

# 30 years of the EEA Agreement

# The EEA and Norway Grants



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**HOW?**



**3 Donor States**

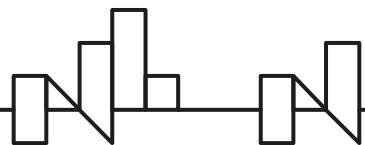
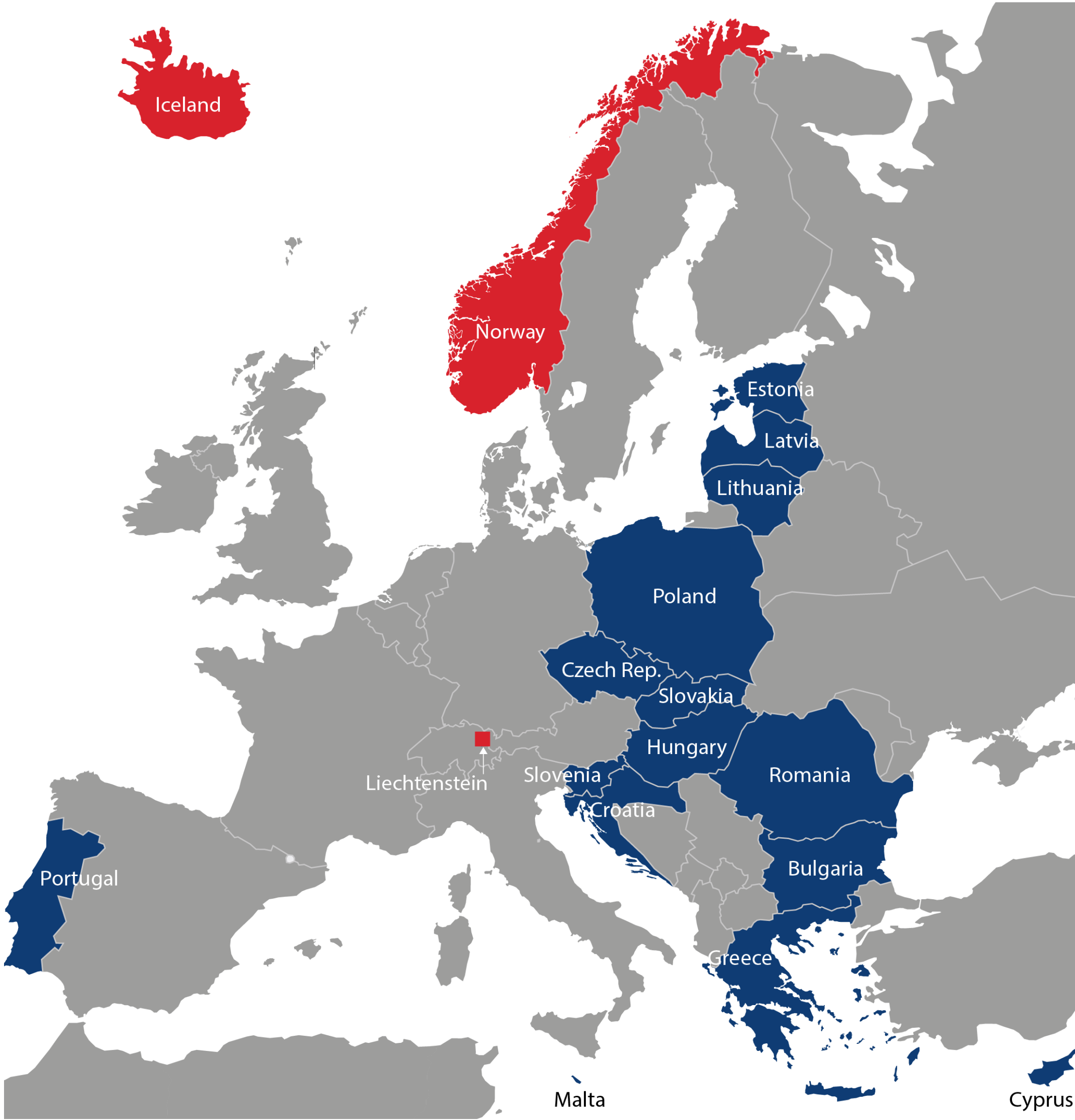
**15 Beneficiary States**



