

EEA & Norway Grants

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‘WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREEN, COMPETITIVE AND INCLUSIVE EUROPE’



Reducing
disparities

Despite much progress in Europe, gaps in economic development and living standards persist. The funding is targeted towards areas where there are clear needs in the beneficiary countries in line with broader European policies. Priority areas include climate change, research and innovation, civil society and investing in people through human and social development.



Strengthening
cooperation

Promoting cooperation is a central aim of the Grants, with partnerships between organisations in the donor and beneficiary countries widely encouraged. Strengthening ties between organisations and institutions brings benefits for the beneficiary and donor countries alike.

**Financial
Mechanism
1994-1998**

- Beneficiary countries: Greece, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Spain
- Budget: €119,25M
- Support areas: Environmental protection, education and training, transport

**Financial
Instrument
1999-2003**

- Beneficiary countries: Greece, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Spain
- Budget: €119.6M
- Support areas: Environmental protection, urban renewal, pollution in urban areas, protection of cultural heritage, education, transport, academic research

**EEA and
Norway FMs
2004-2009**

- Beneficiary countries: Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia + Greece, Portugal and Spain + separate FM for Bulgaria and Romania 2007-2009
- Budget: €1.3 bn
- Priority Sectors: Protection of the Environment, Promotion of Sustainable Development, Conservation of European Cultural Heritage, Human Resources Development, Health and Childcare

**EEA and
Norway FMs
2009-2014**

- Beneficiary countries: Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia + Croatia
- Budget: €1.8 bn.
- Priority Sectors: 1)Environmental Protection and Management, 2) Climate Change and Renewable Energy, 3) Civil Society, 4) Human and Social Development, 5) Protecting Cultural Heritage, 6) Research and Scholarship (EEA FM) + 7) Carbon Capture and Storage, 8) Green Industry Innovation, 9) Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue, 10) Research and Scholarships, 11) Human and Social Development, 12) Justice and Home Affairs (Norway FM)

**EEA and
Norway FMs
2014-2021**

- Beneficiary countries: Bulgaria, Croatia, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia + Greece, Portugal (EEA FM only)
- Budget: €2.8 bn.
- Priority Sectors: PS1) Innovation, Research, Education, Competitiveness, PS2) Social Inclusion, Youth Employment, Poverty Reduction, PS3) Environment, Energy, Climate Change, Low Carbon Economy, PS4) Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance, Fundamental Rights and Freedoms, PS5) Justice and Home Affairs

Support by country 2014-21

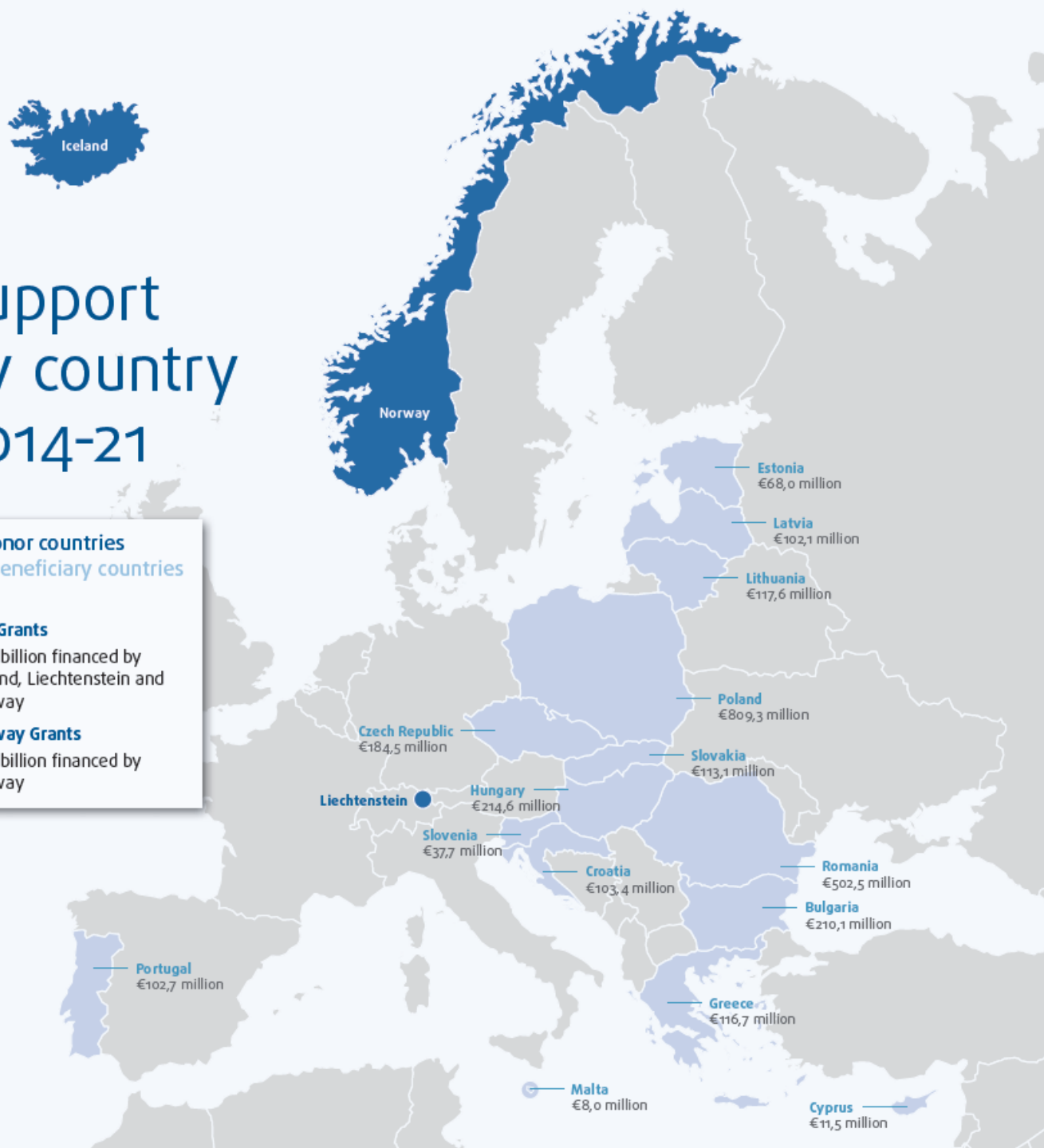
3 donor countries
15 beneficiary countries

