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97 programme agreements signed
471 bilateral initiatives
484 calls launched (54 are bilateral)
630 companies supported
2,800 researchers supported
4,000+ contracted projects
1,700+ jobs created
39% of contracted projects have Donor project partners

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.

3 Donor States
2.8 billion euro in funding (2014-2021)

15 Beneficiary States
1.5 billion euro EEA Grants

2 Overall objectives
1.3 billion euro Norway Grants

Reducing disparities and strengthening cooperation in the EEA

Areas of support (2014-2021)

All figures are in million €.

- Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness: €618.8
- Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction: €381.0
- Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy: €418.1
- Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms: €447.9
- Justice and Home Affairs: €344.6
Green Europe

Climate change, environment, sustainable energy and energy safety are at the centre of every conversation concerning the future of Europe. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are helping to tackle these challenges in close cooperation with the EU.

By the end of 2021, the EEA and Norway Grants have supported over 4 000 projects. Of those, 428 target challenges the countries face from the threat of climate change, rising energy costs and unsustainable energy production.

Environment, energy, climate change and low carbon economy

€418 million
3 programme areas
15 programmes
12 countries
428 projects
40% of projects have a donor project partner

Competitive Europe

COVID-19 forced most of Europe to impose restrictions on the movement of goods and people that hit the economy hard.

Economic and social recovery is a priority for Europe. The EEA and Norway Grants help tackle these challenges by supporting small businesses, research, social dialogue, addressing youth unemployment, and by improving judicial systems in the Beneficiary States.

Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness
€619 million
5 programme areas
24 programmes
14 countries
1 233 projects
60% of projects have a donor project partner

Justice and Home Affairs
€121 million
3 programme areas (out of 6)
12 programmes
8 countries
49 projects

Fund for Regional Cooperation
€31.9 million
19 projects

Fund for Youth Employment
€61 million
32 projects

More women in senior roles – a more competitive Europe
‘Equality between men and women is not a leadership issue: it is a leadership opportunity,’ says Sandra Ribeiro.

Learn how a project in Portugal is addressing it on eeagrants.org

Inclusive Europe

2021 was heavily marked by the COVID-19 pandemic that impacted lives and societies in unimaginable ways. Making Europe more inclusive is at the heart of the EEA and Norway Grants.

Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction
€380 million
4 programme areas
16 programmes
12 Beneficiary States
275 projects

Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms
€448 million
4 programme areas
37 programmes
14 Beneficiary States
1983 projects

Justice and Home Affairs
€223 million
3 programme areas (out of 6)
17 programmes
11 Beneficiary States
62 projects

Reducing marine litter in Burgas
A project in Bulgaria is improving the ecological status of the sea waters in Burgas Bay.

Learn how on eeagrants.org

Bringing hope to Pata Rât
Learn how the Grants tackle the marginalisation of Roma in the city of Cluj - one house at a time.

Credits: Maya Russeva - Burgas Municipality
Credits: Confederation of Portuguese Businesses
Credit: Youth Centre in Stara Zagora - Christophe Vander Eecken