

SLOVENIA

Slovenia has received funding since entering the EU and EEA in 2004. For the period 2009-14, Slovenia has been allocated €26.9 million; up from €18.6 million over the previous five-year period. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Reducing health inequalities and lifestyle-related diseases
- › Improving mental health services
- › Protecting biodiversity and improving environmental monitoring and control
- › Increasing educational mobility between Slovenia and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
- › Promoting gender equality and work-life balance

BILATERAL COOPERATION

A number of donor organisations are involved as partners in the programmes in Slovenia. Building on ties established previously when the Slovenian and Norwegian Mapping Authorities worked together to develop modern landscape information systems, the two organisations are joining forces once again to work on environmental monitoring; the present focus is on improving water planning and management to reduce flood risk. This successful partnership has been extended to include the National Land Survey of Iceland.

The Norwegian Institute of Public Health is playing an active role lending its expertise during the implementation of the health programme. The Icelandic Centre for Research, the National Agency for International Education Affairs of Liechtenstein, and the Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education are all taking part in the scholarship programmes.

At national level, funding is available through the bilateral fund to support networking and foster project partnerships.

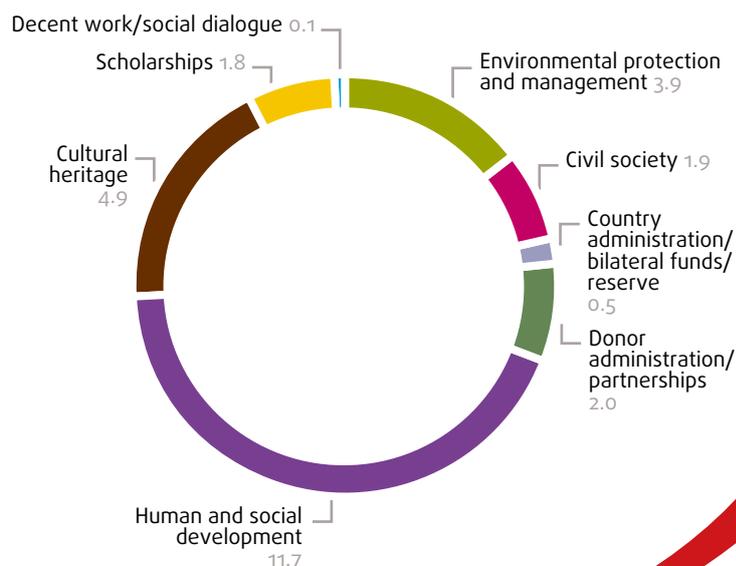
The EEA and Norway Grants provide €1.8 billion in funding to 150 programmes in 16 beneficiary countries. EEA Grants €993.5 million (Norway 95.8%, Iceland 3.0%, Liechtenstein 1.2%). Norway Grants €804.6 million, financed by Norway alone.



EEA GRANTS	€12.5 M	TOTAL FUNDING	
NORWAY GRANTS	€14.4 M	€26.9 M	
		Slovenia	EU-28
GDP per capita in PPS (EU=100)		82	100
Economic growth (% change on previous year)		-1.1	0.1
Unemployment rate (%)*		9.8	10.2
Youth unemployment rate (%)*		21.7	22.2
Public debt (% of GDP)		70.4	85.4
Gender pay gap (%)		3.2	16.4
At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)		20.4	24.5
Human development index		12 (EU-28 ranking)	
Corruption perception index*		17 (EU-28 ranking)	

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

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



IN FOCUS

REDUCING HEALTH INEQUALITIES

Life expectancy and other health indicators show that the overall health of the Slovenian population has improved significantly over recent decades. However, this masks considerable inequalities between different socio-economic groups. Chronic diseases often linked to lifestyle, such as cardiovascular illnesses and diabetes, are widespread among adults.

Funding from the Norway Grants is being used to develop new approaches to tackling health inequalities. This includes support for preventive healthcare services for disadvantaged groups, in particular vulnerable children and young people, and training courses for Slovenian healthcare professionals.

HALTING BIODIVERSITY LOSS

Nestled between the mountains and the sea, Slovenia has an extremely rich biological and landscape diversity. Over 35% of its territory is protected under Natura 2000 – the EU-wide network of nature conservation areas. The national biodiversity conservation strategy sets out to ensure the conservation of animal and plant species and habitats and other valuable natural features. It links to EU targets to halt biodiversity loss and degradation of ecosystem services by 2020.

The EEA Grants support the protection of ecosystems and improvement of the conservation status of Natura 2000 sites. The funding is helping to improve capacity to manage grasslands, wetlands and endangered forest areas with better data monitoring and mapping.

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

Programme	Partner(s)	Grant (€ million)
Biodiversity and ecosystem services		1.9
Environmental monitoring and integrated planning and control	Norwegian Mapping Authority, National Land Survey of Iceland	2.0
Cultural and natural heritage		4.9
NGO Fund		1.9
Public health initiatives	Norwegian Institute of Public Health	10.1
Gender equality and work-life balance		1.5
Scholarships	Icelandic Centre for Research / National Agency for International Education Affairs (Liechtenstein) / Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education	1.8
Decent work and tripartite dialogue	Innovation Norway*	0.1

■ EEA Grants

■ Norway Grants

*Programme Operator



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