

Programme	SLOVENIAN SCHOLARSHIP FUND SI04, EEA/NFM
Measure 1	Study visits
Aims and description of the measure	<p>This measure enables organisations eligible for the programme Slovene Scholarship Fund EEA/NFM to do study visits of donor or beneficiary country organizations with the aim for further enhancement of bilateral cooperation, exchange of knowledge, experience and practice and promote networking.</p> <p>Concretely, the improvement of bilateral relations may take in form of networking, exchange of experience, practice, technologies among organizations coming from donor and beneficiary states.</p> <p>A study visit grant may be applied for by both Slovenian organisations as well as organisations from donor states - Norway, Liechtenstein and Iceland (where the application is submitted by an organisation from a donor state, the partner organisations shall be from Slovenia).</p> <p>A precondition for a successful study visit is identified partner, justified content of the study visit, supported by agenda or programme of such visit.</p> <p>Study visits shall express a clear purpose of the partners to meet and:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disseminate information on the project, - enhance mutual relations and networking, - exchange and share knowledge, experience, practice. <p>Study visit may be implemented during or after the duration of the project (and must finish no later than 30 April 2016).</p>
Beneficiaries	Organizations, aiming to disseminate information on mobility or inter-institutional cooperation projects, promoting bilateral relations with donor countries.
Eligible applicants	Organisations which are eligible for cooperation and project preparation under the measures of the Slovene Scholarship Fund EEA/NFM, both from Slovenia and the donor states (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein). Eligible applicants shall be organisations in primary, secondary and tertiary education. In case of study visits the grants may be awarded to maximum 2 persons, providing their active role is clearly seen from the agenda of the visit.
SUBMISSION PROCEDURE	
Deadline for submission of applications	The deadline for submission of the applications is open until the depletion of the funds or by the end of April 2016 at the latest; applications shall be submitted 30 days before the start of mobility (the meeting of the partners or a contact seminar) at the latest. The deadline shall begin to run the day after the submission of the application ¹ . For each contact seminar a date is set for the application of the candidates with the Programme Operator. This deadline is 30 days before the start of the contact seminar at the latest.

¹ The day of the submission of the application and the day of departure to mobility do not count against the 30-day deadline.

Manner of submission of applications	Printed version	<p>1 original of the application, hand signed shall be submitted.</p> <p>An application shall be considered timely when submitted on the appropriate form and sent by registered mail by 11.59 PM on the date of the deadline for submission at the latest or delivered personally to the CMEPIUS secretarial service by 3 PM on the date of the deadline at the latest (see above - Deadline for submission of applications).</p> <p>A printed original of the application shall be addressed to the Programme Operator - CMEPIUS (<i>Štipendijski sklad EGP in NFM - Pripravljalni obiski/študijski obiski</i>), Ob železnici 30a, 1000 Ljubljana, Slovenia.</p> <p>Individual sheets of the application shall not be stapled or glued together.</p>
	Electronic version	<p>Submission in electronic form shall mean submission by e-mail to the e-mail address provided on the application (eeagrants@cmepius.si)</p>
	Signature of the authorised representative and seal	<p>An original of the grant application shall be hand signed by the authorised representative.</p> <p>In addition to the signature of the authorised representative, it shall bear the stamp of the organisation. In case the organisation does not use a stamp, a statement shall be enclosed to the effect that the organisation does not use a stamp.</p>
Availability of application forms	<p>http://www2.cmepius.si/en/higher-education/eea-and-norway-grants.aspx</p>	
Language of applications	<p>An application shall be made in either English or Slovenian language. In case an application is not written in either Slovenian or English, a translation of the application into either Slovenian or English shall be enclosed to the original.</p>	
National rules for applications	Exclusion criteria	
	<p>Any grant application that fails to meet any of the criteria in this section shall be rejected on grounds of failure to meet the technical eligibility criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Failure to be submitted in a timely manner by the deadline for submission in printed form; - Failure to be completed with a computer; - Failure to be submitted on the appropriate application forms (use of incorrect forms); - Failure to be hand signed by the authorised representative. 	

