

2014-2021 EEA and Norway Grants

WORKING TOGETHER FOR A GREEN, COMPETITIVE AND INCLUSIVE EUROPE

The EEA and Norway Grants represent funding from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics.

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are partners with the EU through the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA). The Agreement includes a shared goal to work together to reduce social and economic disparities in the EEA. The three donor countries contribute to this through the EEA and Norway Grants. A total contribution of €2.8 billion has been agreed for the funding period 2014-2021.

The priorities for the 2014-2021 period reflect the priorities of the EU and aim to respond to the shared challenges facing Europe.

- #1** Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness
- #2** Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction
- #3** Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy
- #4** Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights
- #5** Justice and Home Affairs

Beneficiary countries (€ million) 2014-2021

Country	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Bulgaria	€115.0	€95.1	€210.1
Croatia	€56.8	€46.6	€103.4
Cyprus	€6.4	€5.1	€11.5
Czech Republic	€95.5	€89.0	€184.5
Estonia	€32.3	€35.7	€68.0
Greece	€116.7	-	€116.7
Hungary	€108.9	€105.7	€214.6
Latvia	€50.2	€51.9	€102.1
Lithuania	€56.2	€61.4	€117.6
Malta	€4.4	€3.6	€8.0
Poland	€397.8	€411.5	€809.3
Portugal	€102.7	-	€102.7
Romania	€275.2	€227.3	€502.5
Slovakia	€54.9	€58.2	€113.1
Slovenia	€19.9	€17.8	€37.7
Regional Funds	€55.2	€44.8	€100.0
Total	€1 548.1*	€1 253.7	€2 801.8

*The EEA Grants are jointly financed by all three donors, where contributions are based on their GDP. The estimated share of contributions equates to: Norway (96%), Iceland (3%) and Liechtenstein (1%).

A new feature is the establishment of regional funds to tackle youth unemployment (€65.5 million) and promote regional cooperation (€34.5 million).



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Priority sectors and programme areas



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Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness

1. Business Development, Innovation and SMEs
2. Research
3. Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship
4. Work-life Balance
5. Social Dialogue – Decent Work (Norway Grants)

Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction

6. European Public Health Challenges
7. Roma Inclusion and Empowerment
8. Children and Youth at Risk
9. Youth Participation in the Labour Market
10. Local Development and Poverty Reduction

Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy

11. Environment and Ecosystems
12. Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security
13. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance, and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

14. Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation
15. Civil Society
16. Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency
17. Human Rights – National Implementation

Justice and Home Affairs

18. Asylum and Migration
19. Correctional Services and Pre-trial Detention
20. International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime
21. Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Judicial System, Strengthening Rule of Law
22. Domestic and Gender-based Violence
23. Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

An open consultation on the content of these five priority sectors and 23 programme areas eligible for funding under this period is being held from 27 May until 8 July 2016.

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Reducing economic and social disparities
Strengthening bilateral relations