## Contributing to the European Green Deal





# EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

The EEA and Norway Grants support ongoing work in twelve EU Member States, highly relevant for the European Green Deal and contributing to its ambitions.

The European Green Deal aims at making the European Union (EU) carbon neutral by 2050. To reach this objective, the EU is updating existing legislation and schemes, to support implementation of measures in the EU Member States.

#### The support from the EEA and Norway Grants is being implemented through:



Beneficiary States



Open calls and pre-defined projects



€580 million

Support under different Programme Areas:	Beneficiary States	
Programme Area 1 Business Development, Innovation and SMEs	<ul> <li>Bulgaria</li> <li>Croatia</li> <li>Poland</li> <li>Czech Republic</li> <li>Portugal</li> <li>Estonia</li> <li>Greece</li> <li>Slovakia</li> <li>Latvia</li> <li>Slovenia</li> </ul>	• Lithuania
Programme Area 2 Research		
Programme Area 11 Environment and Ecosystems		
Programme Area 12 Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security		
Programme Area 13 Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation		

#### The EEA and Norway Grants' programme targets contribute to the European Green Deal

Policy area in the European Green Deal	Targets on activities under the EEA and Norway Grants
Contributions towards a climate neutral economy and $CO_2$ emission reductions	+ 1500 280 tonnes of $CO_2$ equivalents per year in annual reductions
Supplying clean, affordable and secure energy	<ul> <li>136 064 MWh/year produced energy from renewable energy sources</li> <li>906 418 MWh/year in energy savings</li> </ul>
Mobilising industry for a clean and circular economy	<ul> <li>134 companies supported to apply, develop or commercialise blue technologies, processes and solutions</li> <li>100 professionals trained in circular economy</li> </ul>
Preserving and restoring ecosystems and biodiversity	<ul> <li>600 000 m<sup>2</sup> in area of wetland ecosystems restored</li> <li>10 ecosystems with improved ecological status</li> <li>6 wetland ecosystems supported</li> </ul>
Mobilising research and fostering innovation	• 70 researchers supported for carbon capture and storage projects



## Greening the Estonian marine industry by more effectively recovering wave energy

Suitable solutions for the marine industry to reduce CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and replacing fuel with renewable energy are needed, but scarce. Through more efficient recovery and storage of wave energy, OU Skeleton Technologies (Estonia) and NX Tech AS (Norway) aim to provide such technology relevant for the marine industry across Europe. This innovation will be used by vessels with shipborne cranes to keep these stable in high seas. They collaborate in the project "Development of marine-certified ultracapacitator modules" with support from the Estonian innovation programme.





## Towards a more circular construction sector in Portugal

While most construction companies' operations rely on intensive use of raw materials and energy - causing significant CO2 emissions, "CirMAT -Circular aggregates for sustainable road and building materials" is a project under Portugal's environment programme which aims to change that. This project is expected to lower CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by stimulating the use of alternative and recycled materials, such as reusing old road materials in constructing new ones, in line with circular economy principles.

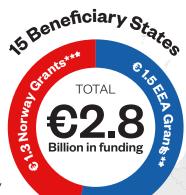
## About the EEA and Norway Grants

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



418M of this comes from the priority sector Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy, and the remaining sum from related activities under Business development and Research (PAOI and PAO2) \*\* EEA Grants are jointly financed by Iceland (3%), Liechtenstein (1%) and Norway (96%)

\*\*\*Norway Grants are solely financed by Norway

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