



Reducing disparities Strengthening relations

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Social cohesion in the EEA



Article 115

...With a view to promoting a continuous and balanced strengthening of trade and economic relations between the Contracting Parties agree on the need to **reduce the economic and social disparities** between their regions...

Disparities in the EEA

GDP/person

compared to EU average

Norway +79 %

Iceland +10 %

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Latvia -48%

Romania -55%

Bulgaria -57%

Disparities in the EEA



Human development

UNDP Index – world ranking

Norway 1

Liechtenstein 6

Iceland 17

Spain 20

Poland 41

Bulgaria 58

Disparities in the EEA

Renewable energy as % of gross final energy consumption

Norway +62 %

Latvia 30%

Poland 8%

Malta 0%



€1.8 bln

in funding 2009-14

15

beneficiary states

**Environment, health,
justice, research,
education, public
sector, civil society**

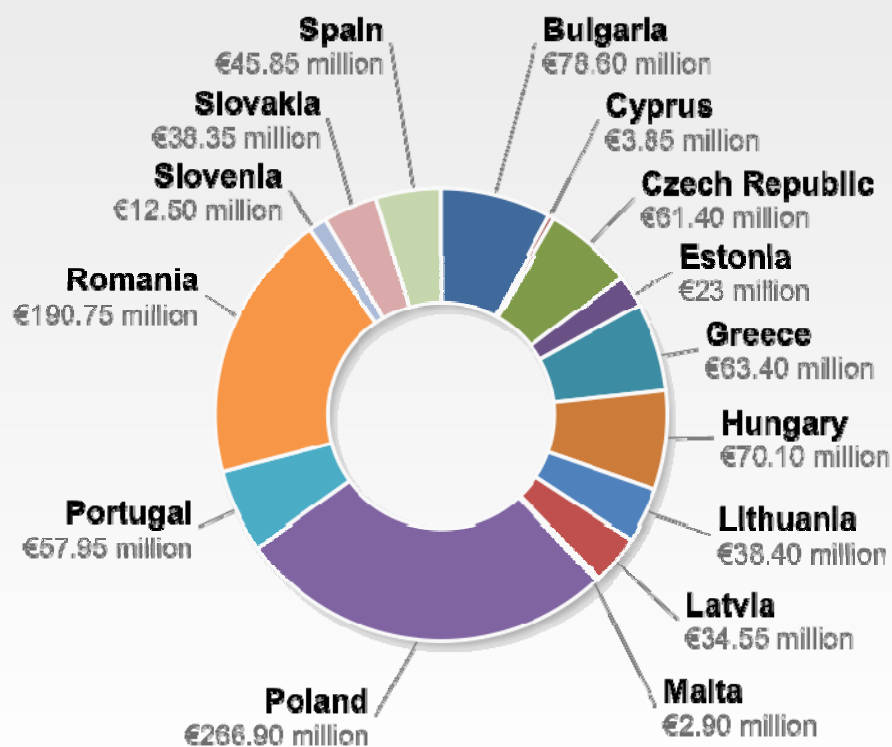
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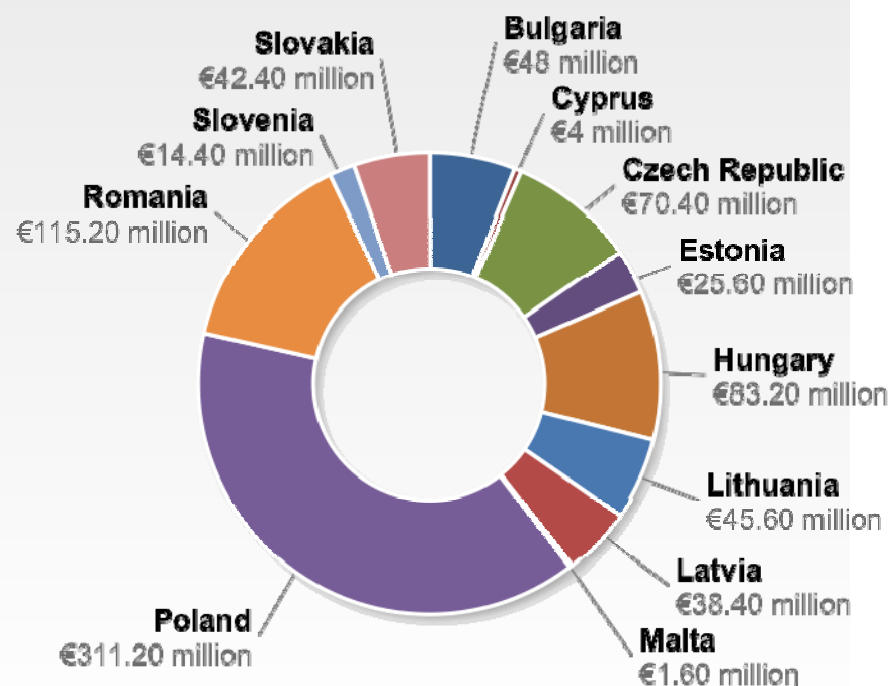
Country distribution



