



New partnerships
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Making a difference

EEA and Norway Grants
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The EEA and Norway Grants

A contribution from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to **reduce social and economic disparities** within the European Economic Area



15 years of support

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The EEA EFTA States have contributed with cohesion support ever since the European Agreement entered into force in 1994

Financial Mechanism (1994-1998)

Financial Instrument (1999-2003)

Donor states:

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway (Austria, Finland, Sweden)

Beneficiary states:

Greece, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Spain

Funding size FM 94-98:

EUR 500 million + interest rebates on EUR 1.5 bill of EIB loans

Funding size FI 99-03:

EUR 119.6 million

Sectors:

Environment, Education and training, Transport

No. of projects FM 94-98:

56

No. of projects FI 99-03:

25



2004-2009



15 beneficiary states
3 donor states
1.3 billion euro
1250 grants





Three components

EEA Grants

EUR 672 million

Norway Grants

EUR 567 million

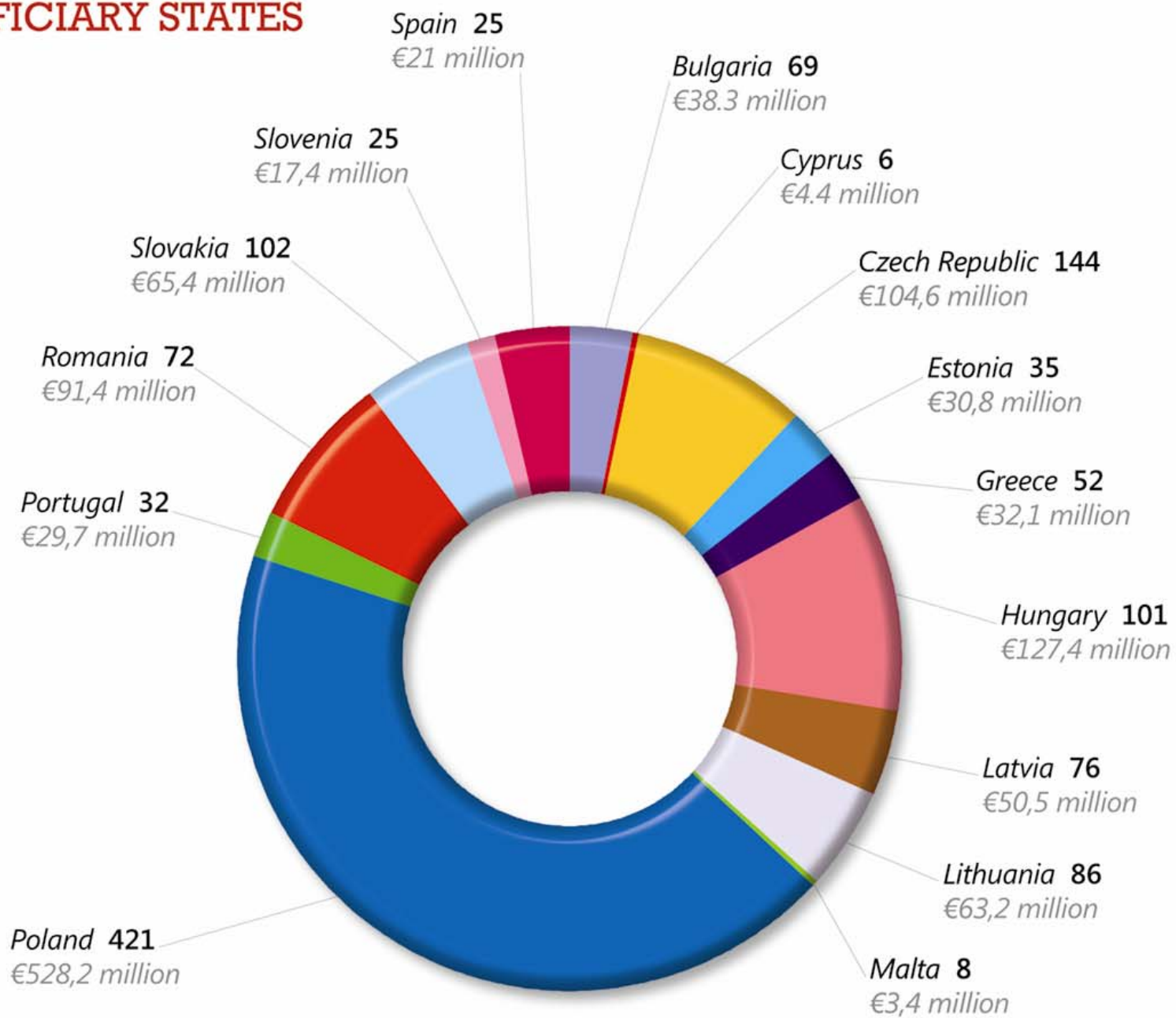
The Norwegian Cooperation
Programmes with Bulgaria
and Romania

