

EEA and Norway Grants

STATUS REPORT 2019

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Norway grants

This report highlights Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway's contributions to a green, competitive and inclusive Europe in 2019.



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During 2019, our main focus was on programme development and implementation, planning results, launching our first calls and strengthening our partnerships. By doing so, we have now set the foundation for future success and long-term impact. 2019 was also marked by the 25 years since the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement entered into force.

The EEA and Norway Grants' vision complements the six priorities for Europe put forward by the European Commission.

Developing our programmes

We held **116 stakeholder consultations** as the first step in the preparation of our programmes.

We finalised **95 concept notes** detailing the programmes and their context; which societal challenges we address, and the results we aim to achieve.

We signed **80 programme agreements**¹ **8 countries** (Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Estonia, Malta, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia) had all programme agreements in place at the end of 2019.

We launched **96 funding opportunities**, bringing the total number of published calls since 2017 to **149**.

We organised over **30 events**, including conferences, seminars and info sessions to raise awareness about the Grants.

Find out more about our programmes here: eeagrants.org/topics-programmes

2019 was marked by new funding opportunities across all areas supported by the Grants. The latest cooperation agreements (MoUs) were signed with Cyprus in March 2019. At the start of 2020, Hungary was the only country of the 15th Beneficiary States where cooperation agreements had not yet been reached.

¹. Out of the 80 programme agreements that were signed, 43 programmes are funded by the EEA Grants only, 20 by the Norway Grants and 17 by both the EEA and the Norway Grants.

Planning our results

200 000+

People will get involved in civil society organisation activities

700 000+

Tons of estimated annual CO₂ emissions will be reduced, equivalent to annual CO₂ emissions from approximately 400 000 cars

300

New products/technologies will be developed

1 600+

Researchers will be supported

1 600+

Projects involving cooperation with a Donor Project Partner will be funded

Attention in 2019 was heavily focused on planning results and setting priorities for the years to come. The figures above present a quick snapshot of some of the results we aim to achieve by the end of the 2014-2021 funding period. Projects can be implemented until April 2024. More information about the EEA and Norway Grants' main goals and programmes can be found on eeagrants.org.



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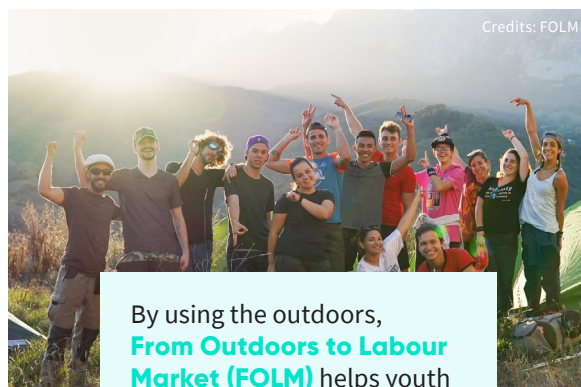
8 000+

Jobs will be created

Our Funds for Youth Employment and Regional Cooperation

Fund for Youth Employment

2019 has been an active year for the 26 projects funded under the Fund for Youth Employment. Youth from 25 countries, including Austria, Belgium, France, Germany, Spain and the United Kingdom, took part in activities across Europe to tackle youth unemployment. The first Annual Thematic Seminar was held in Brussels in November 2019, bringing together 56 project partners.



By using the outdoors, **From Outdoors to Labour Market (FOLM)** helps youth learn about their capabilities and skills. They have already taken hundreds of young people on several expeditions to Spain, Poland and Ireland.

www.folmweb.com

WOMEN4IT just celebrated one year into their project. So far, they've carried out two extensive research studies on women in IT, launched seven collaboration platforms and identified future digital job needs.

women4it.eu

BlueGeneration created the *Blue Career Guide*, a tool to inform and help young people find career opportunities in areas of the Blue Economy (such as coastal tourism, aquaculture, ocean energy and marine biotechnology).

www.bluegeneration.org

Fund for Regional Cooperation

In 2019, a total of 39 project proposals made it to the second application round after more than 700 project applications received in 2018 had been rigorously assessed.

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.

3 Donor States

2.8 billion in funding (2014-2021)

15 Beneficiary States

1.5B EEA Grants

2 Overall objectives

1.3B Norway Grants

Reducing disparities and strengthening cooperation

Country	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Bulgaria	115.0	95.1	201.1
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	214.7
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	1 548.1*	1 253.7	2 801.8

All figures are in million €.

² Fund for Youth Employment and Fund for Regional Cooperation.

* The EEA Grants are jointly financed by all three Donor States, where contributions are based on their GDP.

Areas of support (2014-2021)

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

591.7

378.9

408.8

415.3

340.6

Overall allocation to the priority sectors is not yet finalised as all Programme Agreements and MoUs have not been signed yet.

All figures are in million €.