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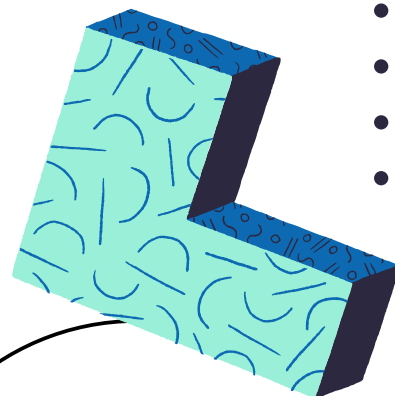
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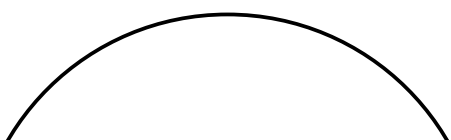
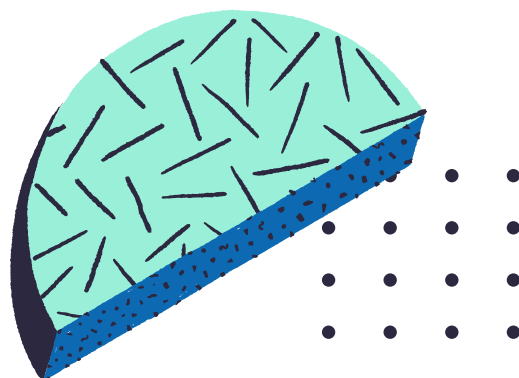
Call for Proposals



# Hello!

Take part in the **Call for Proposals** to the Slovak Challenge Fund jointly hosted by UNDP Istanbul Regional Hub and Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic!

This activity is an effort to identify promising innovative solutions that facilitate the **transfer of Slovak know-how** to have a positive impact at scale and address development challenges in two programme countries: North Macedonia and the Republic of Moldova.





# What is the purpose?

The purpose of the Slovak Challenge Fund is to identify promising innovations that **leverage Slovak know-how and generate greater efficiency of UNDP programmes** in North Macedonia and the Republic of Moldova. Specifically, we have set out to:

- Identify solutions that generate improvement and value, especially by introducing new methods, ideas, or products.
- Support solutions that assure viability in local conditions, long-term sustainability, and potential for scale-up.
- Promote solutions to share knowledge and tackle development challenges in other countries.

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# Who can participate?

The eligible applicants include **Slovak private sector entities**.

The applicants are required to engage **local partners from North Macedonia and the Republic of Moldova** to assure viability in local conditions. Partnership needs to be documented by Letter of Intent or Contract.





# What kind of innovations?

We recognize that innovations come in many forms, and **welcome different types of innovations** including products, services, programming approaches, operational changes, finance and market innovations or technology driven innovations, among others.

Both programmatic and operational ideas are welcomed.

# At what stage should our innovation be?



## Proof of Concept

To test the proposed solutions and/or to be able to tailor-make them. When the intellectual concept behind an innovation is field-tested to gain an early, 'real-world' assessment of its potential.



## Transition to Scale

When innovations that have demonstrated small-scale success develop their model and attract partners to help fill gaps in their capacity to scale.

Your ideas could fit anywhere between stage 1 or 2 at the moment. **Every idea is valuable!**

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## 01

### Natural Resources

Sustainable use of natural resources through improved water or waste management – and/or increased energy efficiency and clean energy utilization.

- Sustainable water management or waste collection (to avoid longdistance waste transportation to landfills);
- Introduce alternative solutions for water management or waste separation and treatment locally;
- Options for engaging local communities and governments in waste management practices and
- their capacity building for a safer and healthier environment, and many more.

## 02

### Agriculture

Increased productivity, partnerships, access to markets and competitiveness of organic agriculture actors like farmers and producers.

- Helping with strengthening competitiveness and openness to the new markets, including analysis of market drivers, diversification of risks, and building of technical expertise,
- Introducing and/or improving management, technology and know-how needed for developing higher-quality and more competitive agricultural operations, and many others.

### Outputs and Target Groups:

- Number of trained experts and/or beneficiaries (men/women)
- Number of provided technologies and/or released policy papers/strategic documents for the local institutions and/or capacity building events
- Number of created jobs and/or opportunities for disadvantaged groups

## 03

### Good Governance & Development

Introducing and/or improving public sector management and delivery, incl. social and health sector.

