

The EEA and Norway Grants 2014–2021

# Results, cooperation and resilience



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EEA and Norway Grants, funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, provided €2.8 billion in the 2014–2021 funding period to reduce disparities, support 6,664 projects, strengthen bilateral cooperation, and address European challenges across 15 Beneficiary States. The EEA and Norway Grants are an integral part of the EEA Agreement.

**€2.8B**

Total Funding

**15\***

Beneficiary States

**6,664**

Projects

**6,274**

Jobs Created

**2,903**

SMEs Supported

**5,162**

Researches Supported

## Allocation and disbursement by Beneficiary State

The table below shows how grant funding was disbursed across Beneficiary States in the 2014–2021 funding period, distinguishing between EEA Grants and Norway Grants.

■ EEA Grants ■ Norway Grants ■ Undisbursed

Country	Grants split	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Grand Total	Absorption
Bulgaria		€106.4M	€88M	€194.3M	77%
Croatia		€52.5M	€43.1M	€194.3M	80%
Cyprus		€6.03M	€4.72M	€10.7M	83%
Czechia		€88.3M	€82.3M	€170.7M	84%
Estonia		€29.9M	€33M	€62.9M	82%
Greece		€108M	-	€108M	83%
Hungary*		€3.69M	€3.82M	€7.51M	11%
Latvia		€46.4M	€48M	€94.4M	67%
Lithuania		€52M	€56.8M	€108.8M	94%
Malta		€4.07M	€3.33M	€7.4M	87%
Non-country specific		€51.1M	€43.4M	€94.5M	86%
Poland		€368M	€380.6M	€748.6M	93%
Portugal		€95M	-	€95M	86%
Romania		€254.6M	€210.3M	€464.8M	87%
Slovakia		€50.8M	€53.8M	€104.6M	85%
Slovenia		€18.4M	€16.5M	€34.9M	75%

\* In 2020, agreements were signed with Hungary under the EEA and Norway Grants. However, no agreement was reached on a fund operator for civil society funding. As a result, no programmes were implemented.

### Active Citizens Fund

**€227M+**

## Strengthening civil society and democratic participation

Supported civil society organisations 14 Beneficiary States working on human rights, democracy, gender quality, anti-discrimination, environmental protection and civic engagement.

**2,863**

Projects Funded

**96%**

Absorption Rate

**2016**

First Memoranda of Understanding signed. Programme development started.

**2018**

Bulk of programme agreements signed. Project calls launched across 14 Beneficiary States.

**2020**

COVID-19 causes delays; programmes adapt with flexible implementation rules.

**2022**

Russia invades Ukraine - €20M+ across 207+ projects to assist Beneficiary States in supporting Ukrainian refugees.

**April 2024**

End of eligible period. Final project completion and reporting through 2025.

**86%**

Overall Absorption Rate

**97**

Programmes across the Beneficiary States



## Green Europe

### Protecting the planet and promoting sustainability

Environmental sustainability was central to the EEA and Norway Grants (2014–2021), supporting climate action, renewable energy, resource efficiency and ecosystem protection. Investments reduced fossil fuel dependence through energy efficiency, geothermal, solar and biomass solutions, alongside capacity building and Donor State cooperation. The Grants also advanced circular economy practices, promoting waste reduction and recycling. Biodiversity protection addressed flooding, habitat loss and pollution through restoration and sustainable management. Overall, initiatives strengthened institutional capacity, fostered innovation and supported greener, more resilient economies and communities.

**3** Programme Areas  
**15** Programmes  
**12** Beneficiary States

**763** Projects  
**42%** of projects with Donor project partner

Indicator	Target	Achievement
Energy produced from RES (in MWh/year)	86,515	735,059.7
Estimated annual CO <sub>2</sub> emissions reductions	978,716.39	524,499.6
Installed capacity for production of renewable energy (in MW)	34.89	77.72

## Competitive Europe

### Driving innovation and economic growth

Economic growth, innovation and employment were central to the EEA and Norway Grants in the funding period, supporting resilient economies amid green and digital transitions, COVID-19 recovery and global disruptions. Under Competitive Europe, the Grants strengthened innovation, skills and entrepreneurship, with emphasis on youth employment and future-oriented training. Support for SMEs through transparent funding stimulated job creation and sustainable solutions. Programmes also reinforced institutions, governance and social dialogue, while bilateral cooperation fostered knowledge exchange, helping build adaptable, competitive and inclusive economic systems.



Indicator	Target	Achievement
Estimated annual CO <sub>2</sub> emissions reductions	423,000	198,337.84
Number of jobs created	5,159	4,545
Number of new products/technologies developed	371	697
Number of researchers supported	2,270	5,133
Number of SMEs supported	884	2,852
Number of young people aged 15-29 completing vocational education or work-based learning	19,079	23,791

**11** Programme Areas  
**33** Programmes  
**14** Beneficiary States  
**1,938** Projects  
**60%** of projects with Donor project partner



## Inclusive Europe

### Strengthening equality and social cohesion

In the funding period inclusion was central to the EEA and Norway Grants, promoting fair access to rights, services and participation. Support improved education, healthcare and social services for vulnerable groups, including minorities, people with disabilities and victims of violence, with a special focus during COVID-19. Civil society organisations were strengthened to advocate for rights, promote civic participation and democratic engagement, and support vulnerable groups. The Grants also reinforced rule of law, access to justice and civic engagement, helping build more inclusive, equitable and resilient societies across Beneficiary States.

**11** Programme Areas  
**49** Programmes  
**14** Beneficiary States

**3,963** Projects  
**25%** of projects with Donor project partner

Indicator	Target	Achievement
Annual number of cases of domestic and gender-based violence officially reported	91,602	132,129
Number of national policies and laws influenced	323	1,346
Number of people reached by campaigns	18,587,000	203,841,528
Number of students educated in civic and human rights	25,270	60,072
Number of unaccompanied asylum-seeking minors receiving services	3,650	3,574
Number of vulnerable individuals reached by empowerment measures	40,310	1,268,265