Beneficiary countries (€ million) 2014-2021

Country	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Bulgaria	€115.0	€95.1	€210.1
Croatia	€56.8	€46.6	€103.4
Cyprus	€6.4	€5.1	€11.5
Czech Republic	€95.5	€89.0	€184.5
Estonia	€32.3	€35.7	€68.0
Greece	€116.7	-	€116.7
Hungary	€108.9	€105.7	€214.6
Latvia	€50.2	€51.9	€102.1
Lithuania	€56.2	€61.4	€117.6
Malta	€4.4	€3.6	€8.0
Poland	€397.8	€411.5	€809.3
Portugal	€102.7	-	€102.7
Romania	€275.2	€227.3	€502.5
Slovakia	€54.9	€58.2	€113.1
Slovenia	€19.9	€17.8	€37.7
Regional Funds	€55.2	€44.8	€100.0
Total	€1 548.1*	€1 253.7	€2 801.8

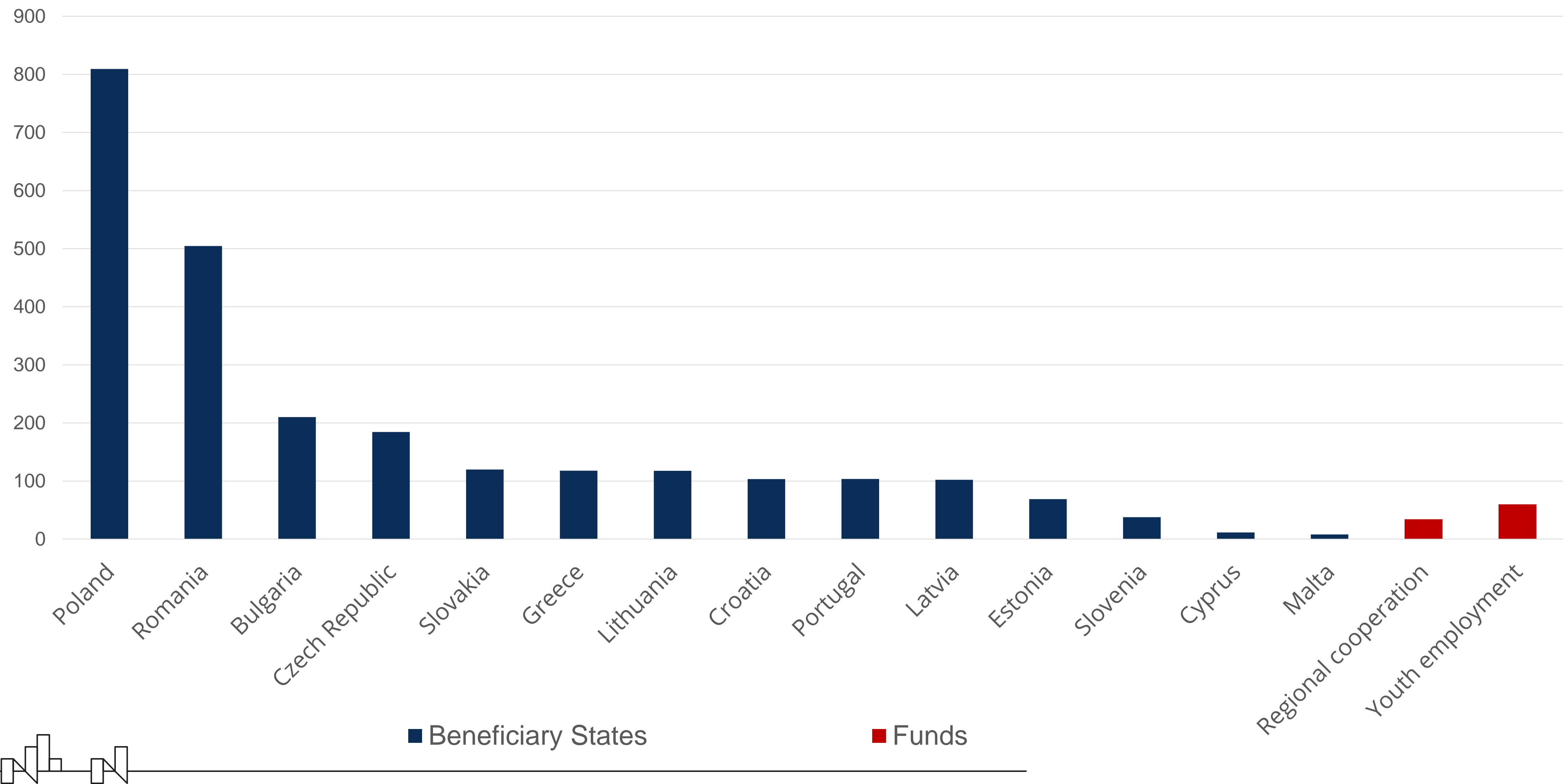
\*The EEA Grants are jointly financed by all three donors, where contributions are based on their GDP. The estimated share of contributions equates to: Norway (96%), Iceland (3%) and Liechtenstein (1%).





