Working Together to Improve Governance and Anticorruption

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Background of the Call for proposals

This document provides a brief summary of the outcomes of the Call for Proposals (CfP) issued by the Open Society Initiative for Europe (OSIFE) in 2020.

The call for proposals aimed to support civil society actors working in the field of anti-corruption, countering state capture and promoting good governance of public institutions (guidelines here) in Central and Eastern Europe (Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Romania, and Slovakia) to:

- Implement collaborative approaches to good governance and anti-corruption (Track 1)
- Address and mitigate the corruption risks related to COVID-19 global crisis (Track 2)

There were 100 applications submitted to the Call for Proposals. The table below shows the distribution per geographies, per track, and the total requested amount.

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<th>Legal Country</th>
<th>Total proposals (number)</th>
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Proposals selected

The evaluation committee (evaluation criteria [here](#)) decided to fund **13 projects** (11 organizations) for a total amount of **$460,302** (average per project around $40,000). The implementation period of the projects ranges between 8 and 14 months. The awarded projects will be implemented in Czech Republic (4), Hungary (3), Romania and Poland (2 each), Bulgaria and Slovakia (1 each). Below is the list of the proposals selected including the title of the project, the organization, the budget amount, and the track:

- **Taking good decisions, investing the right money - empowering citizens in times of crisis.** Za Zemiata, $39,965, Bulgaria (Track 2)

- **Transparency and accountability in electoral and energy decarbonization processes in Czech Republic.** Transparency International Czech Republic, $80,000, Czech Republic, (Track 1 & 2. Two project proposals selected and merged)

- **Institutional Reform for Transparent Lobbying and Czech State Pandemic Response.** Frank Bold Society, $69,477, Czech Republic (track 1 & 2. Two project proposals selected and merged)

- **TranspaRent.** Utcajogász Egyesület/ Street Lawyers association, $38,920, Hungary (Track 1)

- **Promoting Gender Responsive Policies and Budgets: Towards Transparent, Inclusive and Accountable Governance in Budapest.** DemNet, $32,000, Hungary (Track 1)

- **Co-design Citizen Board.** Hungarian Association of NGOs for Development and Humanitarian Aid, $29,000, Hungary (Track 1)

- **The report on the gmina's state - from compulsory task to participation tool.** Citizens Network Watchdog Poland, $40,000, Poland (Track 1)

- **Open Hospitals. Reducing corruption risks in emergency and non-competitive purchases in hospitals.** ePanstwo Foundation, $36,440, Poland (Both Tracks)

- **Citizens involved in transparentization of the county passenger transport in Calarasi county.** Romanian Academic Society (SAR), $40,000, Romania (Track 1)

- **Collaborative solutions for our community.** CIVICA Association, $14,000, Romania (Track 1)

- **Closing transparency gaps exposed by corona pandemic.** Transparency International Slovakia, $40,000, Slovakia (Track 2)