- Creating economic opportunities, improving access to quality education and healthcare services, providing more accessible and efficient public services, and providing employment,
- Providing easy access to government services that enable citizens in general to communicate faster, including e-governance and open data use in public sector, and many others.


## 04

### COVID-19

Supporting resilience during the COVID-19 pandemic and mitigating the negative effects of the ongoing crisis on the communities.

- Introducing, testing and/or developing innovative solutions to address and tackle the issues resulting from the pandemic, including the new digital services, low touch economies, and wellbeing,
- Providing solutions and/or promoting practices to keep the population safe, informed, and healthy, including the new medical services and tools, and many others.

If your idea does not fit in any of these challenges,  
please contact us before applying!



# What are the SDGs?

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) provide a powerful aspiration for improving our world – laying out **where we collectively need to go** and how to get there.

Select the SDGs and targets which best align to your idea, assets and priorities.



## Goal 2

End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture



## Goal 6

Ensure availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all



## Goal 7

Ensure access to affordable, reliable, sustainable and modern energy for all



## Goal 8

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all



## Goal 13

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts by regulating emissions and promoting developments in renewable energy



## Goal 15

Protect, restore and promote sustainable use of terrestrial ecosystems, sustainably manage forests, combat desertification, and halt and reverse land degradation and halt biodiversity loss



## Goal 16

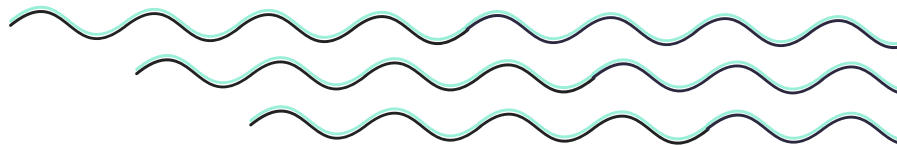
Promote peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development, provide access to justice for all and build effective, accountable and inclusive institutions at all levels

When aligning to the Sustainable Development Goals, make sure to understand their underlying targets. To learn more about the SDGs, you can visit the website:

**17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).**



# What is the evaluation criteria?



- ☐ Degree of Innovation
- ☐ Impact and Project Quality
- ☐ Experience of the Team
- ☐ Scale-up and Replication
- ☐ Sustainability
- ☐ Value for Money
- ☐ Availability of Co-funding

## > Degree of Innovation 10%

Demonstrated by SDGs relevance and originality – i.e. new product or approach, new to local market/sector, disruptive and transferable.

## > Impact and Project Quality 20%

Demonstrated by properly set-up metrics for measurement of *development impact* (incl. sector benefits, impact on beneficiaries), and *project quality* (incl. knowledge of local conditions and assessments preceding formulation of the project).

## > Experience of Team 10%

Demonstrated by practical examples/references proving relevant expertise, relevant educational and professional experience and suitable knowledge of English and local language/s

## > Potential for Scale-up 10%

Demonstrated in scalability (incl. building on existing technology or approach, adaptable at minimum cost, addressing bigger need in market) and replicability (incl. easy to duplicate, adaptable to different regions and countries, usable in other sectors).

## > Long-term Sustainability 10%

Demonstrated in financial, social and environment sustainability, which fits the market and is valid for the long-term.

## > Scope of Bid Price 30%

Reflected in balance between the overhead costs (incl. management costs, rent, production), production costs (incl. raw materials, equipment, licensing and taxes) and delivery costs (incl. installation and trainings, travel, communication and VAT).

## > Availability of Co-funding 10%

0 % for the required minimum of 20% of total project costs, then 0.5% for every additional 1% co-funding of the total projects costs, up to a maximum 10% = 40% co-funding of total project costs.

