



# EEA Financial Mechanisms 2009-2014 - Opportunities offered for supporting projects

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businesses that create tomorrow's  
business life**

**We provide momentum and  
direction**



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# Innovation Norway (IN) manages the Norwegian Cooperation programmes with Bulgaria and Romania

- The programmes were launched at the end of 2007
- IN is the fund manager
- Cooperation with the NFP
- Makes the grant decisions
- Responsible for monitoring
- Is also the paying authority



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### Brochure Presenting 69 Projects Funded By EEA And Norway Grants In Romania

10/05/2010 ::

Through the EEA Financial Mechanism, administered by the Romanian Ministry of Public Finance as National Focal Point, 40 projects developed by Romanian companies, organisations and institutions have been selected to receive grants. In parallel, under the Norwegian Cooperation Programme with Romania, administered by Innovation Norway, 29 projects developed as partnerships between Norwegian and Romanian entities are

now benefiting from funding.

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### IT TAKES A COMMUNITY TO MANAGE A CAVE

13/05/2010 ::

**Exploring possibilities for the future of the Devetaki Cave, one of the greatest "diamonds" of the Devetaki Plateau and of Bulgaria**

The project "Window to the World" of the Devetaki Plateau Association is well under way provided the support of Norway Grants and three Bulgarian municipalities. Within the frames of the project the nine villages in the region have the possibility to realize small projects for the development of local tourist destinations aimed at increased attractiveness and promotion of the whole Devetaki Plateau for its inhabitants, guests and tourists.

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### News from INOE - Romanian Atmospheric Research 3D Observatory - using LIGHT to scan the

**SKY**

25/03/2010 ::

In May 2009, Norway Grants awarded a non-refundable financial assistance of 2.5 million Euros to the implementation of a brand new observatory in Romania. This project involves 7 Romanian partners (research institutes and universities) and a strategic partner from Norway.

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### A Fest of the Light in Topolovgrad, Bulgaria

13/05/2010 ::

On 22 April a Fest of the light, took place in Topolovgrad municipality. The fest was an activity of a "Demonstration project on improvement of street lighting. The project is implemented by Topolovgrad municipality and Fjell municipality, Norway. The main purpose is the establishment of an energy saving lightening system in Topolovgrad Municipality and development of a municipal energy saving planning for optimization of municipal energy expenses.

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### News from LO - Bulgaria and Romania

08/02/2010 ::

**LO Norway in its first joint project with Romanian and Bulgarian partners – improved focus on health and safety in the workplace through strengthened social dialogue.**

In 2007 LO Norway (<http://www.lo.no>) established a H&S project under the Norwegian Cooperation Program administrated by Innovation Norway in Romania and Bulgaria. In January 2009, Innovation Norway awarded grants for both projects, and by June 2009, the activities started in both countries.

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EEA Grants



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Projects in Bulgaria and Romania may also receive financial support from the EEA Grants scheme. Click here for information about EEA Grants.

Innovation Norway



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The Norwegian Cooperation Programmes are administered by Innovation Norway. Click here to read more about Innovation Norway.

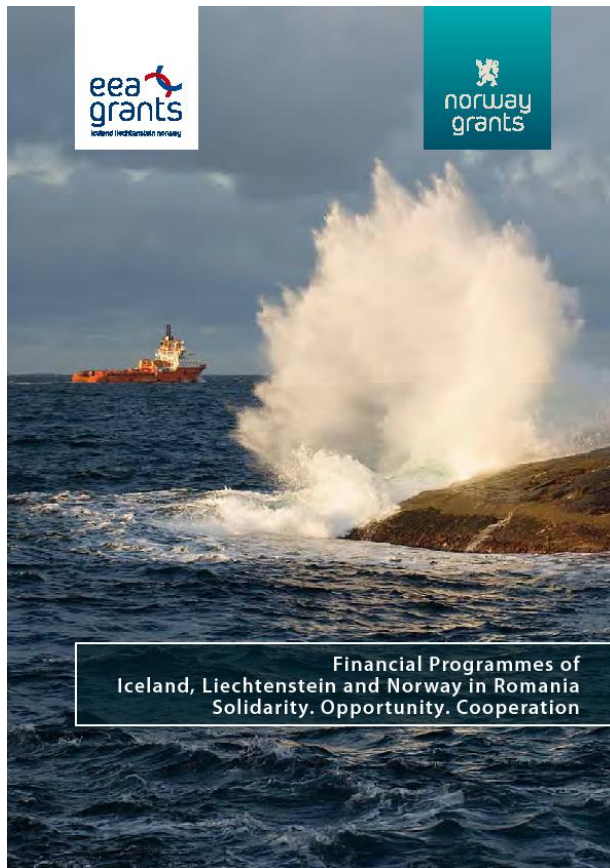
Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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The Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs is managing and coordinating Norway's role as the main donor in the EEA Financial Mechanisms. Read more about the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

