

## Third call for submission of grant applications for NGOs

Program: Democracy and human rights  
Fund Operator: Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation  
(NOS-OSF)  
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## 1. Description of the program

### Purpose of the call and areas of support

Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti – Open Society Foundation (hereinafter “NOS-OSF”), within the framework of implementation of the EEA Grants NGO Program “Democracy and Human Rights” (hereinafter the “Program”), launches the third call which aims to support non-governmental organisations (hereinafter “NGOs”) in Slovakia in four priority areas of support.

The specific objective of this call is to support NGOs operating at local and regional level working in rural areas, grassroots organisations rooted in local communities, and organisations operating at the local, municipal and regional levels and implementing projects that contribute to active involvement of the target groups as specified by the project. The cross-cutting priority of the Program is the development of NGO capacities and enhancement of their position in the society.

The Program is specifically aimed at supporting children and youth in danger and combating Hate Speech – verbal incidents as a form of hate-related violence, extremism, racism, xenophobia, homophobia, sexual harassment, violence against women and human trafficking. At the same time, the Program will address anti-Semitism and encourage the reinforcement of tolerance, multicultural understanding and equal opportunities for Roma people. The program will also focus on the specific needs of minorities, including Roma.

Text of this Call provides general key information for potential project applicants. For detailed information and requirements, please be advised to study Manual for applicants, attached to this Call.

## 2. Areas of support

### 2.1. Democracy, good and transparent governance

This area of support focuses mainly on strengthening the role of NGOs and active citizens in promoting democratic principles in society, putting human rights instruments into practice, increasing effectiveness of the judiciary and enhancing civic participation in public affairs through the development of public policies, monitoring their implementation, advocacy and anti-corruption activities.

### 2.2. Human rights including minority rights

The primary focus of this area of support is promoting respect for human and minority rights, improving the position of persons disadvantaged because of their nationality, racial or ethnic origin, religion, age and health. This area also funds fostering of multicultural dialogue.

### 2.3. Gender equality and fight against gender based violence

This area of support focuses primarily on promoting gender equality and supporting common responsibility of men and women in eliminating gender inequality; preventing unequal treatment based on sex and/or gender in professional and private lives of individuals; acknowledging women's rights as part of human rights; and on combating gender-based violence.



## 2.4. Fight against discrimination, racism and xenophobia

This area of support focuses primarily on supporting projects aimed at promoting zero tolerance for expressions violating the principle of equality, with particular emphasis on discrimination, extremism, racism, Hate Speech (verbal incidents as a form of hate related violence), xenophobia, tolerance and multicultural understanding.

## 3. Applicant

### 3.1. Eligibility criteria for applicants

*Eligible applicants* are NGOs that are established in Slovakia and fall within following definition: “A non-profit voluntary organisation established as a legal entity, having a non-commercial purpose, independent of local, regional and central government, public entities, political parties and commercial organisations. Religious institutions and political parties are not considered NGOs. Eligible applicants shall abide by the principles of democratic values and human rights.”

One applicant can submit only one application. One applicant can be project partner in maximum two other submitted projects. Applicants, who were granted support<sup>1</sup> from Fund operator amounting to more than € 10,000 per project, are not eligible for support. A minimum of 10% of the total allocated funding will be dedicated to supporting children and youth at risk. This criterion will be given special attention when evaluating projects.

## 4. Duration of the project

The projects submitted under this call shall run from the date of mutual signing of the contract until 30th April 2016. The maximum duration of the project is up to 8 months. The project completion date is no later than 30th April 2016. Activities and expenditures planned and incurred after that date are not eligible.

## 5. Financial provisions

### 5.1. The amount of funding and its allocation and eligible costs

The total amount allocated to support the activities of NGOs as eligible applicants in the third call is € 233,197. Eligible costs are costs connected to project implementation, specifically defined in the Manual for applicants, section 5.2 (see [HERE](#)).

### 5.2. Project funding

Project funding consists of:

- a) grant from the Program of maximum 90 % of the total eligible project costs;
- b) co-financing by the beneficiary of not less than 10 % of the total eligible project costs.

The applicant shall prove at the time of submission of the grant Application that they have secured funds to

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<sup>1</sup> These includes all project promoters who finished their projects or have ongoing projects and were granted support from Fund operator by decision of the NOS-OSF Board of Trustees from 18.7.2013, 4.8.2014 and 12.9.2014.



pre-finance the project at a minimum of 10% of the total eligible project costs. Co-financing in the form of in-kind contributions is eligible only as voluntary work, which cannot exceed 50% of the total amount of the co-financing.

