



**€185.6**  
million in  
funding

## EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021



The culture programmes support safeguarding cultural heritage, cultural cooperation and intercultural dialogue. The programmes make culture more accessible, and contribute to local jobs, skills development and resilience in local communities.

The programme will be implemented through:



Beneficiary States



EEA Grants<sup>1</sup>



Open calls for proposals



Pre-defined projects

### Why support culture in Europe?

Support for the culture sector is important in and of itself. Cooperation across borders, cultural exchange and conservation of cultural heritage contribute to diversity, increased tolerance, job creations and growth. This again brings long-term social and economic benefits, especially to local communities. The EEA and Norway Grants create capacity for inter-cultural dialogue and encourage reflection on and learning from Europe's common past.

### What is supported?

The EEA and Norway Grants' cultural programmes contribute to social and economic development. Supported initiatives include:

- Cultural heritage management, preservation and conservation
- Cultural entrepreneurship
- Cultural, creative and artistic activities
- Reaching out to people through targeted and educational activities

### Where we work

	EEA Grants	Norway Grants
Bulgaria	10.8	
Czech Republic	29.8	
Estonia	2.8	
Latvia	2.7	
Lithuania	7.0	
Poland	75.0	
Portugal	9.0	
Romania	28.9	
Slovakia	19.6	

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.

<sup>1</sup> One Norway Grant funded project under the local development programme in Malta.

## Cooperation

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 Arts Council Norway](#), and [the Norwegian Directorate of Cultural Heritage](#). [The Icelandic Centre for Research \(Rannis\)](#) is involved in one programme.

Country	Programme	Donor Programme Partners
Bulgaria	Culture	Arts Council Norway
Czech Republic	Culture	Arts Council Norway, Icelandic Centre for Research, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage
Estonia	Local development and poverty reduction	Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage, Norwegian Directorate of Health, Norwegian Institute of Public Health
Latvia	Local development and poverty reduction	Arts Council Norway, Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities
Lithuania	Culture	Arts Council Norway, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage
Poland	Culture	Arts Council Norway, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage
Portugal	Culture	Arts Council Norway, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage
Romania	Culture	Arts Council Norway, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage
Slovakia	Culture	Arts Council Norway, Norwegian Directorate for Cultural Heritage



## Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

In the previous funding period, more than **€204.2 million** was allocated to culture programmes resulting in close to 500 projects across 14 countries.

**11** projects received a European Heritage Award/Europa Nostra Award

More than **1.7 million** people attended a total of **3 000** cultural performances

**2 800** events of contemporary art and culture were supported

Over **274 000 items** of cultural heritage were made available to the public in an **electronic** format



The restoration of the Green Synagogue in Rezekne, Latvia, was carried out as a vocational training project for students from the Sam Eyde Upper Secondary School (Norway) and students and teachers-experts from Latvia - Rezekne Art and Design Secondary School and Austrumlatgale Vocational Secondary School.

## 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

\* EEA Grants are jointly financed by Iceland (3%), Liechtenstein (1%) and Norway (96%) \*\*Norway Grants are solely financed by Norway

