

POLAND

Poland has been receiving funding since entering the EU and EEA in 2004. For the period 2009-2014, €578.1 million is allocated to the country. This makes it the largest beneficiary of the EEA and Norway Grants. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Increasing energy efficiency
- › Promoting green innovation in cooperation with Norwegian enterprises
- › Improving environmental monitoring and protecting biodiversity
- › Improving access to public health services
- › Increasing research cooperation between Norway and Poland
- › Contributing to a more efficient judicial system

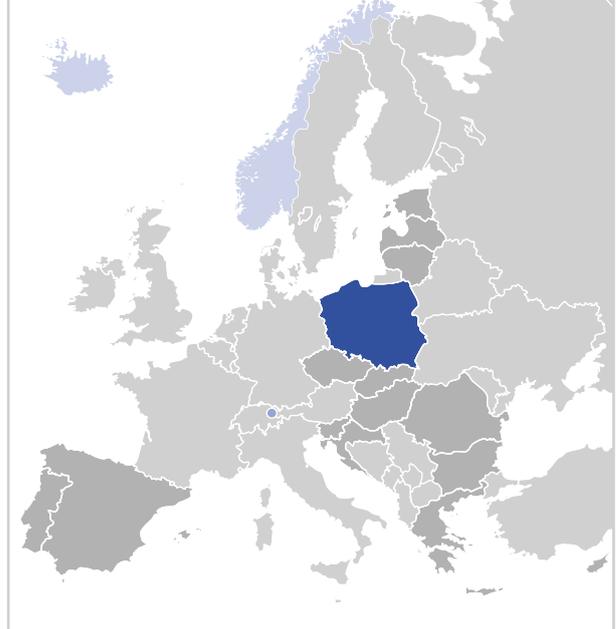
BILATERAL COOPERATION

Eight Norwegian public entities are involved in programmes on environment, green industry innovation, health, justice, research, scholarships, social dialogue and cultural diversity. Public entities from Iceland and Liechtenstein are participating as programme partners on scholarships.

The Norwegian Courts Administration and the Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Service are involved in efforts to strengthen the Polish judiciary and improve training for inmates and staff. The Norwegian Directorate of Health is participating in health promotion and disease prevention programmes. The long-standing cooperation between the Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities and the Association of Polish Cities continues. The Research Council of Norway is playing an active role in the research programme.

Funding is available through the bilateral funds to support networking and foster project partnerships.

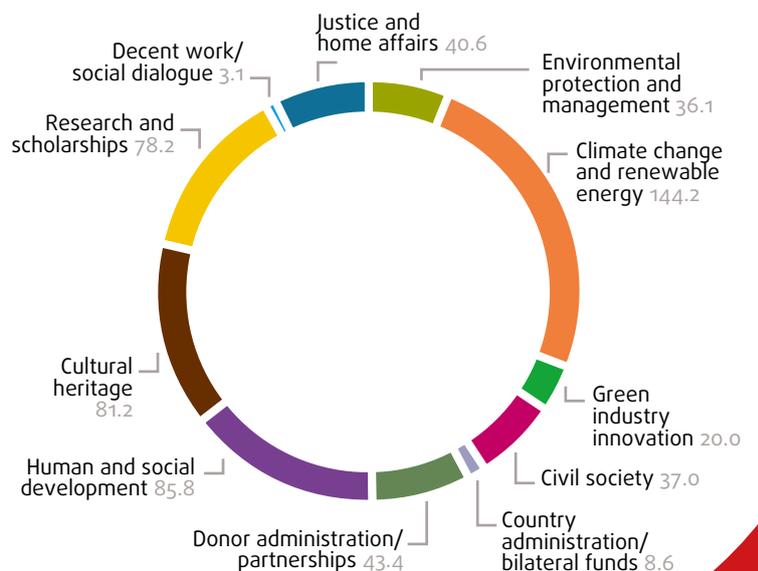
The EEA and Norway Grants provide €1.8 billion in funding to 150 programmes in 16 beneficiary countries. EEA Grants €993.5 million (Norway 95.8%, Iceland 3.0%, Liechtenstein 1.2%). Norway Grants €804.6 million, financed by Norway alone.