# Beneficiary states and funds

## Grant distribution



# EEA and Norway Grants in a nutshell



**€2.8 billion in total**

€1.5B EEA Grants and €1.3B Norway Grants



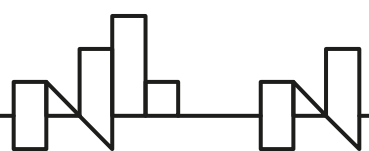
**15 Beneficiary States**

With programmes implemented in 14



**23 programme areas**

95 programmes in 14 countries and  
2 regional programmes



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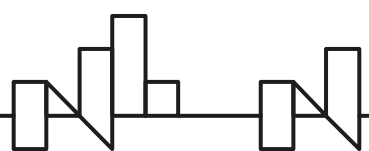
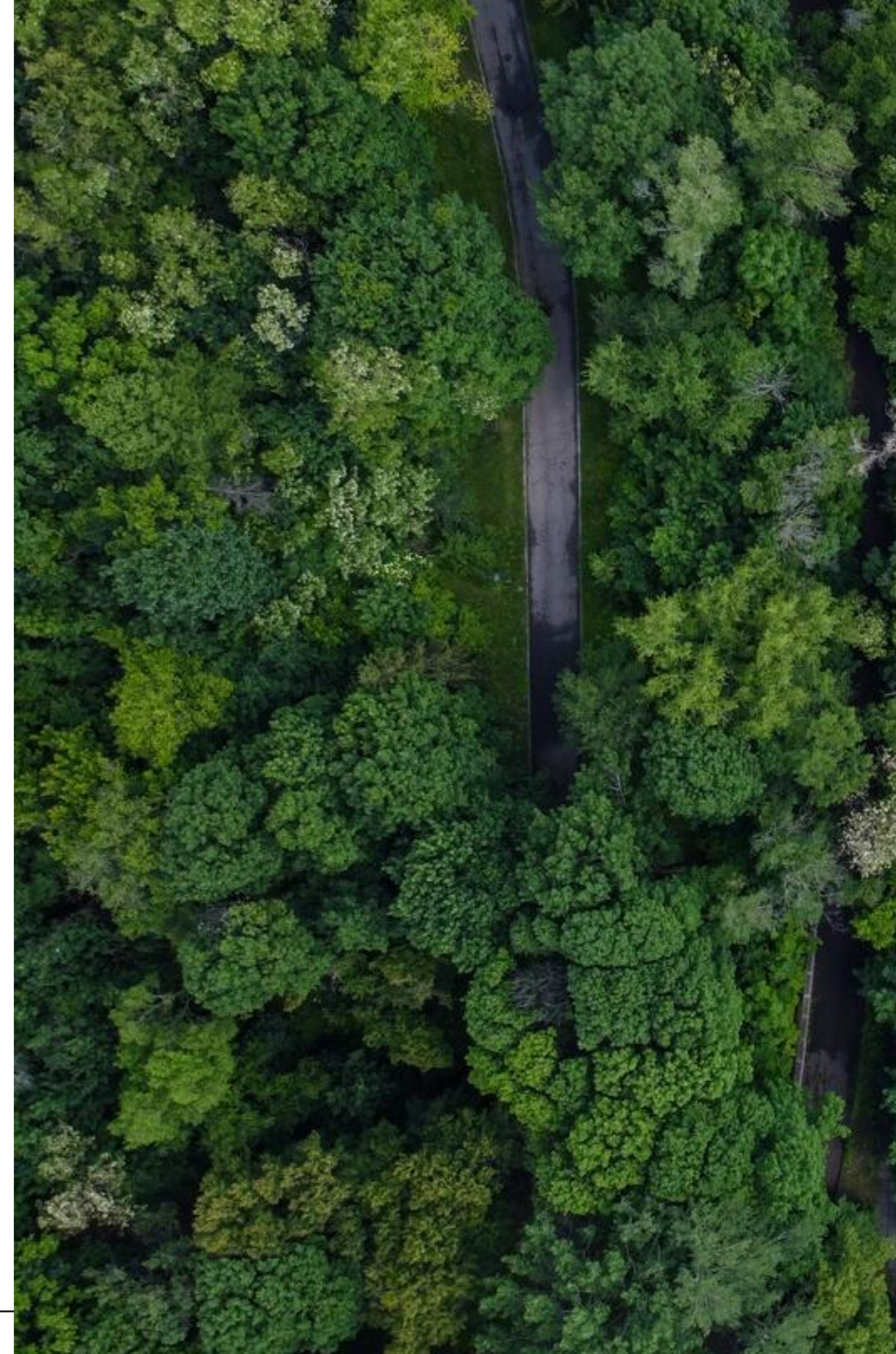