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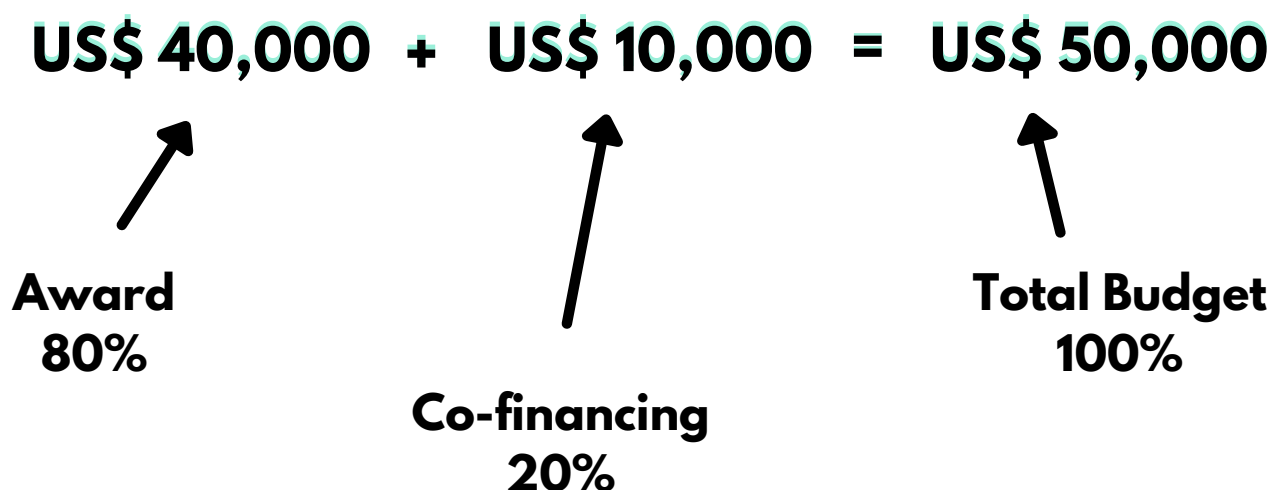
Ideas and innovations will be evaluated against all of the criteria, we recommend including as much information about these criteria as possible.

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# Can you provide more details on co-financing?

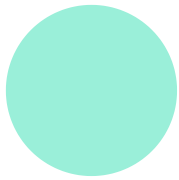
- > The total budget of the project, comprising of the maximum 80% for the price funding („award“), and **minimum 20% for the matching funds** from other sources („co-financing“).
- > **Co-financing can be in-kind**, e.g. a cash value of use of facilities (e.g. lab or meeting spaces), patents and licenses for use, study materials, technologies, or components, etc.
- > Co-financing **above the minimum threshold is preferred** and will be taken into account during evaluation; 0 % for the required minimum of 20% of total project costs, then 0.5% for every additional 1% co-funding of the total projects costs.

$$\text{US\$ 40,000} + \text{US\$ 10,000} = \text{US\$ 50,000}$$


**Award**  
80%

**Co-financing**  
20%

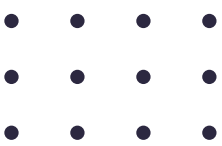
**Total Budget**  
100%



# What does the winner get?

- Receive price funding ranging **between US\$ 20,000 USD and US\$ 40,000** for the maximum period of 12 months.
- Possibility to access the UNDP global presence (+170 countries) and networks to help support the selected solutions to **scale-up and replicate** to new countries.
- Possibility to get **reference letters** for other public procurement and tender (after successful project execution and completion).





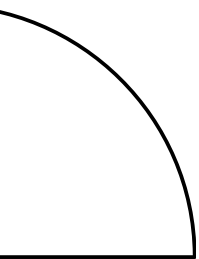
# **We have an idea!**

## **How do we submit?**

Click on the box below and get the e-mail to submit your application. Simply follow the steps in the application form and answer the questions to the best of your ability. Submit it – and voilà! It's done.

**Submit My Idea**

**CLICK HERE**





## Where can we get more information?

We will be hosting **online webinars** on the underlisted dates to provide clarifications and answer any questions you might have about the Slovak Challenge Fund.

- Wednesday 9 June 2021, 15:00 – 17:00 CET (*in Slovak*)
- Wednesday 16 June 2021, 15:00 – 17:00 CET (*in English*)

Information on the upcoming webinar and links to register are posted **on this website**. After registration you will receive a notification with a link to join the webinar.

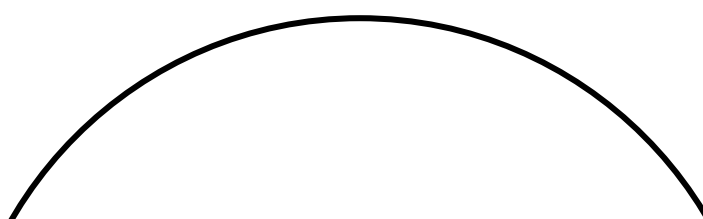


## What is the deadline?

The deadline for submissions of applications is **July 11, 2021** at 11:59 p.m. CET.

## Do you need help?

Feel free to reach out to us at **[procurement.irh@undp.org](mailto:procurement.irh@undp.org)** at any point in the process and we will do our best to answer your questions.



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