EEA Grants

€1,5 billion financed by
Iceland, Liechtenstein and
Norway

Norway Grants

€1,3 billion financed by
Norway



But everything is relative...



EEA/Norway Grants:
€2.8 mrd



- Complementary to EU efforts
- Added value through partnerships



PRIORITY SECTOR
Environment, Energy,
Climate Change and Low
Carbon Economy

Programme area n°12

Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security

OBJECTIVE

Less carbon intensive energy and increased security of supply

AREAS OF SUPPORT

- > Energy efficiency in production, distribution and/or end use
- > Renewable energy production and/or distribution
- > Recovery of energy from waste or hazardous waste
- > Energy security
- > Renewable energy policies in all relevant sectors
- > Energy markets

SUGGESTED MEASURES

- > Energy efficiency measures in the industrial sector
- > Production of renewable geothermal energy for multipurpose use, mainly for district heating, but also for increased efficiency of distribution
- > Production of energy from renewable resources
- > Energy saving measures in households
- > Energy recovery from waste or pre-treated hazardous waste as an energy source (co-processing) in industrial processes
- > Improved energy security through diversification
- > Development of energy markets and improvement of the infrastructure for gas and electricity
- > Awareness-raising



Programmes launched for 2014-2021

Country	Total allocation	Programme area*		
		Environment	Energy	Climate Change
Estonia	68			6
Latvia	102.1			16,5
Lithuania	117.6	14.1		
Poland	809.3		164.7	
Czech Republic	184.5	35.3		35.3
Slovakia	113.1			28.7
<i>Hungary</i>	214.6			
Slovenia	37.7			17
Romania	502.5	23.5	62.8	20
<i>Croatia</i>	103.4			
Bulgaria	210.1	15.3	32.9	
Greece	116.7	5	10	
Portugal	102.7	28.2		
Malta	8			
<i>Cyprus</i>	11.5			
Total	2701.8	121.4	270.4	123.5
Total all PAs	515.3			