# Basis for the EEA and Norway Grants

## EEA Agreement – Art 115-117

... the Contracting Parties... agree on the need to reduce the **economic** and **social disparities** between their regions...

A **Financial Mechanism** shall be established .... in addition to the efforts already deployed by the Community in this regard

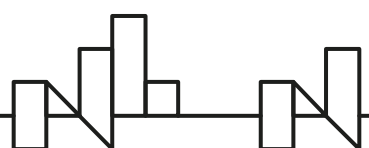




# Protocol 38

## Agreement between the EEA EFTA states and the EU (38c)

... Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway (“the EFTA States”) shall contribute to **the reduction of economic and social disparities** in the European Economic Area and to the **strengthening of their relations with the Beneficiary States**, through financial contributions in the priority sectors...





# The next funding period

**2021**

- ✓ Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and EU agreed on the continued need to reduce economic and social disparities in the EEA

**2022**  
June

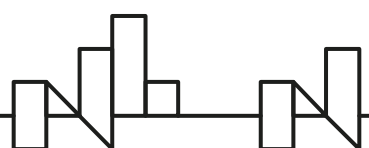
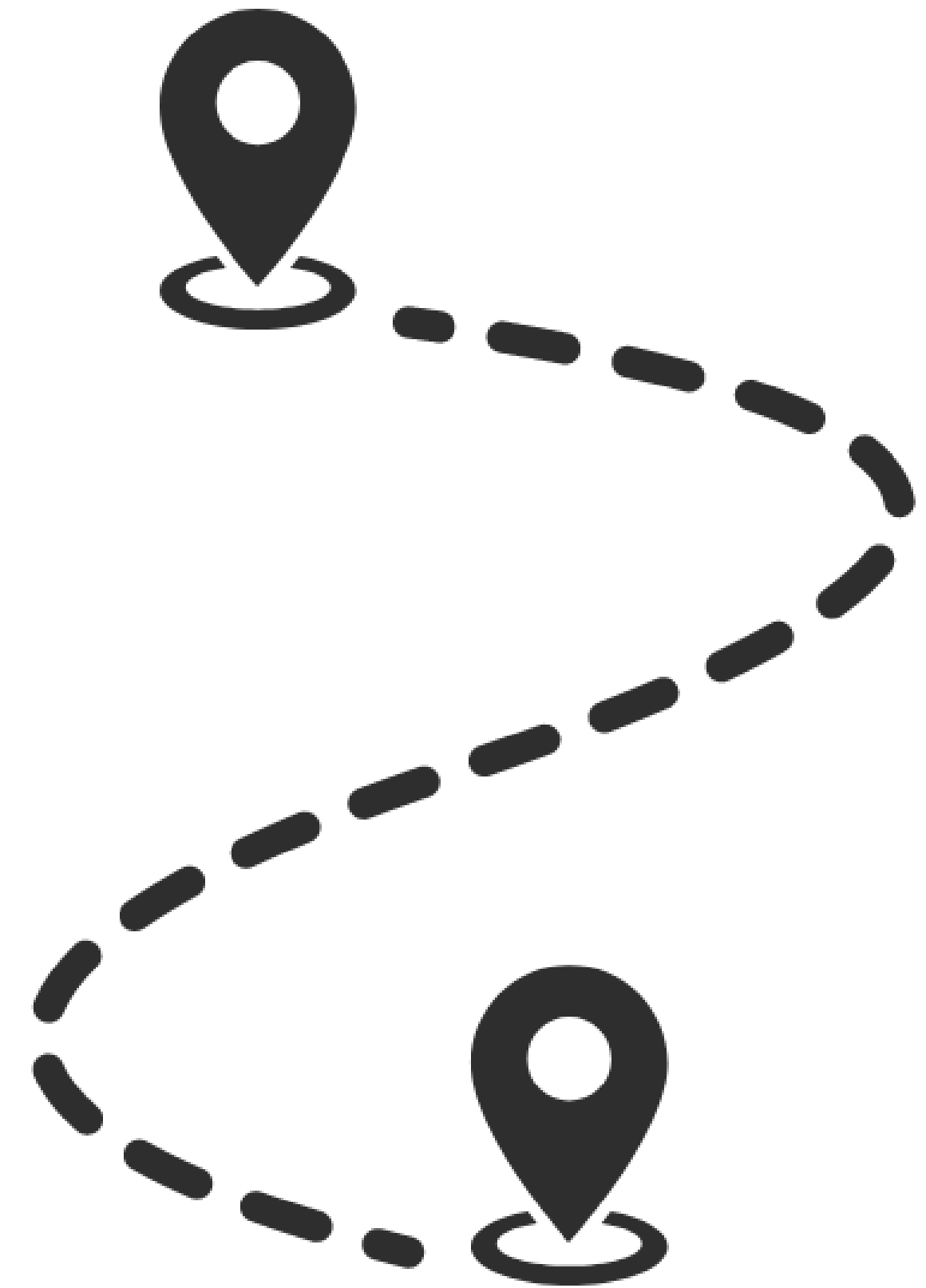
- ✓ Negotiations on a next funding period started

