EEA and Nor Grants **GV** EPORT 20

This report highlights Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway's contributions to a green, competitive and inclusive Europe in 2022.

PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

The goal of the EEA and Norway Grants is to reduce social and economic disparities and strengthen cooperation between the Donor States and the Beneficiary States through the three pillars 1) Green 2) Competitive and 3) Inclusive. The figures presented below are cumulative and reflect activities spanning the 2014-2021 funding period until the end of 2022.

580



programme agreements signed

bilateral initiatives

1,056

calls launched (64 are bilateral)

companies supported

The EEA and Norway Grants

The EEA and Norway Grants represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Economic Area. The current funding period totals €2.8 billion and builds on the successes of previous funding periods.

Donor **States**





Reducing disparities and strengthening cooperation in the EEA billion euro in funding (2014-2021)

EEA Grants

billion euro **Norway Grants** 4,115

researchers supported

3,976 jobs created 6,005

Iceland

lorwav

iechtenstein

Norway

grants

contracted projects

40%

of contracted projects have Donor project partners

Country	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Bulgaria	115.0	95.1	201.1
Croatia	56.8	46.6	103.4
Cyprus	6.4	5.1	11.5
Czech Republic	95.5	89.0	184.5
Estonia	32.3	35.7	68.0
Greece	116.7	-	116.7
Hungary ¹	108.9	105.7	214.7
Latvia	50.2	51.9	102.1
Lithuania	56.2	61.4	117.6
Malta	4.4	3.6	8.0
Poland	397.8	411.5	809.3
Portugal	102.7	-	102.7
Romania	275.2	227.3	502.5
Slovakia	54.9	58.2	113.1
Slovenia	19.9	17.8	37.7
Funds ²	55.2	44.8	100.0
Total	1 548.1 ³	1 253.7	2 801.8

All figures are in million €.

1. In 2021, the Donor States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, did not reach an agreement with Hungary on the appointment of a Fund Operator to manage the funding for civil society. Consequently, no programmes will be implemented under the EEA and Norway Grants during the current funding period. 2. Fund for Youth Employment and Fund for Regional Cooperation. 3. The EEA Grants are jointly financed by all three Donor States, where contributions are based on their GDP. Norway provides approximately 94.4%, Iceland 4.2% and Liechtenstein 1.3%

Areas of support (2014-2021)

All figures are in million €.

- + 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

€618.8 + €381.0 + €418.1 + €447.9 + €344.6 +





Norway and Iceland help Portugal bring local solutions to global environmental challenges through their biosphere reserves

LINK (TBC)

Green Europe

Europe faces significant challenges from climate change, environmental degradation, and insufficient sustainable energy. The European Green Deal aims to make the EU the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, requiring systemic transformations and substantial investments. The EEA and Norway Grants fund projects that promote a greener Europe, ensuring compliance with EU environmental standards, fast-tracking clean energy technology, and promoting energy-efficient solutions.

€419.32 million Total funded for this area	15 programmes	672 projects	3 programme areas	12 Beneficiary States	43% of projects with donor project partner
Indicator			Target	Achievement	
Energy produced from RES (in MWh/year)			85,969	14,135	
Estimated annual CO ₂ emissions reductions			1,401,716	53,590	
Installed capacity for production of renewable energy (in MW)			34	8	

Competitive Europe

Europe is accelerating its green transition amidst the COVID-19 pandemic recovery, the ongoing war in Ukraine, and new challenges like price increases and supply chain disruptions. The EEA and Norway Grants support private enterprises, research institutions, and higher education to foster sustainable growth and competitiveness. The Grants contribute to EU's sustainable growth goals by bridging funding gaps and building research and innovation capacity in the Beneficiary States.

€830.3 million Total funded for this area	8 programme areas and 2 funds	38 programmes	14 Beneficiary States	1,807 projects	63% of projects with donor project partner
Indicator			Target	Achievement	
Estimated annual CO ₂ emissions reductions (in tonnes)			1,401,716	53,590	
Number of jobs created			6,791	3,975	
Number of new products/technologies developed			430	236	
Number of researchers supported			2,279	4,115	
Number of SMEs supported			1,124	919	
Number of young people aged 15-29 completing vocational education or work-based learnings reductions			20,079	17,663	



Norwegian and Bulgarian companies are tearing down barriers for the visually impaired with digital innovation.

Find out more about this project.



Unfrozen life: making sense of the war in Ukraine through family and art in Lithuania.

Find out more <u>here</u>.

Inclusive Europe

The Russian invasion of Ukraine in 2022 has significantly impacted lives and exacerbated existing inequalities in Europe, highlighting the need for a more inclusive society. The EEA and Norway Grants are committed to fostering inclusivity, with over €1 billion provided to projects in priority sectors such as social inclusion, culture, civil society, and justice. These initiatives build capacity and accountability of institutions and help empower vulnerable groups. Despite not being an emergency support mechanism, the Grants have quickly channelled €13 million to address the refugee crisis caused by the war, supporting civil society organizations in Beneficiary States.

€1,057.64 million Total funded for this area	11 programme areas	58 programmes	14 Beneficiary States	3,526 projects	27% of projects with donor project partner
Indicator			Target	Achievement	
Annual number of cases of domestic and gender-based violence officially reported			88,147	119,031	
Number of national policies and laws influenced			411	428	
Number of people reached by campaigns			22,602,520	52,869,079	
Number of students educated in civic and human rights			25,270	15669	
Number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors receiving services			3,650	2899	
Number of vulnerable individuals reached by empowerment measures			39,830	264,992	