## 6. Submission of grant applications

### 6.1. Timeline

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|--|--------------------------------------|
| Announcement of the call:  | 27 <sup>th</sup> May 2015            |
| Closing date for Applications:   | 27 <sup>th</sup> July 2015           |
| Indicative date of approval of Applications and announcement of the results: | till 15 <sup>th</sup> September 2015 |
| Last date for eligibility of project expenditure:                            | 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2016          |

## 7. Grant application and mandatory annexes

### 7.1. Online Grant Application

Following the registration the grant Application is available on the <http://fondpremvo.osf.sk> website until the closing date of the call. The Grant Application consists of the following:

- Project form containing comprehensive information about the project;
- Annotated project budget (part of the form);
- Sworn declaration signed by the applicant confirming the following (part of the form).

All mandatory annexes to the grant Application are being specified in Manual for applicants, section 7 (see [HERE](#)).

### 7.2. The date, place and terms of delivery of the grant Application

The Application along with all the mandatory annexes shall be submitted in the Slovak language, sent electronically to <http://fondpremvo.osf.sk> by **27<sup>th</sup> July 2015, till 12 a.m.**, and delivered in hard copy to the business address of the Fund Operator (Nadácia otvorenej spoločnosti, MVO – FOND, Baštová 5, 811 03 Bratislava) by **27<sup>th</sup> July 2015 till 12.00 p.m.**, the date of the postmark is conclusive. Otherwise the Application will be considered as undelivered and will be excluded from the evaluation.

## 8. Selection Procedure

The selection procedure consists of four rounds. In the first round, the NOS-OSF as Fund operator will consider the Applications with regard to administrative and eligibility criteria (these criteria are listed in section 12 of the Manual for applicant - see [HERE](#)); in the second round, the Applications will be evaluated by two impartial experts who will assign a point score and written assessment of the content and quality of the project proposal, using the criteria specified in section 8.1.2. In the third round, a Selection Committee will evaluate the applications based on impartial experts' assessment and will or will not recommend them to the Board of Trustees for approval. In the fourth and final round, the Board of Trustees of the Operator will issue



the final decision on approval or disapproval of the Application.

Results will be announced mid September 2015. List of successful applicants will be published on the OSF website ([www.osf.sk](http://www.osf.sk)), in section dedicated to the Program. Moreover, all applicants will be notified about results per mail within 7 working days of their announcement.

## 9. Applicants' support and contacts

Requests concerning general information about the program and Bilateral fund shall be addressed to the program coordinator:

| Name           | E-mail   | Phone        |
|----------------|--|--------------|
| Elena Moťovská | <a href="mailto:elena.motovska@osf.sk">elena.motovska@osf.sk</a> | 0903 263 244 |

Requests concerning areas of support, outcomes and expected outputs shall be addressed to the project manager in charge of the relevant area:

| Area of support   | Name             | E-mail   | Phone        |
|---|------------------|--|--------------|
| Demokracia, dobrá a transparentná správa vecí verejných | Zuzana Čáčová    | <a href="mailto:zuzana.cacova@osf.sk">zuzana.cacova@osf.sk</a> | 0903 451 814 |
| Ľudské práva vrátane práv menších                       | Stanislav Daniel | <a href="mailto:stano.daniel@osf.sk">stano.daniel@osf.sk</a>   | 0948 692 228 |
| Rodová rovnosť a boj proti rodovo podmienenému násiliu  | Barbora Vaněk    | <a href="mailto:barbora.vanek@osf.sk">barbora.vanek@osf.sk</a> | 0914 196 170 |
| Boj proti diskriminácii, rasizmu a xenofóbii            | Andrea Bilá      | <a href="mailto:andrea.bila@osf.sk">andrea.bila@osf.sk</a>     | 0948 626 867 |

Requests concerning eligibility of expenditures, co-financing rate, preparation of the budget and the like shall be addressed by e-mail or phone to the financial director or the financial controllers:

| Name               | E-mail   | Phone        |
|--------------------|--|--------------|
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| Zuzana Juríková    | <a href="mailto:zuzana.jurikova@osf.sk">zuzana.jurikova@osf.sk</a>         | 0903 263 978 |

## 10. List of appendices

1. Manual for applicants
2. Guidelines on eligibility of expenditures