# Private sector partnership projects



Please find best practice examples of private-private partnership projects support by Norway Grants

[www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org)



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Agreement reached on EEA and Norway Grants 2009-14

€1.79 billion to reduce economic and social disparities in Europe

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## Agreement on EEA and Norway Grants 2009-14 signed

Wednesday, July 28, 2010

Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway and the EU today signed the agreements for the EEA and Norway Grants 2009-14, after the EU member states agreed on the final distribution for the beneficiary countries.



## Equality key to economic development

Tuesday, June 15, 2010

On 7-8 June, an international conference on gender equality was held in Oslo to share and prepare for the new EEA and Norway Grants period 2009-14. The Norwegian Minister of Children, Equality and Social Inclusion highlighted gender equality as a key element of economic development and democracy.



## Green priorities 2009-14

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

Environmental protection, fighting climate change and promoting green industry are green priorities under the EEA and Norway Grants 2009-14. Sustainable development will be a key cross-cutting criterion.



- **According to the Agreed Minutes, the three donor states will provide €357.7 million per year, or a total sum of almost €1.79 billion, to reduce social and economic disparities in the European Economic Area and to the strengthening of their relations with the beneficiary states in the five-year period 2009-14. € 197.7 million will be made available per year through the EEA Financial Mechanism (the EEA Grants) and € 160 million through the Norwegian Financial Mechanism (the Norway Grants). Norway provides 97% of the total amount.**

## The priority sectors

- **Environmental protection and management**
- **Climate change and renewable energy**
- **Carbon capture and storage (CCS)**
- **Green industry innovation**
- **Research and scholarship**
- **Protecting cultural heritage**
- **Civil society**
- **Promotion of decent work and tripartite dialogue**
- **Justice and home affairs**
- **Human and social development**

<b>Beneficiary state</b>	<b>EEA grants</b>	<b>Norway Grants</b>	<b>Total contribution</b>	<b>Norwegian contribution</b>
<b>Polen</b>	<b>266,90</b>	<b>311,20</b>	<b>578,10</b>	<b>563,61</b>
<b>Romania</b>	<b>190,75</b>	<b>115,20</b>	<b>305,95</b>	<b>295,59</b>
<b>Ungarn</b>	<b>70,10</b>	<b>83,20</b>	<b>153,30</b>	<b>149,49</b>
<b>Tsjekkia</b>	<b>61,40</b>	<b>70,40</b>	<b>131,80</b>	<b>128,47</b>
<b>Bulgaria</b>	<b>78,60</b>	<b>48,00</b>	<b>126,60</b>	<b>122,33</b>
<b>Litauen</b>	<b>38,40</b>	<b>45,60</b>	<b>84,00</b>	<b>81,91</b>
<b>Slovakia</b>	<b>38,35</b>	<b>42,40</b>	<b>80,75</b>	<b>78,67</b>
<b>Latvia</b>	<b>34,55</b>	<b>38,40</b>	<b>72,95</b>	<b>71,07</b>
<b>Hellas</b>	<b>63,40</b>		<b>63,40</b>	<b>59,96</b>
<b>Portugal</b>	<b>57,95</b>		<b>57,95</b>	<b>54,80</b>
<b>Estland</b>	<b>23,00</b>	<b>25,60</b>	<b>48,60</b>	<b>47,35</b>
<b>Spania</b>	<b>45,85</b>		<b>45,85</b>	<b>43,36</b>
<b>Slovenia</b>	<b>12,50</b>	<b>14,40</b>	<b>26,90</b>	<b>26,22</b>
<b>Kypros</b>	<b>3,85</b>	<b>4,00</b>	<b>7,85</b>	<b>7,64</b>
<b>Malta</b>	<b>2,90</b>	<b>1,60</b>	<b>4,50</b>	<b>4,34</b>
<b>Totalt</b>	<b>988,50</b>	<b>800,00</b>	<b>1 788,50</b>	<b>1 734,82</b>

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## Key features

**Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein strengthen their contribution to reducing European disparities with increased funding for the period 2009-14.**

### Substantial increase in funding

The 5-year funding scheme of €1.79 billion to reduce economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area represents a 22% increase in the annual contribution from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. Project support will be granted to applicants over the next years through programmes managed at country level in [15 Central and Southern European beneficiary states](#).

