

# Building a stronger civil society in Europe





This photo brochure presents a snapshot of just a few of the many hundreds of projects supported by the NGO programmes funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants.

# Overview

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**The NGO programmes increase the capacity of civil society in Central and Southern Europe and help to mobilise citizens to voice their concerns and actively engage in social development.**

Civil society is a fundamental building block of democratic governance, human rights and social cohesion.

Our support plays a critical role in building the capacity of the sector. It also helps to counter negative trends across Europe, such as rising discrimination and racism and a growing mistrust in democratic institutions.

Our support is focused on:

- Strengthening democracy and active citizenship
- Promoting human rights and equality
- Promoting inclusive societies where people are valued, their differences respected, and their basic needs are met

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway contribute close to €160 million to strengthen civil society through NGO programmes established in the 16 beneficiary countries of the EEA and Norway Grants.

## Overview of NGO programmes

Country	Programme Operator	Grant amount (€ million)
Bulgaria	Open Society Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1jAQTjD">http://bit.ly/1jAQTjD</a>	11.8
Croatia	National Foundation for Civil Society Development <a href="http://bit.ly/K9lDjp">http://bit.ly/K9lDjp</a>	1.3
Cyprus	Price Waterhouse Coopers <a href="http://bit.ly/1q8tQbv">http://bit.ly/1q8tQbv</a>	1.3
Czech Republic	Civil Society Development Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1iis5bn0">http://bit.ly/1iis5bn0</a>	9.8
Estonia	Open Estonia Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1qeBJGb">http://bit.ly/1qeBJGb</a>	2.3
Greece	Bodossaki Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1oqtOAT">http://bit.ly/1oqtOAT</a>	7.3
Hungary	Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1uAUvHe">http://bit.ly/1uAUvHe</a>	13.5
Latvia	Society Integration Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1hxs3NF">http://bit.ly/1hxs3NF</a>	10.4
Lithuania	Human Rights Monitoring Institute <a href="http://bit.ly/1fUXVAR">http://bit.ly/1fUXVAR</a>	5.5
Malta	Solidarity Overseas Service (SOS) Malta <a href="http://bit.ly/1fPE45Q">http://bit.ly/1fPE45Q</a>	0.5
Poland	Stefan Batory Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1qeCFtV">http://bit.ly/1qeCFtV</a>	37
Portugal	Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1oqrry2">http://bit.ly/1oqrry2</a>	8.7
Romania	Civil Society Development Foundation <a href="http://bit.ly/1fPBX1l">http://bit.ly/1fPBX1l</a>	36.3
Slovakia	Ekopolis Foundation (Active citizenship and inclusion) <a href="http://bit.ly/1o6ULvV">http://bit.ly/1o6ULvV</a>	3.7
	Open Society Foundation (Democracy and human rights) <a href="http://bit.ly/1FOlPjg">http://bit.ly/1FOlPjg</a>	3.7
Slovenia	Regional Environment Center (REC Slovenia) <a href="http://bit.ly/1o6VvkW">http://bit.ly/1o6VvkW</a>	1.9
Spain	NGO Platform of Social Action <a href="http://bit.ly/1sIrnRrX">http://bit.ly/1sIrnRrX</a>	4.6
<b>Total</b>		<b>159.6</b>

Find more detailed information about programmes in each country, latest news and project stories here: [www.eagrants.org/What-we-do/Programme-areas/Civil-society/NGO-Programmes](http://www.eagrants.org/What-we-do/Programme-areas/Civil-society/NGO-Programmes)



Democracy and  
active citizenship



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Dana Bandryová (pictured left with project manager Zuzana Kumanová) has benefited from a project in Slovakia equipping Roma women with leadership skills needed to play a more effective role in their communities. The project promotes civic participation through non-formal education and the formation of local action groups.