	Poland	EU-28
EEA GRANTS	€266.9 M	
NORWAY GRANTS	€311.2 M	
TOTAL FUNDING	€578.1 M	
GDP per capita in PPS*	67	100
Economic growth (% change on previous year)	1.6	0.1
Unemployment rate (%)*	9	10.2
Youth unemployment rate (%)*	34.8	22.2
Public debt (% of GDP)	55.7	85.4
Gender pay gap (%)	6.4	16.4
At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)	25.8	24.5
Human development index	19 (EU-28 ranking)	
Corruption perception index*	15 (EU-28 ranking)	

Sources: Eurostat, UNDP, Transparency International
All data is from 2013 except when * indicates 2014

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



IN FOCUS

RESEARCH COOPERATION BETWEEN NORWAY AND POLAND

The Polish-Norwegian research programme brings together institutions from Poland and Norway. More than 70 joint research projects have been selected for funding within the areas of health, environment, climate change (including polar research), social sciences (including migration) and carbon capture and storage (CCS). Funding is also earmarked for research on gender issues and work-life balance. Twenty-nine female professors, post-docs and PhD students in the technical sciences have been awarded funds to strengthen their career development.

CLIMATE CHANGE AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Poland is one of the European countries with the highest levels of CO₂ emissions. Funding is provided for large-scale investments contributing to greening of Polish industries, resulting in substantial reduction of CO₂ emissions and air pollution. Improved energy efficiency is considered to be a relevant and economic way to reduce greenhouse gas emissions. During the current funding period, energy efficiency in public buildings, like hospitals and schools, are improved. Initiatives to halt biodiversity loss have been increased, including NGO activities in this field. Monitoring of industrial emissions also receives funding.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Initiatives aimed at reducing inequalities in healthcare and improving public health is a significant area of funding. Special focus is given to foster diagnostics and care to pregnant women and new-borns, adapting healthcare to the needs of the ageing society and preventing lifestyle-related diseases. Fifteen thousand people are given the opportunity to participate in disease prevention health promotion programmes, including cancer screening examinations and counselling. Reducing social inequalities

in health by improving access in disadvantaged regions is also an important objective.

SUPPORTING CIVIL SOCIETY

A € 37 million NGO programme supports the development of a dynamic, active and well-structured civil society capable of effectively addressing citizens' needs and democratic concerns. The support goes to projects focusing on citizen participation, good governance and transparency, combating discrimination as well as empowerment and service provision for vulnerable groups. A specific focus is placed on children and youth and on strengthening capacity of the NGO sector.

JUSTICE AND HOME AFFAIRS

Poland has the longest external land border of any Schengen country, making police cooperation and tackling cross-border crime important. In the previous funding period, Poland benefited from considerable funding to strengthen its border control.

Improving capacity to combat cross-border and organised crime, including trafficking, remains a priority. The Grants also support judicial capacity building including efforts to improve access to justice for vulnerable persons. Under this programme, 90 courts are getting a new system for managing case files and 275 court staff will receive training on using ICT-equipment. Funding to support victims of domestic and gender-based violence is provided, including improved facilities at eleven institutions for victims. The Grants also support efforts to increase the use of alternatives to prison and improve training for both inmates and prison staff.

Read more about all programmes:
www.eeagrants.org/poland

Programme	Partner(s)	Grant (€ million)
Biodiversity and ecosystem services		■ 21.1
Environmental monitoring and integrated planning and control	Norwegian Environment Agency	■ 15.0
Energy efficiency and renewable energy		■ ■ 144.2
NGO Fund		■ 37.0
Local and regional initiatives		■ 9.8
Public health initiatives	Norwegian Directorate of Health	■ ■ 76.0
Cultural and natural heritage		■ ■ 70.2
Diversity in culture and arts	Arts Council Norway	■ 11.0
Scholarships	Icelandic Centre for Research / National Agency for Educational Affairs of Liechtenstein / Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education	■ ■ 15.0
Research cooperation	Research Council of Norway	■ 63.2
Green industry innovation	Innovation Norway*	■ 20.0
Decent work and tripartite dialogue	Innovation Norway*	■ 3.1
Domestic and gender-based violence		■ 3.6
Schengen and cross-border crime		■ 10.0
Judicial capacity-building	Norwegian Courts Administration	■ 14.0
Correctional services	Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Service	■ 13.0

■ EEA Grants

■ Norway Grants

*Programme Operator