

PORTUGAL

Portugal has received funding since the EEA Agreement entered into force in 1994. For the period of 2009-2014, Portugal has been allocated €58 million; up from €31.3 million over the previous five-year period. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Reducing vulnerability to climate change
- › Improving the management and protection of marine natural resources
- › Increasing the use and development of renewable energy
- › Improving public health and reducing health inequalities
- › Strengthening civil society

BILATERAL COOPERATION

Both Iceland and the Azores are located in the Mid-Atlantic rift, where the potential for extracting geothermal energy is considerable. The Icelandic National Energy Authority is teaming up with Electricity of Azores to learn from each organisation's respective experience.

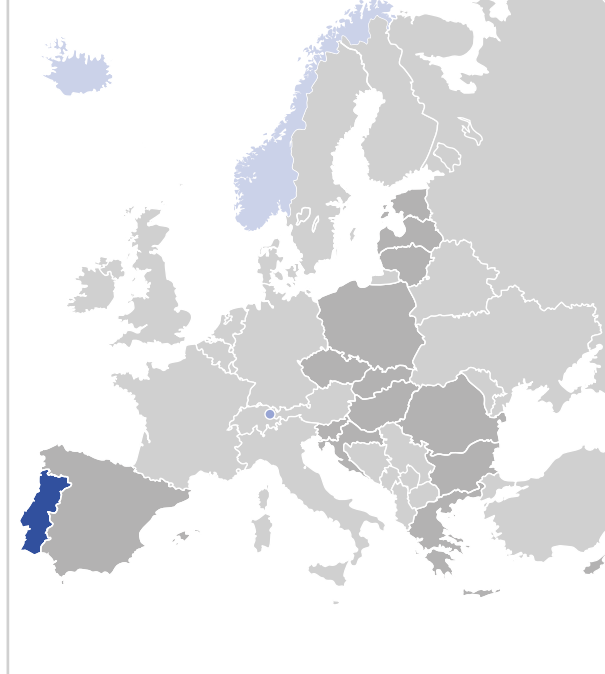
Three Norwegian public bodies are involved as partners in the Portuguese programmes. Efforts to improve public health and reduce health inequalities are being carried out in cooperation with the Norwegian Institute of Public Health.

The Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection is cooperating with Portuguese authorities to integrate climate change adaptation into decision-making on marine and coastal water management. The Arts Council Norway is a partner in the cultural diversity programmes.

At a national level, funding is available through the bilateral funds 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.

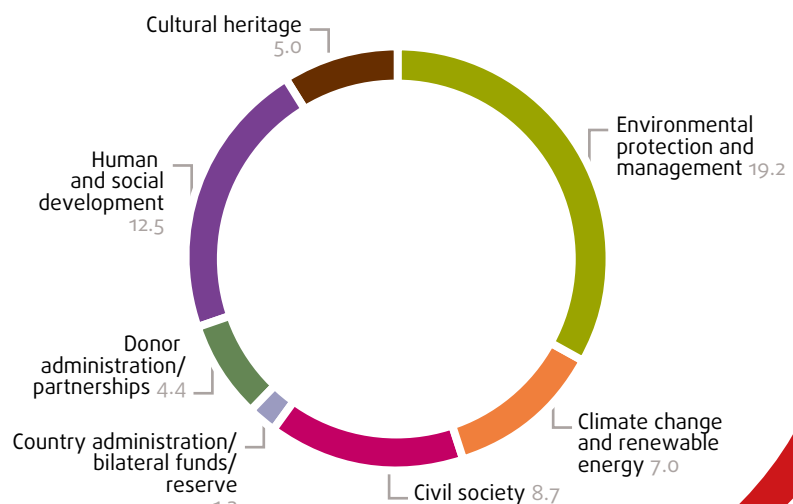
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EEA GRANTS	€58 M	
	Portugal	EU-28
GDP per capita in PPS (EU=100)	79	100
Economic growth (% change on previous year)	-1.4	0.1
Unemployment rate (%)*	14.1	10.2
Youth unemployment rate (%)*	34.8	22.2
Public debt (% of GDP)	128	85.4
Gender pay gap (%)	13	16.4
At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	27.4	24.5
Human development index	23 (EU-28 ranking)	
Corruption perception index*	14 (EU-28 ranking)	

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

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



IN FOCUS

INCREASING THE UPTAKE OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Mitigating climate change and improving resource efficiency are top priorities for all EEA countries. All EU countries have committed to increasing the share of renewables in energy consumption to 20% by 2020.

Geothermal (energy generated and stored in the earth) has long been an important source of energy in the Azores archipelago. Funding to Portugal is helping to increase geothermal energy extraction. Harnessing natural resources to produce clean, safe energy will not only bring benefits to the environment, but also to the economy by making the Azores less reliant on the import of fossil fuels.

REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Health inequalities related to unequal levels of income and standards of living is a challenge in many countries. Portugal is no exception. Funding to Portugal is contributing to the reduction of health inequalities and to improving public health statistics. This includes securing equal access to healthcare, improving healthcare infrastructure and developing health policies.

In addition, funding to Portugal's healthcare sector is directly benefiting communities at a regional and local level; community action research is funded through the EEA Grants.

IMPROVING MARINE AND COASTAL MANAGEMENT

Iceland, Norway and Portugal are all coastal countries dependent on good management of marine resources.

Building on past cooperation, the EEA Grants contribute to strengthening the management and monitoring of Portugal's marine resources. This includes a new geographic information system and equipping a vessel for monitoring coastal area.

The EEA Grants also support Portugal in reducing the country's vulnerability to climate change and marine and coastal areas.

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Programme	Partner(s)	Grant (€ million)
Integrated marine and inland water management		19.2
Renewable energy	National Energy Authority (Iceland)	4.0
Adaptation to climate change	Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection	3.0
Public health initiatives	Norwegian Institute of Public Health	10.0
NGO Fund		8.7
Gender equality and work-life balance		2.5
Cultural and natural heritage		4.0
Diversity in culture and arts	Arts Council Norway	1.0

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Much of the funding in Portugal is aimed at securing good environmental status in coastal and marine areas.