
Detailed description of thematic focus of individual activities

Small Grant Scheme Call

Support of NGOs activities in the field of patient organizations

Area of support A – Professionalization and support of patient organizations

Activity no. 1

Strengthening the personnel capacity of patient organizations

Activities leading to the strengthening of the personnel capacities of patient organizations will be supported. The applicant will be able to support the increase in the staffing capacity of its organization by funding new and / or increasing existing working hours for staff ensuring the day-to-day running of the organization, providing services to its members and other activities related to the development of patient organizations. It is an activity aimed at professionalizing patient organizations and thus towards their greater stability and sustainability.¹

Activity no. 2

Education and training of staff of patient organizations in order to expand their knowledge and skills in management, public relations, financial management, negotiation, advocacy, etc.

The training of representatives of patient organizations and their members will be supported. Education can be focused on activities related to the operation of the organization (management courses, courses in project management, administration, financing, PR, etc.), as well as deepening knowledge related to the work focus of individual patient organizations (courses in advocacy, relevant areas of rights, etc.). Educational activities aimed at members of patient organizations and their volunteers will also be supported. Selected training courses should go beyond the courses that are offered to the patient organizations free of charge, e.g. in the Patient Hub. Accredited courses are preferred.

Activity no. 3

Supporting the development of activities and services which patient organizations provide to patients or other patient organizations that they associate

The development of activities or services that patient organizations normally perform will be supported. Support also covers new services that organizations want to provide to their members or people with a chronic illness or disability. This can be, for example, the implementation of counselling services, the creation of an assistance line, an internet counselling centre or other services, or the start of advocacy activities.

¹ If the existing workload is increased, only the increased part of the workload shall be financed from the project. If a whole post is to be supported from the project, it must be a newly created position, with an exception of a situation where the original source of funding for the position has ended (e.g. grant, subsidy) and the position will be newly sustained from the project grant.

Activity no. 4

Activities aimed at raising public awareness of prevention, of a particular disease or the activities of patient organizations, including the implementation of campaigns and awareness-raising events

Activities aimed at raising awareness about prevention, the disease or disability itself and about living with it will be supported. It is also possible to implement activities aimed at raising awareness about patient organizations in general and why strengthening the role of patients in the healthcare system is important.

Area of support B – Establishment and development of umbrella organizations representing the segment of patient organizations or selected parts thereof

Activities related to the establishment of the umbrella organization, i.e. the establishment of a new legal entity and the development of the activities of the umbrella organization will be supported. The support concerns preparatory meetings, facilitation, consultations, education or training and ensuring the personnel capacity of the organization.

During the implementation of the project, a legal entity must be established (by entry in the register) and the subsequent development of the activities of the established umbrella organization must take place. The umbrella organization should help consolidate the segment of patient organizations in the Czech Republic by serving as a service organization for member patient organizations, providing space for their cooperation and discussion and democratically representing them as a public administration partner representing associated organizations in it.