

# ESTONIA

Estonia has received funding since entering the EU and EEA in 2004. For the period 2009-2014, Estonia has been allocated €48.6 million; up from €32.8 million during the previous five-year period. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

## KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Developing and increasing the use of eco-friendly technologies
- › Improving healthcare services and reducing health inequalities
- › Assisting vulnerable children and youth at risk
- › Improving the environmental standard of marine and inland waters
- › Increasing intercultural awareness and dialogue and supporting integration of national minorities

## BILATERAL COOPERATION

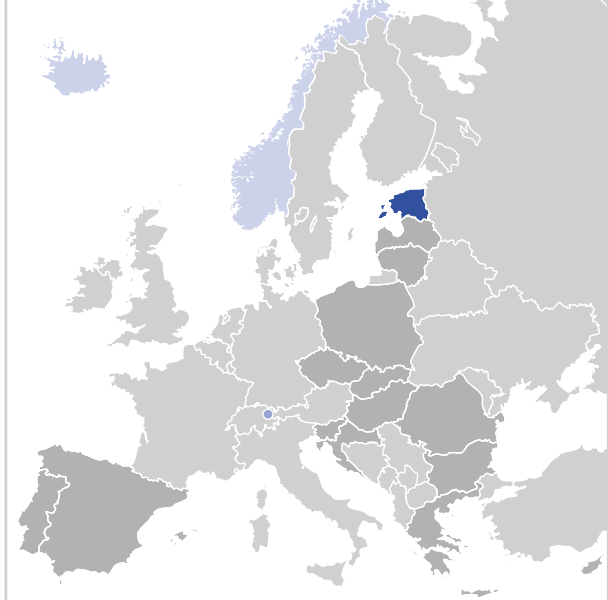
The green industry innovation programme and research cooperation are based on partnerships between small and medium-sized businesses and researchers in Estonia and Norway. The scholarship programme involves student and staff exchanges with Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway.

The Norwegian Environment Agency is taking part in improving the management of water resources. The efforts to improve health, tackle gender-based violence and improve well-being of children and youth at risk are carried out in cooperation with the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional authorities, the Norwegian Institute of Public Health, and the Norwegian Directorate of Health. The Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage is involved in revitalising important European cultural heritage sites.

At a national level, funding is also 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.

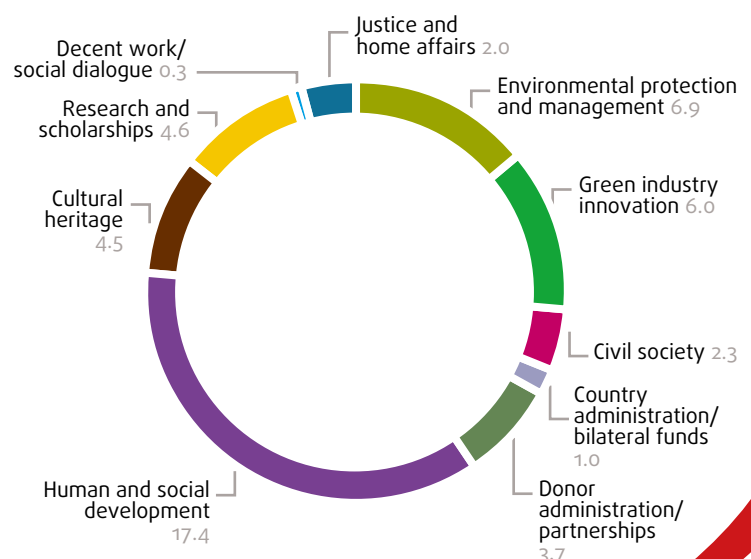
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|                                             | EEA GRANTS | NORWAY GRANTS | TOTAL FUNDING      |
|---------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|--------------------|
|                                             | €23.0 M    | €25.6 M       | €48.6 M            |
|                                             |            |               | <b>Estonia</b>     |
|                                             |            |               | <b>EU-28</b>       |
| GDP per capita in PPS (EU=100)              |            |               | 73                 |
| Economic growth (% change on previous year) |            |               | 2.2                |
| Unemployment rate (%)*                      |            |               | 7.4                |
| Youth unemployment rate (%)*                |            |               | 15                 |
| Public debt (% of GDP)                      |            |               | 10.1               |
| Gender pay gap                              |            |               | 29.9               |
| At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)                 |            |               | 23.5               |
| Human development index                     |            |               | 18 (EU-28 ranking) |
| Corruption perception index*                |            |               | 11 (EU-28 ranking) |

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

## DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



## IN FOCUS

### ESTONIAN-NORWEGIAN PARTNERSHIPS 'GREENING' ICT

While Estonia is recognised as one of the most advanced e-societies in the world, the country is a newcomer in making use of information and communications technology (ICT) to green the economy. To exploit this potential, Estonia is teaming up with environmentally-minded Norway, whose business sector already has a strong presence in Estonia as the fourth largest investor in the country. With funding available until 2016, Estonian and Norwegian enterprises can enter into business-to-business partnerships to develop new green ICT business ideas and solutions.

As well as opportunities for making IT systems more eco-friendly, innovative ICT solutions can also be developed to reduce energy use in buildings or develop smart applications for transport. Aside from the lower carbon footprint, the green push also makes economic sense. Businesses across the whole economy can save money through increased energy and resource efficiency.

### SUPPORTING CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE YOUTH

The Grants support the creation of a support system for children and youth at risk and their families. Previously, the efforts to help neglected children and minors behaving in breach with norms and laws in society have been underfunded and fragmented.

The new approach is based on early detection and intervention in the local community. This requires training of parents as well as close cooperation and coordination between schools and public institutions, such as child welfare and youth correctional services.

Another programme aims to improve access to and quality of health services, including preventive child healthcare. This includes improving mental healthcare for children and young people, promoting a healthy lifestyle, developing a healthy environment and preventing infectious diseases.

Read more about all the programmes:  
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| Programme                                     | Partner(s)                                                                                                                                                      | Grant (€ million) |
|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------|
| Integrated marine and inland water management | Norwegian Environment Agency                                                                                                                                    | 6.9               |
| Green industry innovation                     | Innovation Norway                                                                                                                                               | 6.0               |
| NGO Fund                                      |                                                                                                                                                                 | 2.3               |
| Children and youth at risk                    | Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities                                                                                                         | 6.5               |
| Public health initiatives                     | Norwegian Institute of Public Health                                                                                                                            | 8.9               |
| Gender equality and work-life balance         | Norwegian Directorate for Children, Youth and Family Affairs                                                                                                    | 2.0               |
| Cultural and natural heritage                 | Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage                                                                                                                     | 4.5               |
| Scholarships                                  | Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education, Icelandic Centre for Research, National Agency for International Education Affairs (Liechtenstein) | 1.6               |
| Norwegian-Estonian research cooperation       | Research Council of Norway                                                                                                                                      | 3.0               |
| Decent work and tripartite dialogue           | Innovation Norway*                                                                                                                                              | 0.3               |
| Domestic and gender-based violence            | Norwegian Directorate of Health                                                                                                                                 | 2.0               |

■ EEA Grants

■ Norway Grants

\*Programme Operator



In Tallinn, Estonia, free wireless connection is available almost everywhere. The Norway Grants promotes greening of the economy through information and communication technologies.