basis
- school emergency services for children living in poor housing conditions, such as free clothes, laundry, showers, food etc.
- shared-housing programmes, e.g. connecting families living in overcrowded households with lonely or socially isolated elderly people
- minor housing investment, insofar these are in line with the gap-bridging requirement
- counselling services for youth related to housing
- early intervention for children, especially children from a socially disadvantaged environment

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.).

Multifunctional Youth Centre

The multifunctional youth centre is defined as the whole structure of centres working with children and youth involved in the project. The individual centres must implement or be involved in the implementation of one or several activities of the project. The centres can be formal and informal, working with children and youth on the given territory (e.g. kindergartens, schools, art schools, city sports halls, sport clubs, leisure time centres, and vocational training centres etc.). The cooperation of the centres is not only formal, the centres are to be working together to achieve results or helping each other out to achieve a common goal.

Verification of data related to the number of children and youth living in the proximity of the multifunctional youth centre

The data shall be verified as follows:

1. The applicant shall provide the list of surrounding municipalities as part of the questionnaire (annex to the Project Application)
2. The expert shall verify (**using the principle of proportionality**), whether the listed municipalities indeed are within the radius of 15 km. He or she is advised to use to web-site www.vzdialenosti.sk, if available. The expert is not responsible for the omission of the applicant to include any relevant municipality in the list.
3. If the expert find out that the distance from the target municipality to the surrounding municipality is greater than declared by the applicant, the expert shall check whether there is a public transport between the municipalities available, not exceeding the duration of 30 min. The web-site www.cp.sk should be used, if available.

Once the above data has been ascertained, the expert should verify the number of children and youth living in the area by using the tool provided by the Programme Operator³. The reference year is 2019. After clicking on the link below, use filters to get the given municipality and sum the number of children in youth in the relevant age groups.

In case of doubts, the expert should rely on the data provided by the applicant. The final score in this criterion must not be negative.

Children and youth

Children and youth means people aged 0 – 24.

Radius

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

Clearly beneficial role of a centre working with children and youth in a project

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

³ The tool can be found [here](#)

Increase of time (in hours per week) the centre is going to be open for children and youth

The centre means an aggregation of all institutions working with children and youth included in the multifunctional Youth centre. It is calculated as a total number of hours these institutions (centres) are open to children and youth 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.

Action Development Plans

Action development plans of the least developed districts are published at <https://www.nro.vicepremier.gov.sk/>.

Target municipality

Municipality, in which most of the measures will be implemented.

Youth unemployment rate

The youth unemployment rate shall be calculated as the share of jobseeker aged below 25 on the total number of jobseekers in a given district. The data are listed in **Table 1**:

If several Least Developed Districts participate in the project, the deciding district is the district where the target municipality is located.

The reference date is the closure date of the call and the source of the data shall be the statistics of unemployment issued monthly by the Central Office of Labour, Social Affairs and Family - https://www.upsvr.gov.sk/statistiky/nezamestnanost-mesacne-statistiky.html?page_id=1254.

Table 1 – as an example Statistics to 31st December 2019

Least Developed District	Jobseekers Total	Younger than 25	%
Kežmarok	5481	1017	18,56%
Bardejov	4458	802	17,99%
Sabinov	3524	607	17,22%
Vranov nad Topľou	5712	923	16,16%
Levoča	1546	248	16,04%
Košice - okolie	6195	927	14,96%
Svidník	2197	321	14,61%
Medzilaborce	727	102	14,03%
Stropkov	1265	174	13,75%
Snina	1664	220	13,22%
Trebišov	6699	861	12,85%
Michalovce	5481	693	12,64%

Veľký Krtíš	1735	218	12,56%
Gelnica	1530	187	12,22%
Sobrance	1436	171	11,91%
Rožňava	4408	497	11,27%
Lučenec	3645	398	10,92%
Rimavská Sobota	7280	777	10,67%
Revúca	3254	320	9,83%
Poltár	1292	104	8,05%