	<p>Eligibility exclusion criteria by call</p> <p>In case of failure to meet the criteria under this chapter, applicants shall have two business days to amend their application in line with the guidelines. Potential calls to amend shall be dispatched in the following cases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When original signatures are present, but not the stamp of the organisation; - When the required annexes are not enclosed to the application (agenda/invitation/programme); - When the grant application was received after the deadline and the date of its submission by post is not clear from the envelope. <p>Calls to amend and deadline</p> <p>A call to amend shall be delivered only by e-mail to the e-mail address of the contact person provided in the grant application. The deadline for amendment (two business days) shall begin to run the next business day after the sending date of the e-mail. An amended application shall be submitted by registered mail within the deadline and in the manner as set forth in the "National rules for applications" chapter herein. In case of failure to meet the eligibility criteria, an application shall be rejected before the content evaluation stage.</p>
<p>Assessment procedure</p>	<p>The criteria for awarding grants are set forth in more detail in the assessment sheets for each measure. These shall be published on the CMEPIUS web site, together with the grant application forms.</p> <p>The Programme Operator shall submit an application that meets the eligibility criteria (legal and technical criteria under the call) for an assessment of its content to least one assessor.</p> <p>In case of certain measures that are based on real costs, an assessor (or assessors) may reduce the amount of the proposed co-financing. The Programme Operator shall also undertake to perform a finance eligibility review to check the validity of the calculation of the grant proposal in accordance with the rules under the call.</p>
<p>Appeal</p>	<p>Applicants may appeal the technical realisation of the procedure. Applicants who are rejected due to their failure to meet the legal and technical criteria under the call or because of procedural deficiencies or irregularities may appeal this decision with the National Committee of the Slovene Scholarship Fund SI04 EEA/NFM within 15 days upon receipt of a written notice. Appeals shall not suspend the execution of the decision appealed or the signing of contracts with the selected applications.</p>
<p>National administrative eligibility criteria</p>	<p>In case a project is applied for by an organisation that is member of a Slovene university, such applications shall be completed on behalf of the university, i.e. the application shall be signed by the rector or his/her authorised representative. Eligibility to participate shall be verified at the level of the member of the university. The above also applies to Slovene school centres, for which an application shall be completed on behalf of the centre, and not on behalf of an individual school.</p>
<p>National co-</p>	<p>General information</p>

financing rules	Eligible costs under measure 1 are subsistence, travel and participation fee costs.																																							
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	TRAVEL COSTS: Travel costs shall be calculated based on real costs. For this measure, a maximum amount of travel costs per country of destination shall apply. The maximum amounts are provided in the table below.																																							
	PARTICIPATION FEE COSTS: A contribution may be awarded based on real costs. In the case of contact seminars, the participation fee shall also cover subsistence costs; therefore additional funds for subsistence costs cannot be received. The maximum amount of the participation fee is EUR 200 per day.																																							
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<p>Within the EEA/NFM Scholarship Fund participants with special needs may be eligible for special treatment when determining the co-financing criteria. Special needs persons include individuals with mental development disabilities, the blind and visually impaired, the deaf and hard of hearing, persons with speech disabilities, persons with impaired mobility, persons with long-term illnesses, persons with certain learning deficiencies and persons with emotional and behavioural disabilities, who need additional expert assistance to carry out programmes, or adapted or special programmes.</p> <p>In the case of study visits, when submitting a grant application, applicants or participants with special needs may apply for a grant to cover such extra costs that have to be defined in detail. The Programme Operator may award such extra funds to carry out individual mobility or support the participation of an accompanying person based on a justified application.</p>																																								
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ASSESSMENT AND SELECTION PROCEDURES

For further information with regard to the assessment and selection procedure please consult the relevant chapter in the Guide for Applicants.

Eligibility criteria

General eligibility criteria for application under the programme Slovene Scholarship Fund EEA/NFM are provided in the Guide for Applicants.

Award criteria	1. Content and duration
	The study visit programme is clear and acceptable; its duration is realistic and appropriate.
	2. Relevance
	There is a clear relationship between the activities and the strategy of the applicant's own organisation and the purpose and the content of the study visit.

CONTRACTING PROCEDURES

Planned date for preliminary information on the results of the selection procedure	Up to 20 days upon the submission of the application.
Planned date for sending the contract to the project promoters	Up to 10 days upon receiving the information needed to conclude the contract from the project promoters.