**2024**  
June

- ✓ Agreement reached on the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism for 2023-2028

**2024**  
September

- 12. September  
Signing of the agreement of the 2021-2028 Financial Mechanism between the Donor states and the EU.





# 2021 – 2028 FUNDING PERIOD

The EEA and Norway Grants combined contribution to reducing social and economic disparities in Europe is **€3.268 billion** in the 2021 – 2028 funding period.

**EEA Grants €1.805 billion**

**Norway Grants €1.463 billion**



## Thematic priorities

- European **green transition**
- **Democracy**, rule of law and human rights
- Social inclusion and **resilience**





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Working together  
for a **Green**, Democratic and **Inclusive** Europe



# Priority Sectors



1. Innovation,  
research and  
education



2. Poverty  
reduction and  
social  
inclusion



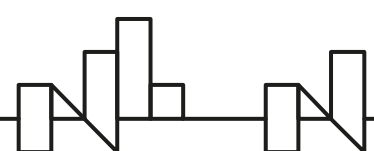
3. Environment,  
energy and  
climate



4. Culture,  
civil society  
(10%),  
human  
rights and  
good  
governance



5. Justice  
and home  
affairs





# The Menu – Programme areas

- 23 programme areas identified by the donor side.
- Where the Grants can make a difference
- Seven programmes on average per country

## PRIORITY SECTORS AND PROGRAMME AREAS EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2014 – 2021

### Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness

1. Business Development, Innovation and SMEs
2. Research
3. Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship
4. Work-life Balance
5. Social Dialogue – Decent Work (Norway Grants)

### Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction

6. European Public Health Challenges
7. Roma Inclusion and Empowerment
8. Children and Youth at Risk
9. Youth Participation in the Labour Market
10. Local Development and Poverty Reduction

### Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy

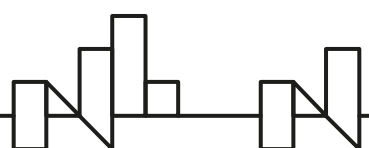
11. Environment and Ecosystems
12. Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security
13. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

### Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms

14. Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation
15. Civil Society
16. Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency
17. Human Rights – National Implementation