EEA Grants 2009-14
€ 988.50 million



Norway Grants 2009-14
€ 800 million



Characteristics

- Accessible funding
- Supplementing EU funds
- Flexible
- Popular
- Visible



Programmes



OVERALL OBJECTIVES

Reduction of economic and social disparities
in the European Economic Area

Strengthen bilateral relations
between
the Donor States and the
Beneficiary States

EEA FM / NOR FM 2009-14

finances

Programmes

composed of

Projects

GREEN FOCUS



1/3 of the funding to support environmentally sustainable development

- Renewable energy
- Energy efficiency
- Climate change
- Research and innovation
- Biodiversity



Environment



Picture: coalpowerplants.blogspot.com

€137 million to develop **carbon capture and storage (CCS)** at Belchatow in Poland, Europe's largest coal-fuelled power plant

Green industry innovation so far amounting to €75 million - agreed in BG, EE, HU, LV, LT and SK



CIVIL SOCIETY



NGO funds in all 15 beneficiary states - at least €135 million

- Democracy and good governance
- Human rights
- Anti-discrimination
- Social justice
- Sustainable development



Civil society



Several NGO funds will focus on improving the situation for vulnerable groups, including the Roma population

In Cyprus, civil society is being engaged in opening up for cooperation and dialogue between the Greek Cypriots and Turkish Cypriots



Building skills through international cooperation and exchange

- Research cooperation
- Application of research
- Educational cooperation
- Student mobility
- Staff mobility



Research and scholarships



Scholarship funds will be established in 11 countries, promoting exchange and cooperation in education

Research cooperation - The Norwegian Research Council will be a programme partner in several countries



SOCIAL WELFARE



Improve the well-being of children and young people at risk, and reducing health inequalities

- Improve capacity
- Improve systems
- Equal access to health
- Protecting vulnerable groups



Health and children

In Hungary, €38 million is dedicated to improving health care systems and child welfare services. Special attention to vulnerable groups, including the Roma.



Fighting HIV in Estonia

Also support to improve services on mental health and life-style related diseases

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS



Fighting crime and improving the judiciary system

- Police cooperation
- Access to justice
- Efficient judiciary
- Better prisons
- Fight human trafficking



Justice and home affairs



Asylum and migration in Greece

€21 million to address urgent needs:
reception / screening of new arrivals,
accommodation of vulnerable groups, safe-
guarding unaccompanied children

Fighting **cross-border and organised crime**, and improving correctional services, including non-custodial sanctions in several countries



COOPERATION

- Partnerships with public entities from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
- Cooperation in projects
- Bilateral funds
- Involvement of international organisations
 - Council of Europe
 - International Organisation for Migration
 - Transparency International



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