



New partnerships
for cohesion
in Europe

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)

Donor states:

Beneficiary states:

Funding size FM 94-98:
loans

Funding size FI 99-03:

Sectors:

No. of projects FM 94-98:

No. of projects FI 99-03:

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

Greece, Ireland, Northern Ireland, Portugal, Spain

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

EUR 119.6 million

Environment, Education and training, Transport

56

25

Financial Instrument (1999-2003)



2004-2009



15 beneficiary states
3 donor states
1.3 billion euro
1250 grants





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Three components

EEA Grants

EUR 672 million

Norway Grants

EUR 567 million

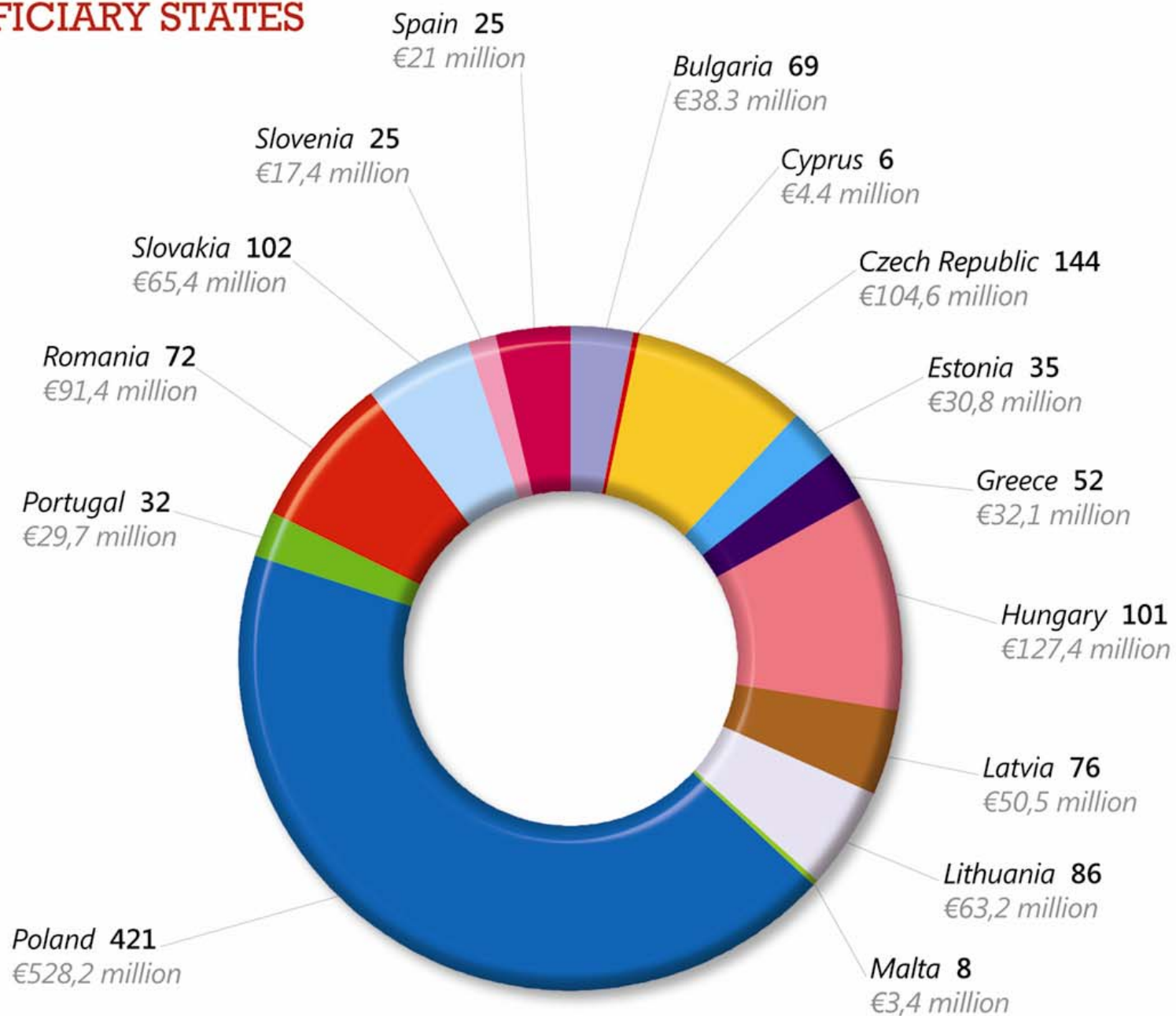
The Norwegian Cooperation
Programmes with Bulgaria
and Romania