### Justice and Home Affairs

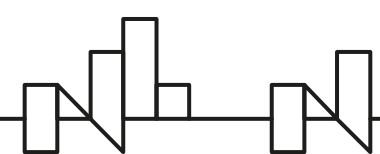
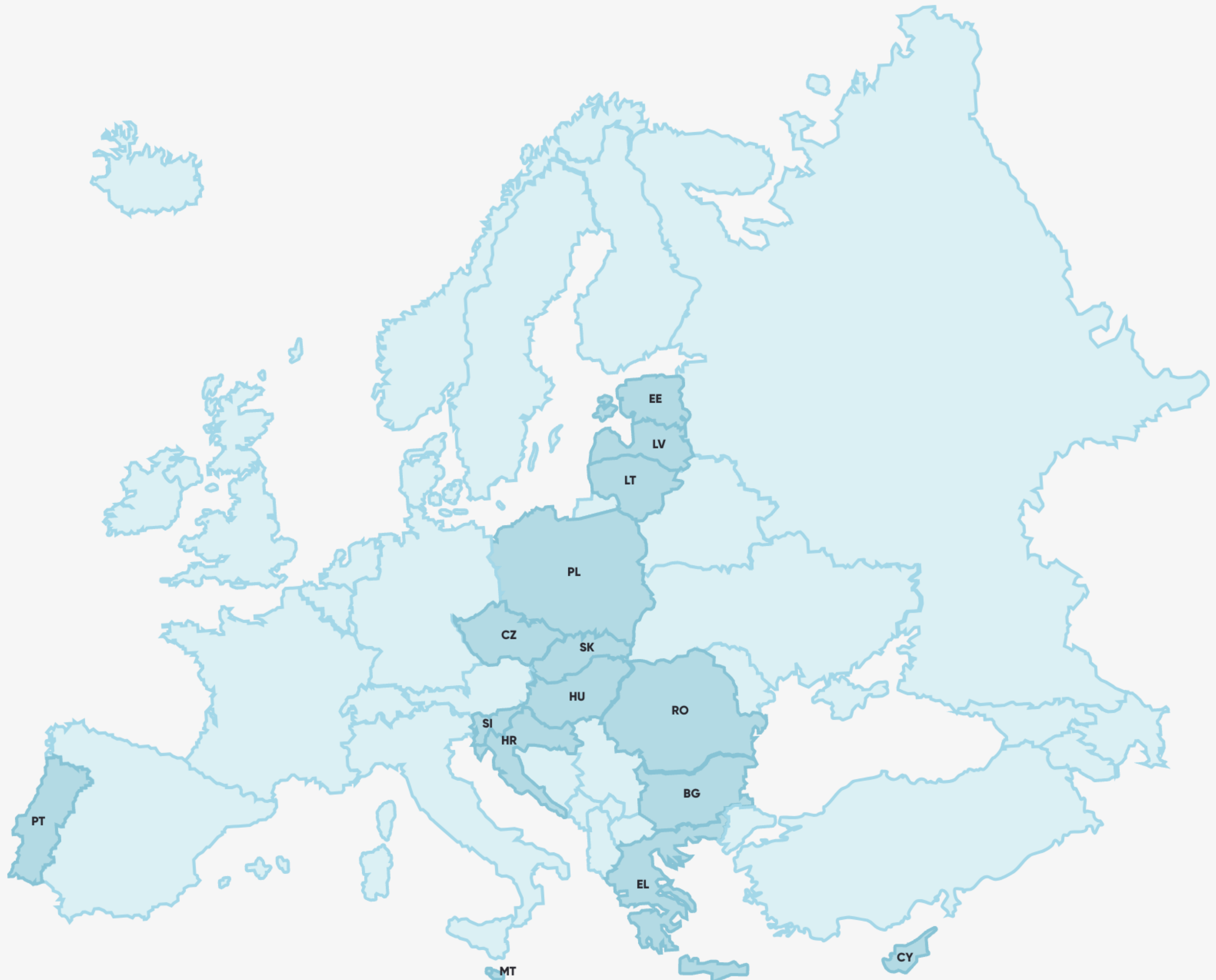
18. Asylum and Migration
19. Correctional Services and Pre-trial Detention
20. International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime
21. Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Judicial System, Strengthening Rule of Law
22. Domestic and Gender-based Violence
23. Disaster Prevention and Preparedness





# Programme cycle (7+3 years)

1. Agreements with the Beneficiary States
2. Programme development
3. Selection of projects
4. Implementation
5. Closure

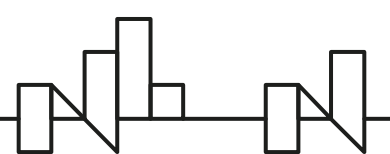




## Who can apply?

Only entities from the Beneficiary States can apply for funding. Entities from the Donor States can be partners.

