



EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021



Climate change is a global challenge which threatens our environment and the stability of our societies. Reducing the emissions of greenhouse gases, of which carbon dioxide (CO₂) is one, is a crucial mitigation step. This is why Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway support efforts to reduce CO₂ emissions in eleven Beneficiary States.

The programme will be implemented through:



Why reduce CO₂ emissions?

The increased build-up of greenhouse gases in the atmosphere over the past decades is widely recognised as the key driver behind climate change. The only way forward is to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. This need is reflected in the 2015 Paris Agreement and in the EU's 2030 target to lower greenhouse gas emissions by at least 40% compared to 1990 levels.

What is supported?

CO₂ reduction is addressed in programmes in the areas of climate change, energy, environment, research and innovation. Supported initiatives include:

- Increasing the production of energy from renewable sources
- Improving energy efficiency in the industry and public infrastructure
- Pilot projects for “near-zero energy” buildings
- Developing new environmentally friendly technologies, processes and services
- Ensuring greenhouse gas capture and storage through restoration and conservation of ecosystems including wetlands
- Developing environmentally friendly and energy efficient shipping solutions
- Actions to move towards a more “circular” and resource-efficient economy
- Research and development

Cooperation

Sharing knowledge and experiences is crucial for reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Partnerships with entities from the Donor States are strongly encouraged. To support such bilateral cooperation, the main Donor Programme Partners in this area are: [The Norwegian Environment Agency](#), the [Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate](#) and the [National Energy Authority of Iceland](#). Other partners include [Innovation Norway](#) and the [Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection](#).

Where we work

Country	Programme *	Donor Programme Partner
Bulgaria	Renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security	National Energy Authority of Iceland, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate
	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway**
Croatia	Energy and climate change	Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate
	Business development, innovation and SMEs	
Estonia	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway
Greece	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway**
	Renewable energy, energy efficiency	
Latvia	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway
Lithuania	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway
Poland	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway
	Environment, energy and climate change	National Energy Authority of Iceland, Norwegian Environment Agency, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate
Portugal	Environment, climate change and low carbon economy	Innovation Norway
Romania	Renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security	Innovation Norway**, National Energy Authority of Iceland, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate
	Environment and ecosystems	Norwegian Environment Agency
	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway**
Slovakia	Business development, innovation and SMEs	Innovation Norway, National Agency for International Cooperation in Education of Liechtenstein (AIBA), Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (DIKU)
	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Norwegian Environment Agency, Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate
Slovenia	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	Norwegian Environment Agency



Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

In the previous funding period, **€197 million** was allocated to programmes in the climate change and energy sectors in 13 countries.

525,000

tonnes/year estimated CO₂ reduction and/or avoidance - equivalent to annual CO₂ - emissions from approximately 300,000 cars.

450

 buildings got reduced energy consumption


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* Programmes with quantifiable estimates for emissions reductions. Programmes where emissions reductions are part of the objective, but not quantifiable, come in addition.

**Fund Operator

About the EEA and Norway Grants

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway provide funding to:

- Reducing disparities in Europe
- Strengthening bilateral relations

Areas of support

- Innovation, research, education and competitiveness
- Social inclusion, youth employment and poverty reduction
- Environment, energy, climate change and low carbon economy
- Culture, civil society, good governance and fundamental rights and freedoms
- Justice and home affairs

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