### Programme approach

Funds and programmes proved highly successful in the 2004-09 period, and a programme model is now introduced for all the funding. This places more responsibility and tasks with the beneficiary states. Appraisal of applications, selection of projects and monitoring of ongoing projects will take place at country level by designated programme operators.

### Thematic areas

The EEA and Norway Grants 2009-14 will go to thematic [programme areas](#) that are important in a European context, with programmes linked to environmental and climate change issues absorbing at least a quarter of the funding. A substantial part of this green funding is earmarked for projects related to carbon capture and storage (CCS).

Efforts to strengthen civil society will be enhanced, and programmes for this will be established in all beneficiary states. A new fund for social dialogue fund will be established with a view to promoting tripartite cooperation and efforts to combat social dumping.

### Bilateral cooperation

Strengthening bilateral relations between the beneficiary states and the donor states is an overarching objective of the EEA and Norway Grants 2009-14 – equal to the goal of reducing social and economic disparities.

In addition to facilitation of project-level partnerships, the introduction of [donor programme partners](#) will enable long-term strategic programme cooperation between public entities in the beneficiary states and their counterparts in the donor states.



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## Priority sectors

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- 1. Integrated marine and inland water management
- 2. Biodiversity and ecosystem services
- 3. Environmental monitoring and integrated planning and control
- 4. Reduction of hazardous substances
- 5. Energy efficiency
- 6. Renewable energy
- 7. Adaptation to climate change
- 8. Maritime sector
- 9. Environmental and climate change -related research and technology
- 10. Funds for non-governmental organisations
- 11. Children and youth at risk
- 12. Local and regional initiatives to reduce national inequalities and to promote social inclusion
- 13. Public health initiatives
- 14. Mainstreaming gender equality and promoting work-life balance
- 15. Institutional framework in the asylum and migration sector
- 16. Conservation and revitalisation of cultural and natural heritage
- 17. Promotion of diversity in culture and arts within European cultural heritage
- 18. Research within priority sectors
- 19. Scholarships

## Norway Grants

- 20. Carbon capture and storage (CCS)
- 21. Green Industry Innovation
- 22. Global fund for decent work and tripartite dialogue
- 23. Bilateral research cooperation
- 24. Bilateral scholarship cooperation
- 25. Capacity-building and institutional cooperation with Norwegian public institutions, local and regional authorities
- 26. Cross-border cooperation
- 27. Public health initiatives
- 28. Mainstreaming gender equality and promoting work-life balance
- 29. Gender-based violence
- 30. Schengen cooperation and combating cross-border and organised crime, including trafficking and itinerant criminal groups
- 31. Judicial capacity-building and cooperation
- 32. Correctional services, including non-custodial sanctions

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Priority sector:  
**Green Industry Innovation**

## NORWAY GRANTS 2009-14

## Green Industry Innovation

The Norwegian Financial Mechanism shall contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area, and to strengthen the bilateral relations between Norway and the Beneficiary States. The programme area shall contribute to these two overall objectives.

### Objective

Increased competitiveness of green enterprises, including greening of existing industries, green innovation and green entrepreneurship

### Expected outcomes

- Realisation of the business opportunities of greening of the European economy
- Reduced production of waste and reduced emissions to air, water and ground
- More use of environmentally friendly technologies
- Increased green job creation and entrepreneurship

# **Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009 - 2014**

## **Priority sector: Green Industry Innovation**

- The overall objective of the Programme is increased competitiveness of green enterprises  
The Programme will address three main challenges: the greening of existing industries, innovation and entrepreneurship.

# **Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2009 - 2014**

## **Priority sector: Green Industry Innovation**

- The expected outcomes of the Programme are:
  - realisation of opportunities of the technological progress and greening of the economy
  - reduced production of waste and reduced emissions to air, water and ground
  - more use of environmentally friendly technologies
  - increased green job creation and entrepreneurship.
- The specific outputs in terms of products and services, will be defined by each Beneficiary State participating in the Programme

## **Progress and procedures – best guess**

- **Autumn 2010: MoU negotiation between donor and beneficiary states**
- **Spring 2011: Development of detailed programmes under the individual sectors**
- **During 2011: Launching of the financial mechanisms, invitation to apply**
- **Private, public, NGO sector in the beneficiary states can apply**

## VISIT

- [www.innovationnorway.no](http://www.innovationnorway.no)
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