

This report highlights Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway's contributions to a green, competitive & inclusive Europe in 2023.



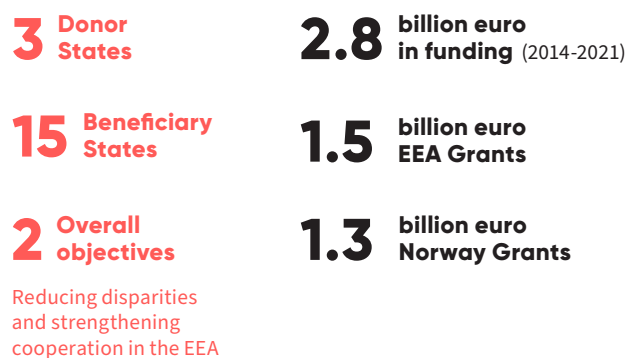
PROGRAMME DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION

The goal of the EEA and Norway Grants is to reduce social and economic disparities and strengthen cooperation between the Donor States and the Beneficiary States through three pillars: (1) Green, (2) Competitive, and (3) Inclusive. The figures below are cumulative and reflect activities spanning the 2014-2021 funding period until the end of 2023.



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.



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 ¹	108.9	105.7	214.7
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
Funds ²	55.2	44.8	100.0
Total	1 548.1³	1 253.7	2 801.8

All figures are in million €.

1. In 2021, the Donor States, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, did not reach an agreement with Hungary on the appointment of a Fund Operator to manage the funding for civil society. Consequently, no programmes will be implemented under the EEA and Norway Grants during the current funding period. **2.** Fund for Youth Employment and Fund for Regional Cooperation.

3. The EEA Grants are jointly financed by all three Donor States, where contributions are based on their GDP. Norway provides approximately 94.4%, Iceland 4.2% and Liechtenstein 1.3%.

Areas of support (2014-2021)

All figures are in million €.

+ Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness	€618.9 +
+ Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction	€382 +
+ Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy	€421.1 +
+ Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights and Freedoms	€453.7 +
+ Justice and Home Affairs	€ 345.1 +



Credits: Augšdaugavas municipality

Rehabilitating a heavy oil spill polluted site in Višķi, Latvia.

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Green Europe

Climate change, environmental degradation, as well as insufficient sustainable energy and energy security are among the greatest challenges facing Europe. The European Union's ambition is to be the first climate-neutral continent by 2050, requiring systemic transformations and substantial investments. The EEA and Norway Grants fund projects that promote a greener Europe, ensuring compliance with EU environmental standards, fast-tracking the deployment of clean energy technology and more energy-efficient solutions.

€419.2 million Total funded for this area	15 programmes	764 projects	3 programme areas	12 Beneficiary States	42.4% of projects with Donor project partner
Indicator				Target	Achievement
Energy produced from renewable energy sources (RES) (in MWh/year)				86,515	28,785
Estimated annual CO ₂ emissions reductions				978,716	150,642
Installed capacity for production of renewable energy (in MW)				35	31

Competitive Europe

Europe is speeding up the green transition and recovering from the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, new challenges such as price increases, disrupted global supply chains, and the ongoing war in Ukraine are threatening sustainable economic growth. The EEA and Norway Grants provide support to private enterprises as well as to research and higher education institutions. The Grants contribute to EU's sustainable growth goals by bridging funding gaps and building research and innovation capacity in the Beneficiary States.

€809 million Total funded for this area	8 programme areas and 2 funds	38 programmes	14 Beneficiary States	1,946 projects	62% of projects with donor project partner
Indicator				Target	Achievement
Estimated annual CO ₂ emissions reductions (in tonnes)				423,000	138,18
Number of jobs created				5,159	3,942
Number of new products/technologies developed				371	463
Number of researchers supported				2,270	4,609
Number of SMEs supported				884	1,863
Number of young people aged 15-29 completing vocational education or work-based learning				19,079	23,791



Credit: Brezno municipality

Innovative solutions to mitigate and adapt to climate challenges in the city of Brezno.

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Credit: EEA and Norway Grants

"Schools for all" in Greece, catering to diverse student needs.

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Inclusive Europe

In 2023, Europe continued to be confronted by significant challenges that highlighted the ongoing importance to foster a more inclusive and equal society. The year was characterised by democratic backsliding, highlighting the urgency to protect fundamental principles and values. The EEA and Norway Grants are committed to contributing to a more inclusive Europe by supporting the Beneficiary States in building inclusive public institutions and strengthening civil society organisations, fostering dignified living conditions, and promoting climate action, fighting discrimination and advocating for decent jobs and an active civic space, amongst others.

€1,061.3 million Total funded for this area	11 programme areas	59 programmes	14 Beneficiary States	3,987 projects	25.3% of projects with donor project partner
Indicator				Target	Achievement
Annual number of cases of domestic and gender-based violence officially reported				91,602	122,066
Number of national policies and laws influenced				323	900
Number of people reached by campaigns				18,587,000	110,279,977
Number of students educated in civic and human rights				25,270	15,669
Number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors receiving services				3,650	320
Number of vulnerable individuals reached by empowerment measures				40,310	374,46