

Stronger Roots for Civil Society

**Stronger Ties of Civil Society Networks
in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and
Hungary**

Informational webinar, 19th of May 2020



Stronger Roots for Civil Society Program

- has been developed and implemented by a consortium Open Society Fund Prague (CZ), Open Society Foundation Bratislava (SK), Glopolis (CZ) and the NIOK Foundation (HU).
- with the aim to support more resilient and effectively working civil society in Czech Republic, Hungary and Slovakia



Call for Proposals Stronger Ties of Civil Society Networks in the Czech Republic, Slovakia and Hungary

The goals of this Call for Proposals:

- to broaden the network`s understanding of the context, in which the network operates, as it is perceived by other actors in the field,
- to set goals shared with different actors in the field,
- to assess developments in the network`s agenda from diverging perspectives,
- to become a more open, inclusive and learning structure.



How to reach the goals?

By means of „**transversal cooperation**“

= action or process of working together to the same end where participating groups of diverging worldviews, acknowledge common goals while respecting the diversity of their individual positions.

How to reach the goals?

The projects should systematically engage with unlike social actors / outsider groups with whom they have not cooperated before. These could be:

1) civil society actor/s with very different worldviews - group/s coming from more distant geographical locations and/or more disparate ideological orientations

2) multiple representatives of the network's stakeholders such as other civil society organizations or networks, business, government institutions, local authorities - in innovative forms of collaboration or partnership.



Good practice examples



Examples of project activities

- organizing meetings, closed events, strategic debates, workshops or negotiation processes with more conservative - or conversely, more progressive/liberal - CSOs/networks working on the same topic to create a shared vision, agenda or action plan
- building communication channels and tools to systematically engage capital-based networks in consultation, coordination with, or support for local CSOs in various parts of the country
- events or processes building or improving relationships among divergent stakeholders (including informal processes, social events, managed confrontations, crisis simulation or out-of-comfort zone experiences)
- engaging different types of potential donors in co-designing a network's objectives, impact measurement, evaluation and/or communication
- involving indifferent or opposing government officials/politicians in joint problem analysis, identification of solutions and collaborative action
- exploring unlikely partnerships with businesses and other stakeholders

Total sum of 50,000 € per country may be distributed and 2-5 projects are expected to be supported in each country.



Who can apply?

Civil society networks (platforms, coalitions, working groups, umbrella or roof organizations, spontaneous civic initiatives) that:

- adhere to the principles of democracy and human rights,
- represent the aggregate interests of civil society groups in one of the project countries and are themselves based in either CZ, HU or SK,
- represent at least 10 different entities (civil society organizations, institutions or individuals),
- have at least 6 months of previous active existence and transparently working body with active participation and joint decision-making by its members.



Who cannot apply?

- political party-affiliated associations,
- state-funded governmental institutions,
- profit distributing cooperatives,
- sole proprietorship,
- natural person.



Applicants may submit one proposal per network for a grant of a minimum of €10,000 up to a maximum of €40,000 per project.



The Concept Note shall be submitted in English, electronically **until 9 June 2020, 13:00 CET.**



| Nadace **OSF**

How to apply?

Call for Proposals

Stronger Roots for Civil Society Program:

STRONGER TIES OF CIVIL SOCIETY NETWORKS IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC, SLOVAKIA AND HUNGARY

If you are planning to apply for the grant support in this call for proposals, please register yourself as a new user. After the registration, you can start completing the application. As you go along, you can save the text and return to your application later on by logging in with your **username** and **password**. If there are more people from your organization who will complete the application, you will have to share one username and password - it is not possible to edit the same application with different usernames.

If you forget your username or password, you can click on the "Forgot Password" link and we will send you a password recovery email to your registered email address. You can find your **username in the salutation at the beginning of the email**. Alternatively, contact us directly at petr.svatos@osf.cz.

New User	Returning User
Username (without diacritics): <input type="text"/>	Username (without diacritics): <input type="text"/>
Password: <input type="password"/>	Password: <input type="password"/>
Confirm password: <input type="password"/>	<input type="button" value="Submit"/>
Email address: <input type="text"/>	Forgot Password?
<input type="button" value="Submit"/>	

How to apply?

Concept note consists of:

1. information on your project and your network
2. target group engaged through the project
3. project activities on transversal cooperation
4. requested total amount of budget

Attachments:

1. network membership or partnership agreement (if available)
2. annual/financial report



Projects are to be implemented from 12 up to 18 months. They should end in December 2021 the latest.

How will be the projects selected?

→ 1. round of selection – Concept Note

a) administrative review (eligibility, keeping the deadline and submitting the required documents)

b) project content review (transversal cooperation focus, quality of the concept, character of the network, target groups analysis)

→ 2. round of selection – Full Application

a) full application including detailed budget

b) online/personal interview with the committee

Timeline of the selection process

- 9 June 2020 at 13:00 CET deadline for submitting the Concept Notes
- selection up to the 7 best Concept Notes per country
- results of the 1. round announced in late June or in July
- selection of final grantees after the 2. round in August 2020

We are looking forward
to your projects and
future cooperation!

Michaela Vyležíková
michaela.vylezikova@osf.cz

Ondrej Škvarenina
ondrej.skvarenina@osf.sk

www.osf.cz