

SPAIN

Spain has received funding since the EEA Agreement came into force in 1994. For the period 2009-2014, Spain has been allocated €45.9 million; equal to the previous five-year period. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Increasing environmental research and development of eco-friendly technologies
- › Promoting gender equality and work-life balance
- › Increasing educational cooperation and exchange

BILATERAL COOPERATION

Norwegian public bodies are involved as partners in over half of the programmes in Spain. Innovation Norway is playing an important role in the environment and climate change programme. The Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud (Norway) is using its network to strengthen cooperation and share experience in the gender equality field.

The scholarship programme focuses on student and researcher exchange opportunities between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, as well as cooperation between research groups and institutions in Spain and the donor countries. The Norwegian Embassy to Spain is involved as a programme operator, managing the programme on cultural dialogue and exchange.

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.

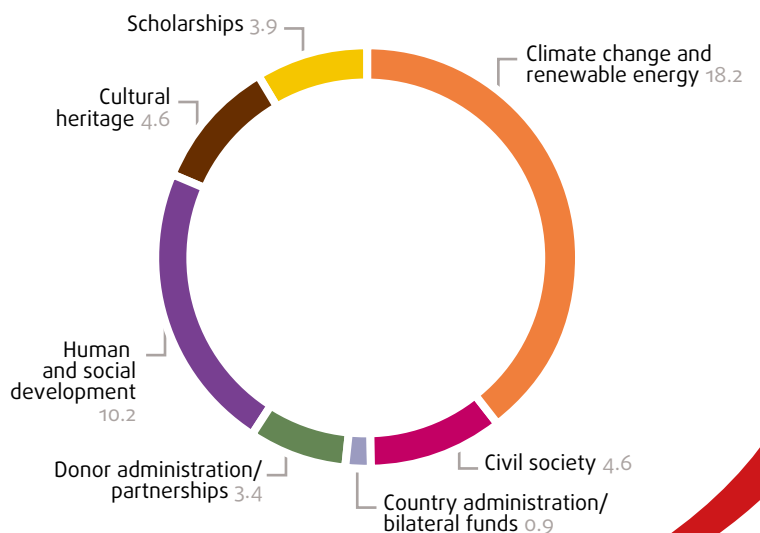


EEA GRANTS €45.9 M

	Spain	EU-28
GDP per capita in PPS (EU=100)	94	100
Economic growth (% change on previous year)	-1.2	0.1
Unemployment rate (%)*	24.5	10.2
Youth unemployment rate (%)*	53.2	22.2
Public debt (% of GDP)	92.1	85.4
Gender pay gap (%)	19.3	16.4
At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	27.3	24.5
Human development index	14 (EU-28 ranking)	
Corruption perception index*	16 (EU-28 ranking)	

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

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



IN FOCUS

RESPONDING TO ENVIRONMENTAL NEEDS OF TOMORROW

Support from the three donor countries is helping to increase the development and use of eco-friendly technologies in Spain to help mitigate climate change. To reach that goal, 40% of the country's total funding from the Grants is being used to support environmental research and increase the use of environment-related technologies with a particular focus on the hydroelectric, solar, wind and marine sectors.

Sharing knowledge and exchanging experience is a vital part of the programme. Spain's competitive and hi-tech environmental sector also presents opportunities for exporters of renewable energy technology in the donor countries. The potential to form partnerships with Spanish companies has been well exploited, with around half of the projects having a donor partner on board.

GENDER EQUALITY IN PROGRESS

Spain has made significant strides towards ensuring equal opportunities and closing the pay gap between men and women. The Grants have supported successful gender equality efforts in Spain in the past. However, continued effort is necessary to ensure further progress and to sustain advances already achieved within gender equality and work-life balance.

An important priority of the Grants in Spain is to promote gender equality in the labour market. Funding is being used to facilitate exchange of policies and best practices around female entrepreneurship, gender balance on company boards and improvement of work-life balance. The inclusion of migrant and Roma women is particularly targeted.

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

Programme	Partner(s)	Grant allocation (€ million)
Environmental and climate change-related research and technology	Innovation Norway	18.2
NGO Fund		4.6
Gender equality and work-life balance	Norwegian Equality and Anti-Discrimination Ombud	10.2
Cultural and natural heritage		4.1
Diversity in culture and arts	Norwegian Embassy*	0.5
Scholarships	Icelandic Centre for Research / National Agency for International Education Affairs (Liechtenstein) / Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education	3.9

■ EEA Grants

*Programme Operator



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Promoting hydroelectric energy is important in the development of eco-friendly technologies in Spain.