EUR 68 million*

*administered separately by Innovation Norway

Norway represents 97% of the total EUR 1.3 billion contribution

BENEFICIARY STATES





Sectors

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



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 a small proportion is
allocated to companies

Business

Private owned 4%

Public owned 2%

Strengthening bilateral cooperation

- Over 300 partnerships in individual projects
- 1 in 3 are in Poland
- 3 in 5 research projects are with donor state partners
 - Many within environmental or health research
- In addition, several hundred partnerships under funds, such as:
 - Academic research
 - Regional development
 - Scholarships and education coop.

“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



Does it make a
difference?



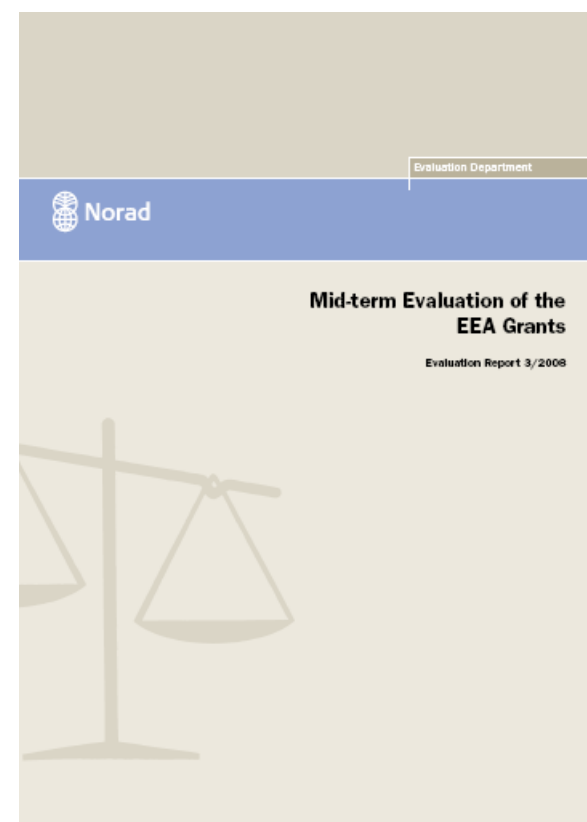
Popular, appreciated and visible

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



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

Renovation and energy efficiency in seven schools in Gdynia

- Insulation of external walls and flat roofs
- Exchange of window frames and external doors
- Modernisation of heat centres, hot water centres and ventilation systems
- Installation of heaters and thermostatic valves
- Annual reduction
 - 5.000 MWh
 - 2 313 t CO₂
 - 0.736 t dust PM
- Improved quality of air
- Improved conditions of work and study for 5,000 students and workers

Saving cultural heritage in the Czech Rep.

Key facts:

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

Expected impact

- Monuments and objects are salvaged from a critical state
- Monuments 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

Restoration of the Strahov Library in Prague

One of the oldest libraries - and the biggest private research library - in the Czech Republic

Part of the 12th century Strahov monastery complex

More than 110 000 volumes, including 1200 pre-15th century handwritten books.

