

SLOVAKIA

Slovakia has received funding since entering the EU and EEA in 2004. For the period 2009-2014, Slovakia has been allocated €80.8 million; up from €70.3 million over the previous five-year period. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Increasing competitiveness of green enterprises and green job creation
- › Preventing and tackling domestic violence
- › Improving flood resilience and raising public awareness of flood prevention
- › Strengthening cross-border cooperation with Ukraine
- › Promoting social inclusion of Roma

BILATERAL COOPERATION

Six Norwegian public entities are involved in programmes on climate change, green industry innovation, cross-border cooperation, domestic and gender-based violence, social dialogue and scholarships. Partners from Iceland and Liechtenstein are involved in the scholarship programme.

The Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and the Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate are taking part in the climate change programme. Innovation Norway is involved in the green industry innovation programme and also acts as the operator for the programme on decent work and tripartite dialogue. The Norwegian Directorate of Health and the Council of Europe are both involved in the programme tackling gender-based violence. The Council of Europe is also on board in the programme supporting local and regional initiatives, with specific focus on the needs of Roma. The Norwegian Barents Secretariat is participating in the cross-border cooperation initiatives.

At national level, funding is available through the bilateral fund to support networking and foster project partnerships.

The EEA and Norway Grants provide €1.8 billion in funding to 150 programmes in 16 beneficiary countries. EEA Grants €993.5 million (Norway 95.8%, Iceland 3.0%, Liechtenstein 1.2%). Norway Grants €804.6 million, financed by Norway alone.



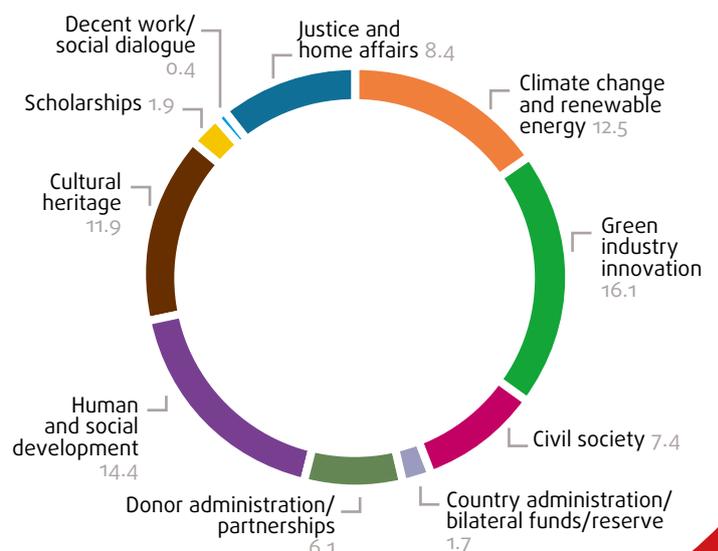
EEA GRANTS: €38.4 M
NORWAY GRANTS: €42.4 M

TOTAL FUNDING
€80.8 M

	Slovakia	EU-28
GDP per capita in PPS	75	100
Economic growth (% change on previous year)	0.9	0.1
Unemployment rate (%)*	13.2	10.2
Youth unemployment rate (%)*	30.4	22.2
Public debt (% of GDP)	54.6	85.4
Gender pay gap (%)	19.8	16.4
At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	19.8	24.5
Human development index	21 (EU-28 ranking)	
Corruption perception index*	23 (EU-28 ranking)	

Sources: Eurostat, UNDP, Transparency International
All data is from 2013 except where * indicates 2014

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



Paintings by children at a crisis centre in Bratislava which was established with support from the Grants.



IN FOCUS

TACKLING GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE

An estimated one-fifth to one-quarter of all women in Europe have experienced violence at least once during their adult lives; it cuts across all backgrounds and groups in society yet, it is still largely invisible. Slovakia is no exception. Addressing gender-based violence is vital for improving gender equality and empowering women.

The Norway Grants are providing considerable support to tackle domestic and gender-based violence. Funds are used to increase the number and capacity of crisis centres, women's shelters and counselling centres. Funding is also used to establish specialised services and improve coordination within the existing social services network.

IMPROVING FLOOD PREVENTION

Slovakia was severely affected by the devastating floods that hit Central Europe in the summer of 2010. The floods (said to be the worst in a century) destroyed crops, damaged buildings, bridges and railway lines and left some residents homeless.

Building on positive results from earlier projects, the EEA Grants continue to prioritise flood prevention. Funding is targeted on restoring forest ecosystems and increasing soil erosion protection. This is in line with Slovakian national strategy to develop effective and environmentally sustainable anti-flooding mechanisms. In addition, efforts are focused on improving public awareness of flood prevention to help people be better prepared.

Read more about all programmes:
www.eeagrants.org/slovakia

CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION

Border regions face many shared challenges, from trans-boundary river pollution to public health issues and organised crime. Building on previous efforts, strengthening cooperation between Slovakia and Ukraine is a funding priority.

Through joint implementation, projects supported will increase capacity to facilitate more efficient border crossings and create stronger links between civil society and authorities in the border regions.

Programme	Partner(s)	Grant (€ million)
Adaptation to climate change	Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection / Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate	12.5
Green industry innovation	Innovation Norway	16.1
NGO Fund		7.4
Local and regional initiatives	Council of Europe	1.0
Cross-border cooperation	Norwegian Barents Secretariat	13.4
Cultural and natural heritage		11.9
Scholarships	Icelandic Centre for Research / National Agency for Educational Affairs of Liechtenstein / Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education	1.9
Decent work and tripartite dialogue	Innovation Norway*	0.4
Domestic and gender-based violence	Norwegian Directorate of Health Council of Europe	8.4

■ EEA Grants

■ Norway Grants

*Programme Operator