- National and local authorities
- Civil society organisations
- Private and public enterprises
- Research and educational institutions
- Social partners





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## Our Partners

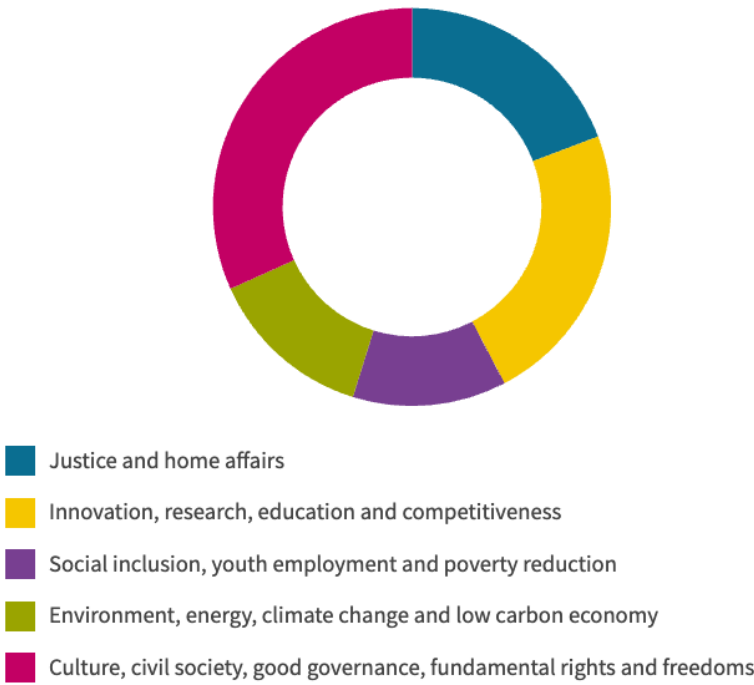
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### Donor Programme Partners

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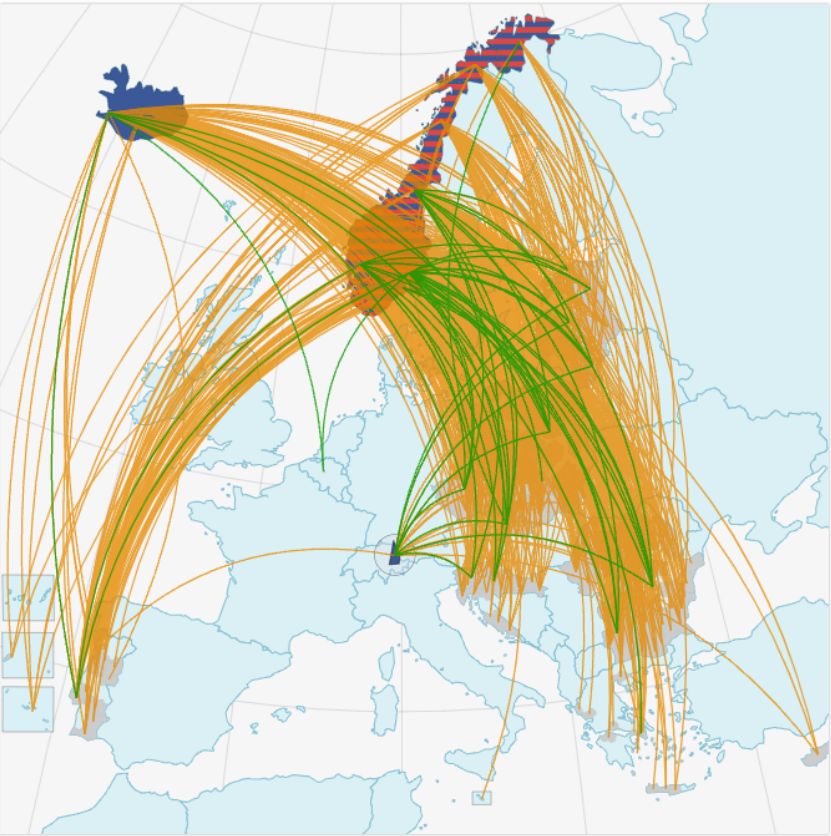
Donor State	Organisations	Countries	Programmes
Iceland	2	5	7
Liechtenstein	1	8	8
Norway	18	12	61
Total	21	12	61