EUR 68 million*

*administered separately by Innovation Norway

Norway represents 97% of the total EUR 1.3 billion contribution

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Sectors

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Priority sectors	Grants	Funding
Academic research	95	€ 83 000 000
Conservation of European cultural heritage	225	€ 257 600 000
Environment and sustainable development	356	€ 283 800 000
Health and childcare	241	€ 175 300 000
Human resource development	166	€ 130 700 000
NGO Funds	19	€ 85 300 000
Regional policy and cross-border activities	60	€ 56 900 000
Schengen and the judiciary	57	€ 127 100 000
Other	31	€ 30 700 000



Beneficiaries

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Half of the funding goes to public authorities

Public authorities

Local 25%

National 19%

Regional 7%

A quarter of the support goes to education and research institutions, and NGOs

Institutions/organisations

Educat./research 12%

NGOs 12%

Only 6 percent reaches business enterprises

Enterprises

Private owned 4%

Public owned 2%



Partnerships

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Strengthening bilateral cooperation

Key facts:

- Over 300 partnership projects
- 1 in 3 are in Poland
- 3 in 5 research projects are with donor state partners
 - Many within environmental or health research
- Polish-Norwegian research fund
 - EUR 25 mill in support to additional bilateral research projects

“The cooperation established with Norwegian and Icelandic fellows due to the EEA and Norway Grants is of significant value to Polish researchers.”

-Professor Barbara Kurdycka, Minister of Science and Higher Education





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Does it make a
difference?





Mid-term Evaluation

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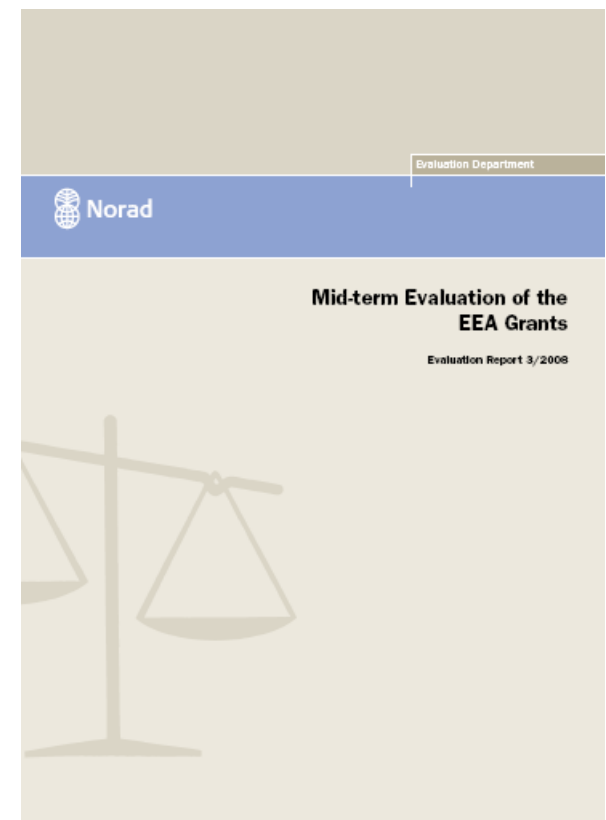
Popular, appreciated and visible

Positive conclusions

- Highly popular and appreciated in the BS
- Highly visible in the BS
- Funds and programmes appear most successful

Negative conclusions

- Inefficiencies in implementation have led to delays
- Delays have led to losses for beneficiaries
- Lack of clear objectives, supported by indicators and targets





Review

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50% energy savings in Poland

Key facts:

- 65 projects
- 300 public buildings in schools and health institutions
- Thermal insulation, improved heating systems, renewable energy

Expected impact

- 20,000 metric tonnes of coal saved / year
- 52,000 tonnes of CO2 saved / year
- Lower heating costs
- Improved conditions for working, learning and treatment

“Projects are of high and relatively even quality. The expected results constitute a significant contribution to national targets, and there is a vast replication potential.”



