Climate change is one of the biggest threats faced by the world today. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway support programmes on climate change mitigation and adaptation in ten Beneficiary States.

The programme will be implemented through:

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

**Why support climate change mitigation and adaptation?**

Climate change is manifested through rising sea levels, heat waves, forest fires, droughts, floods and increasing temperatures. They all affect ecosystems and biodiversity, as well as economic growth, infrastructure and quality of life. There is an urgent need to reduce emissions as reflected in the 2015 Paris Agreement and the EU's 2030 Climate and Energy Framework.

**What is supported?**

The impact of climate change differs between regions in Europe. Some face increased risks of droughts and crop failure while others struggle with floods and mudslides. To meet the different needs, the EEA and Norway Grants support several climate change related activities on national, regional and local levels. These include:

- Developing strategies and plans for mitigation and adaptation measures at national, regional and local level as well as across sectors
- Adopting mitigation and adaptation measures at local level
- Reducing greenhouse gas emissions in industry
- Developing preparedness and risk management for extreme weather
- Making use of "carbon sinks", such as wetlands, for the capture of CO₂ and other greenhouse gases
- Carbon capture and storage
- Actions to move towards a more "circular" and resource-efficient economy

**Where we work**

Climate change is addressed in programmes in ten 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
**Cooperation**

Sharing knowledge and experiences is crucial for reducing the effects of climate change. Partnerships with entities from the Donor States are strongly encouraged. To support such bilateral cooperation, the following are Donor Programme Partners in this area:


### Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

- **525,000** tonnes/year estimated CO$_2$ reduction and/or avoidance – equivalent to annual CO$_2$-emissions from approximately 300,000 cars
- **400** institutions and sectors got strengthened capacity in climate change adaptations
- **37** climate change adaptation strategies were developed

In the previous funding period, **€34.3 million** was allocated to climate change adaptation programmes resulting in 120 projects across nine countries.

**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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