### Donor project partners

Donor State	Organisations	Countries	Programmes	Projects
Iceland	243	12	51	430
Liechtenstein	12	10	14	29
Norway	1,081	14	87	2,170
Total	1,336	14	87	2,491

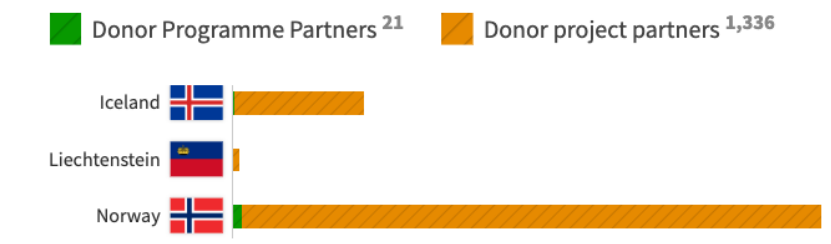
### Network map

Show: ☒ Donor Programme Partners ☒ Donor project partners



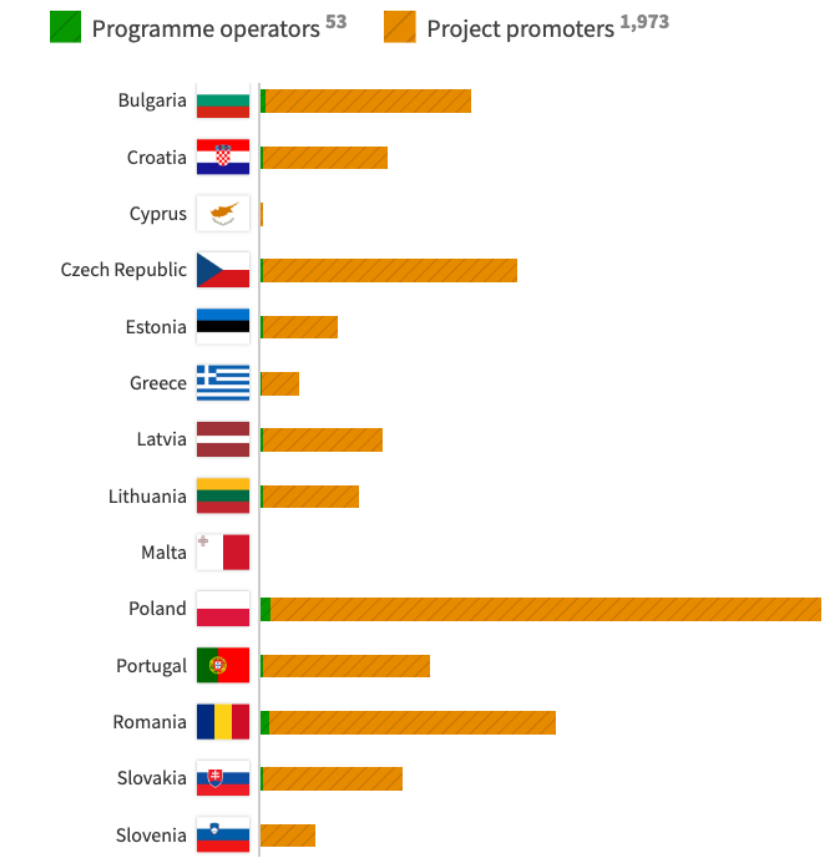
### Partners by Donor State

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### Organisations with Donor Partner by Beneficiary State

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### 21 Donor Programme Partners

1336 Donor project partners

Results

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Projects

- 61 programmes with Donor Programme Partners
- 2,491 projects with Donor project partners
- 88 programmes with Donor project partners
- 92% of partnership projects will continue the cooperation.
- 81% of partnership projects have resulted in improved knowledge and mutual understanding between the partners.



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