The review was conducted by Scanteam and Proeko and published in February 2009



Project example

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Energy efficiency project covering seven schools in Gdynia, Poland

Insulation of external walls
Insulation of flat roofs
Exchange of window frames
Exchange of external doors
Modernisation of heat centres
Modernisation of hot water centres
Modernisation of ventilation
systems
Installation of heaters
Installation of thermostatic valves



Results

- Reduced 5.000 MWh/year
- Reduced 2 313 t CO₂/year
- Reduced 0.736 t dust PM/year
- Improved quality of air
- Improved conditions of work and study for 5,000 students and workers

“I am very proud of this project, which has also increased the sense of pride for Gdynia’s inhabitants.”

- Krystyna Borkowska, Gdynia City Hall



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Saving cultural heritage in the Czech Rep.

Key facts:

- 29 projects
- Restoration works
- Digitalisation of documents and publications

Expected impact

- Monuments and objects are salvaged from a critical state
- Monuments are opened to the public
- Creation and strengthening of local professional capacity and skills
- Jobs created
- Increasing number of tourists

“The EEA/Norway Grants financial support helped to revive historical buildings that would have fallen in disrepair.”



The review was conducted by CrossCzech and Nordic Consulting Group and published in April 2009



Project example

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Reviving folk culture in the Wallachian region

The Wallachian Open Air Museum has aimed to preserve and revive the customs and traditions of the region since 1925

Project

- 10 replicas of rural buildings have been erected
- Preservation and protecting of existing buildings
- Creating traditional real life situations for visitors
- Close cooperation with the Norwegian Open Air Museum at Maihaugen



Strengthening civil society

Key facts:

- 19 NGO funds in 12 countries
- EUR 85 million in support
- 1000 projects in implementation
- In addition, 140 projects implemented by NGOs receive direct funding

Background

- A young and vulnerable sector in many countries
- Former international donors have shifted focus further east or south
- The financial crisis has hit the NGO-sector hard

“Building democracies is a continuous task, and.. the EEA and Norway Grants is unique... funding the development of active civic participation.”

- Kuba Wygnanski, Polish civil society activist





Fund example

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Polish NGO-fund

- EUR 37.5 in grants
- the largest single grant
- Will support over 500 projects

Focus areas:

- Democracy and civil society
- Environmental protection and sustainable development
- Equal opportunities and social integration






Film:

<http://www.eeagrants.org/id/86>

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The future

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Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are negotiating an agreement with the European Commission on a new five-year period of grants

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Norway offers EU €140m for carbon capture

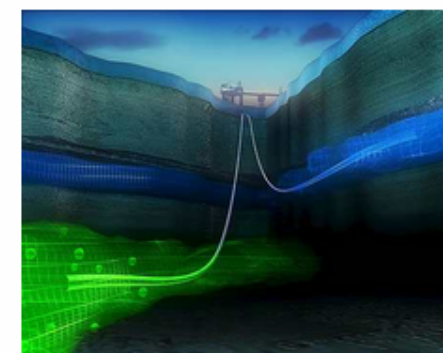
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EUOBSERVER / BERGEN, NORWAY - Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg offered European Union countries some €140 million (1 bn kroner) to support the development of carbon capture and storage projects - an experimental and highly controversial technology that aims to scrub industrial processes of their CO₂ emissions.

"The EU is a driving force in the development and implementation of CCS technologies," Mr Stoltenberg told reporters ahead of a major international conference on the subject in Bergen, Norway.

The funds are not new monies. Rather, his government is ready to earmark the sum over five years to support CCS projects in "select EU member states" as part of the country's upcoming contribution to the European Economic Area.



The CCS pilot project at Sleipner in the middle of the North Sea (Photo: Alligator film /BUG / StatoilHydro)

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