*Several programmes contain combinations of programme areas

2009-14: main results energy/environment

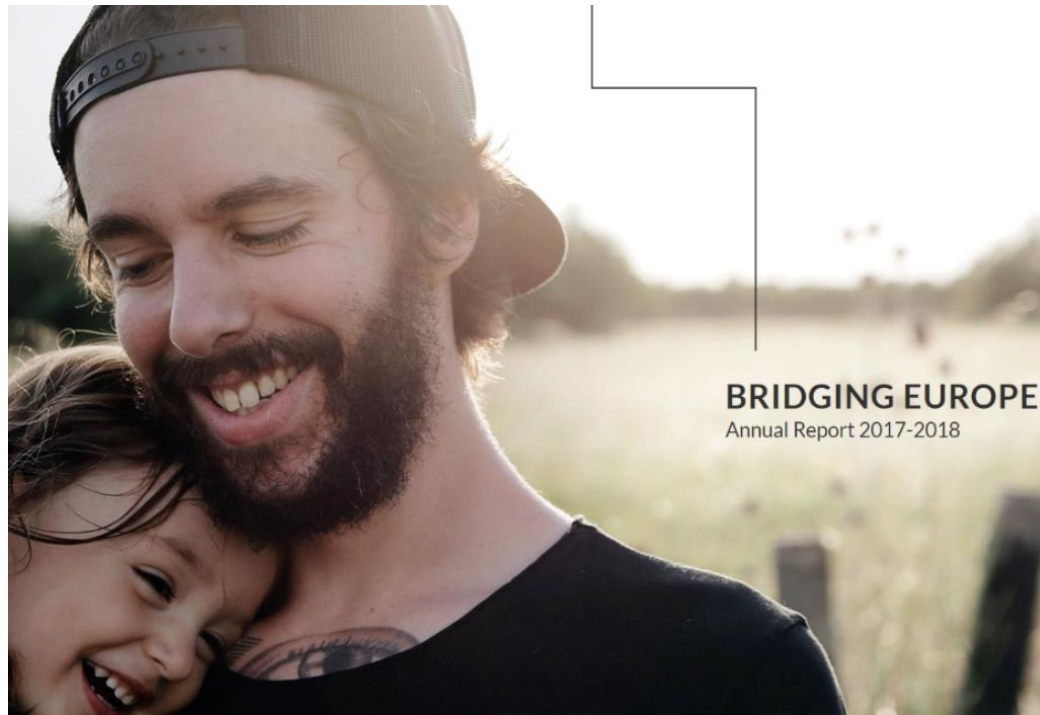
- >7000 projects for the whole FM (all programmes)

Energy/environment:

- 525,000 tonnes CO₂ avoided (CO₂-eq.)
 - ~30 projects on EE in industry
 - 330 buildings modernised
- Renewables: bio, geothermal, solar
- >250 water management projects
- >4,000 people/staff trained in climate and energy

New annual report

Including results from FM2009-2014(17) period



Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway grants

Norway
grants

BRIDGING EUROPE
2017-2018 ANNUAL REPORT
EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS
SNAPSHOT OF ACHIEVEMENTS

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway supported **149** programmes and more than **7 000** projects in **16** countries with the total funding of €1.8 billion in the period **2009-2014**. The projects supported under the programmes were completed in 2017.

The digital Annual Report highlights the key achievements in all the priority sectors from this funding period. This factsheet sheds light on how we contribute to tackle key European challenges.

www.annualreport2018.eea.grants.org

CIVIL SOCIETY

Our support for civil society is particularly important at a time when democratic principles are under pressure in Europe. The EEA Grants have been one of the main sources of support to civil society in the beneficiary countries in the past years, enabling NGOs to strengthen democratic governance, defend human rights and engage citizens in decision-making.

More than
1 000
civil society organisations
were supported to
promote democratic
values and defend
human rights.

NGO advocacy
activities helped
change or improve
330
laws, policies
and practices.

PROJECT EXAMPLE

In Slovakia, advocacy efforts by the NGO Via Iuris resulted in the adoption of two laws promoting active citizenship in the legislative process. These laws set higher requirements for involving the public in the process of preparing new laws and allow citizens to address the courts directly.

RULE OF LAW

The judicial system is under pressure in several European countries. Through the Norway Grants, we have supported the protection of human rights, strengthened the capacity of institutions, increased the skills of professionals and promoted cooperation and mutual learning with countries such as Poland, Romania, Lithuania, Croatia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

Close to
100 000
people - including judges,
police and prosecutors -
have been trained.

Close to
270 000
people - including many
Roma - have received
assistance or legal
advice.

CLIMATE CHANGE

Through the EEA and Norway Grants, we have contributed to reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, increasing the use of renewable energy and reducing vulnerability to climate change, as well as increasing application of environmental technology. Most beneficiary countries have received funding in these areas.

Close to
40
climate change
adaptation strategies
developed at local,
regional and national
level.

Reduction of
525 000
tonnes of CO2 emissions
in Poland from renewable
energy and energy
efficiency projects.

RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The EEA and Norway Grants' research and education programmes have strengthened European research competencies, increased the quality of education and built strong partnerships. The Norway Grants innovation programmes have helped small and medium sized enterprises increase their competitiveness and contributed to green entrepreneurship. The projects have also contributed to reduce waste and reduce CO2 emissions and produce renewable energy.

3 200
researchers working
together in joint projects.

More than
1 000
green jobs created.

PROJECT EXAMPLE

The Bulgarian furniture company Valiyan has developed more environmentally friendly technologies and processes. By reducing its energy consumption, CO2 emissions and waste production, the company has increased its turnover and production capacity, and has created new jobs.

Thank you for your attention!