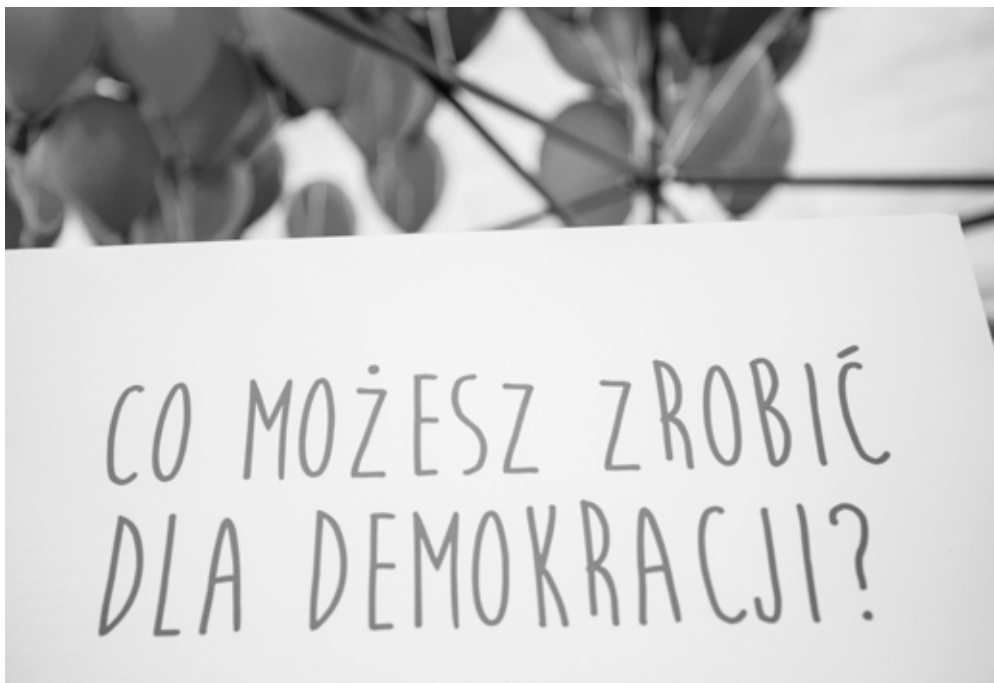
Grant amount: €56 489 | Project link: [bit.ly/1L6Ye4W](https://bit.ly/1L6Ye4W)





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In Greece, the DemocraIT project has received support to develop user-friendly IT tools to facilitate citizen participation in public consultations. The state-of-the-art web-based solution will present results in an accessible and structured format, enabling decision-makers to take account of a broader range of opinion.  
Grant amount: €55 505 | Project link: [bit.ly/1Dm2cHL](https://bit.ly/1Dm2cHL)



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The €37 million 'Citizens for Democracy' Polish NGO programme was represented in the 'No Hate Speech Zone' during the VII NGO Fair in Warsaw. Visitors had a chance to learn about the NGO programme's work and support for projects on anti-discrimination and anti-racism.

Grant amount: €37 million | Programme link: [bit.ly/1AkBSTD](https://bit.ly/1AkBSTD)









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A project run by Transparency International (TI) Lithuania, in cooperation with its sister organisation in Norway, is helping to promote accountability and openness in public institutions. The funding has also helped strengthen the capacity of TI Lithuania, enabling it to contribute more actively in policy-making processes.

Grant amount: €118 978 | Project link: [bit.ly/1Fnxyym](https://bit.ly/1Fnxyym)

Human rights  
and equality

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WE ALL   
WERE BORN  
EQUAL 



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More than half of the Lithuanian LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) community feel discriminated against. The Lithuanian Gay League has received a grant from the NGO programme to support its work to mainstream LGBT equality in the decision making process and in its awareness-raising activities. Grant amount: €111 940 | Project link: [bit.ly/1zKAXPt](https://bit.ly/1zKAXPt)



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In Greece, the Hellenic League for Human Rights has received funding to strengthen its capacity to improve reporting of hate crimes, and increase provision of welfare and legal services for victims.

Grant amount: €198 000 | Project link: [bit.ly/1LxwXus](https://bit.ly/1LxwXus)





We are a strategic partner to the Council of Europe's NO HATE SPEECH campaign. The campaign is against expressions of hate speech online in all forms, including those that most affect young people, such as cyber-bullying and cyber-hate.

Through raising awareness of hate speech online and its risks for democracy, the campaign aims to support young people in standing up for human rights and promote media and internet literacy.

Our NGO programmes are making a strong contribution to the campaign, which was launched in March 2013 and runs until the end of 2015. All programmes have been involved in various ways – mobilising and training youth activists and youth bloggers, mapping hate speech online and organising campaigning toolkits for schools.

Read more: [www.eeagrants.org/hatespeech](http://www.eeagrants.org/hatespeech)









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Based on the ideas of the No Hate Speech Movement, the “All different, all equal - I LOVE PANDA campaign” in Lithuania aims at developing a friendly and respectful cyberspace and mutual understanding between young people online. The campaign targets children from a very early age. ‘Panda’ has already toured schools and invited more than 220 students to talk about human rights and the prevention of hate speech.

