EEA and Norway Grants
STATUS REPORT 2022

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.

97 programme agreements signed
676 bilateral initiatives
4,115 researchers supported
6,005 contracted projects
580 calls launched (64 are bilateral)
1,056 companies supported
3,976 jobs created

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.

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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  €618.9 +
+ Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction  €382 +
+ Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy  €421.1 +
+ Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms  €453.7 +
+ Justice and Home Affairs  €345.1 +

3 Donor States
15 Beneficiary States
2 Overall objectives

Reducing disparities and strengthening cooperation in the EEA

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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.

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.

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 organisations in Beneficiary States.