250 000 tourists, visitors and researchers annually

Repairs on the roof and furniture, the wooden cassette floor and the 18th century ceiling frescoes

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

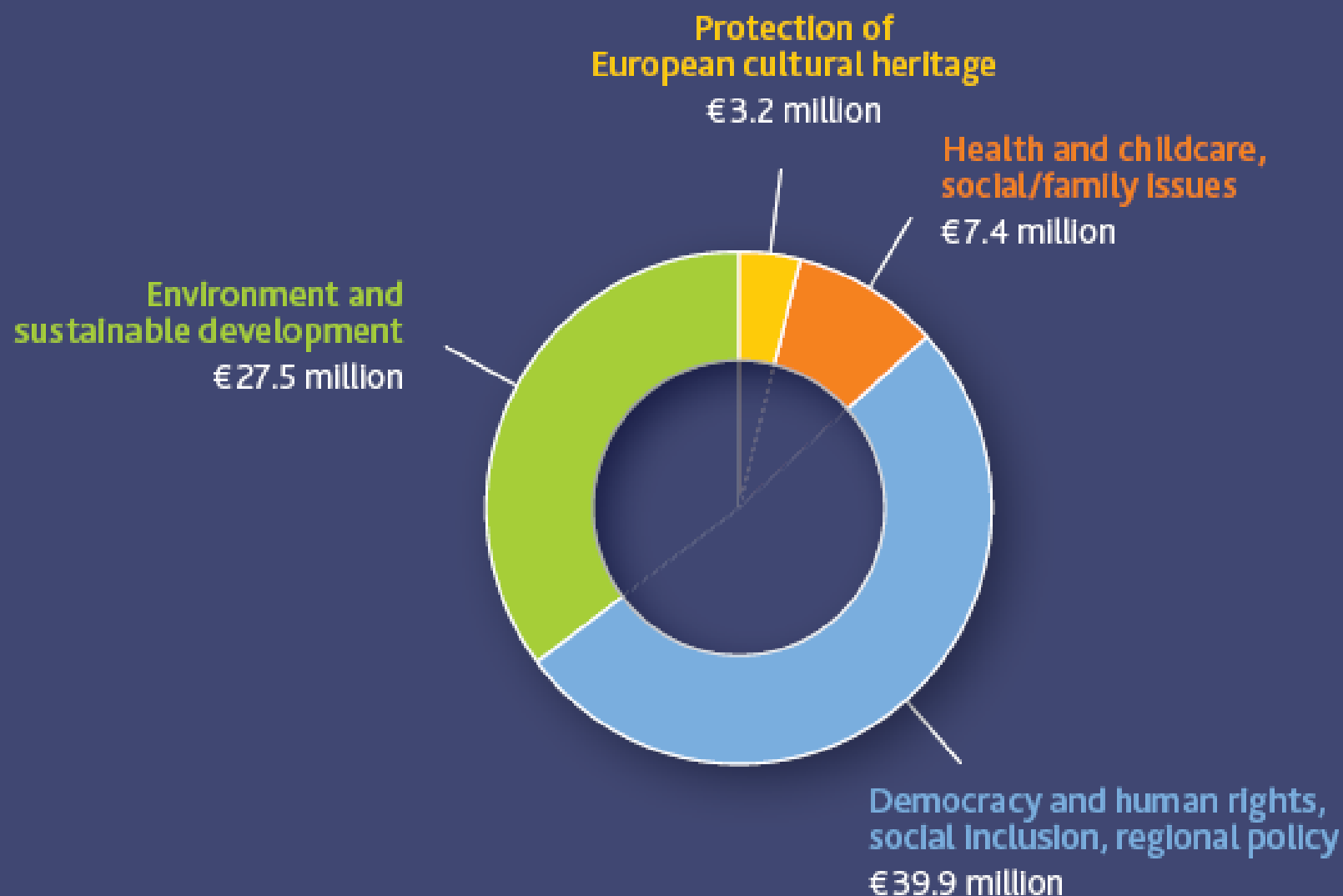
Background

- 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





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





Green mobility. The organisation Oživení has been awarded funding by the Czech NGO fund to promote walking and cycling as alternative modes of transport.



Fighting discrimination. Pro Humanum organises training for senior police officers in identifying and combating discriminatory attitudes and practices in the Polish police force.



Integrating Roma. An integration and talent training programme that enrolls Roma children and youth from poor, deprived families in Slovakia is implemented by Pro Donum.

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