Grant amount: €133 383 | Project link: [bit.ly/1zkq8EW](https://bit.ly/1zkq8EW)





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Gheorghe Manole (pictured centre) survived the deportations that took place in Romania during World War II. The Community Resource Centre Association is working to identify Roma survivors so they can receive their entitled compensation.

Grant amount: €31 480 | Project link: [bit.ly/1DBolAj](https://bit.ly/1DBolAj)



Social  
inclusion







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At the Open Door Centre in Greece, the 'Artability' project provides art, music, dance and theatre as educational and therapeutic tools for people with cerebral palsy. By bringing together people both with and without disabilities and of all ages in creative projects and activities, it also helps to combat social exclusion. Grant amount: €152 488 | Project link: [bit.ly/1AkDLqg](https://bit.ly/1AkDLqg)



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A project in Bulgaria is helping Roma from a deprived neighbourhood in the town of Kyustendil gain a stronger and more unified voice through the creation of a local Roma Community Council - an independent body to represent the interests of the community on local authority platforms. Grant amount: €18 871 | Project link: [bit.ly/1E15Wxp](https://bit.ly/1E15Wxp)







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A Lithuanian project is working towards providing better support for children in need by raising awareness of the benefits of replacing institutional child care with more community-based care services.

Grant amount: €114 689 | Project link: [bit.ly/1zkq6DS](https://bit.ly/1zkq6DS)



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In Lithuania, work is underway to review and map disability access in a whole range of public buildings such as schools and hospitals in order to provide better information to people with disabilities.

Grant amount: €76 548 | Project link: [bit.ly/1L5Lhs3](https://bit.ly/1L5Lhs3)

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# About the EEA and Norway Grants

Through the EEA (European Economic Area) and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway help to reduce economic and social disparities and strengthen bilateral relations with 16 countries in Central and Southern Europe.

## EEA Grants:

€993.5 million (Norway: 95.8%, Iceland: 3.0%, Liechtenstein: 1.2%)

## Norway Grants:

€804.6 million (Norway: 100%)

## Areas of support (€ million)



267.9

Climate change and renewable energy



152.5

Environmental protection and management



128.4

Green industry innovation



159.6

Civil society



375.9

Human and social development



201.4

Cultural heritage and diversity



169.0

Research and scholarships



145.2

Justice and home affairs



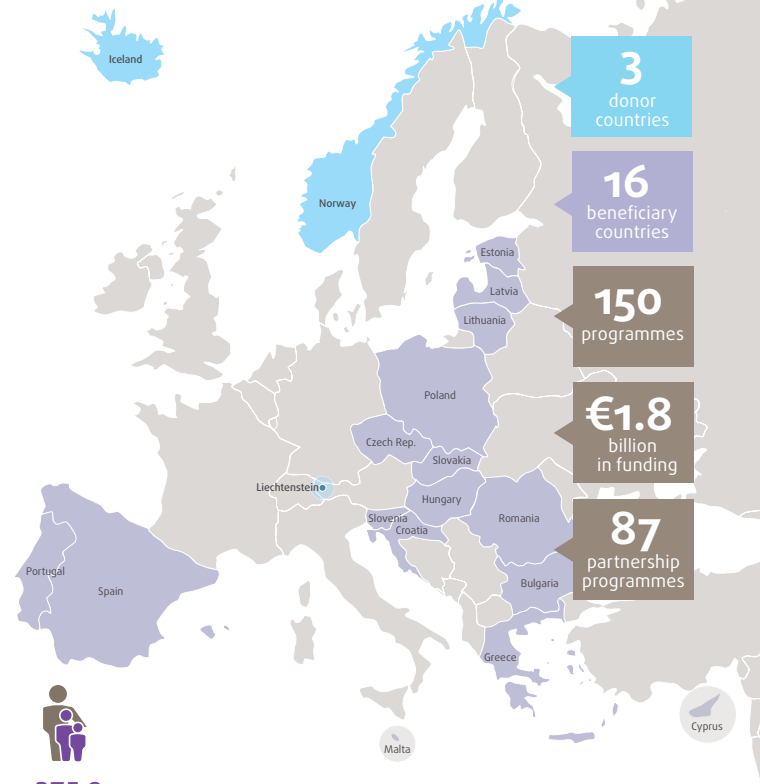
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Decent work and tripartite dialogue



7.0

Carbon capture and storage



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