



Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway supported **149** programmes and more than **7 000** projects in **16** countries with the total funding of €1.8 billion in the period **2009-2014**. The projects supported under the programmes were completed in 2017.

The digital Annual Report highlights the key achievements in all the priority sectors from this funding period. This factsheet sheds light on how we contribute to tackle key European challenges.

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## CIVIL SOCIETY

Our support for civil society is particularly important at a time when democratic principles are under pressure in Europe. The EEA Grants have been one of the main sources of support to civil society in the beneficiary countries in the past years, enabling NGOs to strengthen democratic governance, defend human rights and engage citizens in decision-making.

More than  
**1 000**  
civil society organisations were supported to promote democratic values and defend human rights

NGO advocacy activities helped change or improve  
**330**  
laws, policies and practices



### PROJECT EXAMPLE

In Slovakia, advocacy efforts by the NGO Via Iuris resulted in the adoption of two laws promoting active citizenship in the legislative process. These laws set higher requirements for involving the public in the process of preparing new laws and allow citizens to address the courts directly.

## RULE OF LAW

The judicial system is under pressure in several European countries. Through the Norway Grants, we have supported the protection of human rights, strengthened the capacity of institutions, increased the skills of professionals and promoted cooperation and mutual learning with countries such as Poland, Romania, Lithuania, Croatia, the Czech Republic and Bulgaria.

Close to  
**100 000**  
people – including judges, police and prosecutors – have been trained

Close to  
**270 000**  
people – including many Roma – have received assistance or legal advice

## CLIMATE CHANGE

Through the EEA and Norway Grants, we have contributed to reducing emissions of greenhouse gases, increasing the use of renewable energy and reducing vulnerability to climate change, as well as increasing application of environmental technology. Most beneficiary countries have received funding in these areas.

Close to  
**40**  
climate change adaptation strategies developed at local, regional and national level

Reduction of  
**525 000**  
tonnes of CO2 emissions in Poland from renewable energy and energy efficiency projects

## RESEARCH AND INNOVATION

The EEA and Norway Grants' research and education programmes have strengthened European research competencies, increased the quality of education and built strong partnerships. The Norway Grants innovation programmes have helped small and medium sized enterprises increase their competitiveness and contributed to green entrepreneurship. The projects have also contributed to reduce waste and reduce CO2 emissions and produce renewable energy.

**3 200**  
researchers working together in joint projects

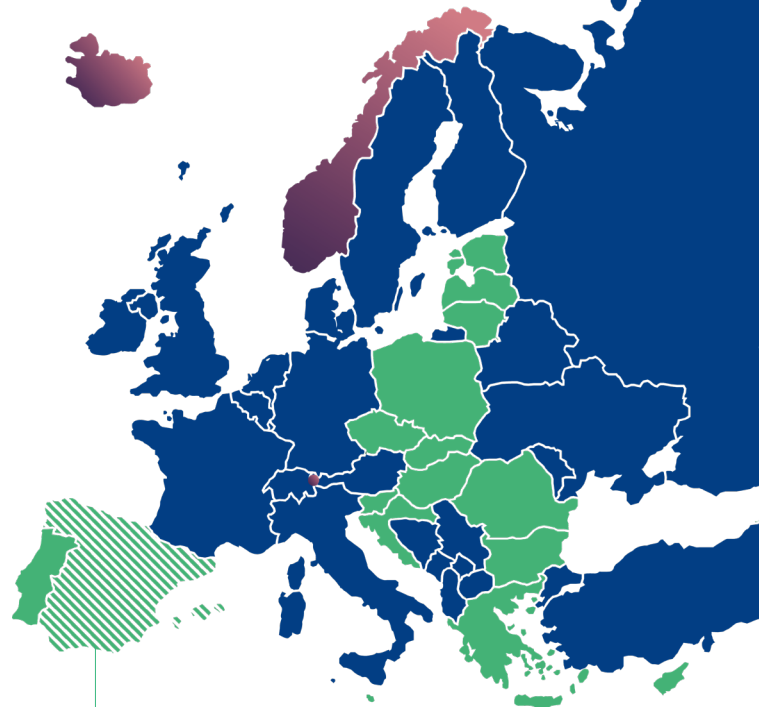
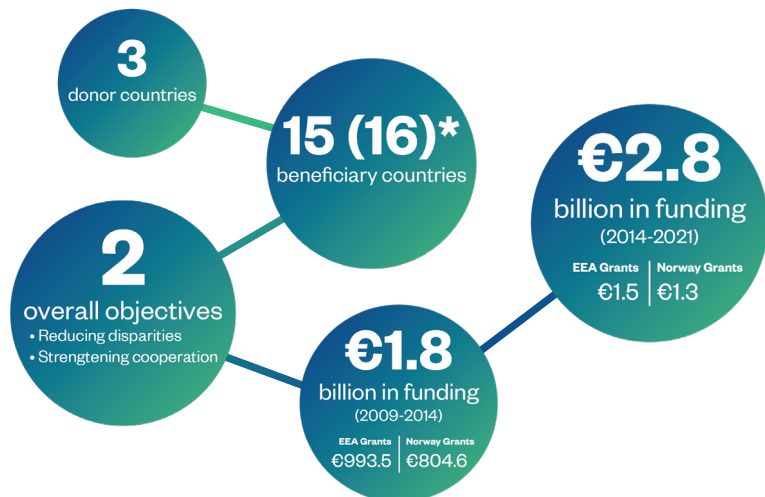
More than  
**1 000**  
green jobs created



### PROJECT EXAMPLE

The Bulgarian furniture company Valiyan has developed more environmentally friendly technologies and processes. By reducing its energy consumption, CO2 emissions and waste production, the company has increased its turnover and production capacity, and has created new jobs.

**THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS** represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to strengthen economic and social cohesion in the European Economic Area.



\* Spain is no longer eligible for the 2014-2021 funding period.

COUNTRY	EEA GRANTS	NORWAY GRANTS	TOTAL
Bulgaria	€ 115	€ 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
Regional funds	€ 55.2	€ 44.8	€ 100.0
Total	€ 1548.1 *	€ 1253.7	€ 2801.8

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

### AREAS OF SUPPORT (2009-2014)

- **€162.6** Environmental protection and management
- **€293.4** Climate change and renewable energy
- **€387** Human and social development
- **€175** Civil society
- **€220.8** Cultural heritage
- **€185.8** Research and education
- **€138** Green industry and innovation
- **€188** Justice and home affairs
- **€8.7** Decent work and tripartite dialogue

### 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

Overall allocation to the priority sectors is not yet finalised as cooperation agreements (MoUs) are not signed with all the beneficiary countries.