Asylum and migration

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

The Asylum and migration programmes will contribute to developing functioning asylum and migration management systems at national level that ensure and safeguard the right to seek asylum, especially for unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable groups.

€47.7 million in funding

The programme will be implemented through:

- 4 Beneficiary States
- EEA and Norway Grants
- Open calls for proposals
- Pre-defined projects

Why support asylum and migration?

More than 700,000 asylum seekers requested international protection in Europe solely in 2017. Securing or developing a well-functioning migration management system that safeguards the right to seek asylum is therefore a priority.

What is supported?

The Grants seek to improve the capacity of national authorities to develop a sustainable asylum and migration system through training and improved working methods, case handling and reception facilities. The Grants aim at strengthening civil society contribution in this area and the interaction between authorities and non-governmental organisations. Improving the conditions for unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable asylum seekers is a special priority.

Based on experience from the last funding period, new and substantially larger programmes are being implemented in Greece.

Where we work

Asylum and migration funding is available in four Beneficiary States

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Amounts are in € million and for the period 2014-2021. The figures are subject to change until all relevant programme agreements are signed in all countries.

Working together for a green, competitive and inclusive Europe
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Cooperation
Sharing knowledge and experiences is crucial in the asylum and migration programmes. Partnerships with entities from the Donor States are strongly encouraged. To support such bilateral cooperation, the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration is the main Donor Programme Partner in this area. In addition the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and the Norwegian National Police Directorate are involved.

International organisations like the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, the Fundamental Rights Agency and the Norwegian Refugee Council will be involved in the implementation of the programmes.

Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

In the previous funding period, €24.2 million was allocated to two asylum programmes in Greece. The Grants contributed to sustainable capacity building of Greek public institutions and strengthened the national asylum system.

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More than 27,400 decisions on international protection claims were taken at first instance

More than 2,700 people have been accommodated in reception centres

More than 10,250 migrants have been provided with basic services

More than 11,500 people have benefitted from infrastructure upgrades

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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15 Beneficiary States

1.5 Billion in funding

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