

Building a stronger civil society in Europe





This photo brochure presents a snapshot
of just a few of the many hundreds of projects
supported by the NGO programmes funded
by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through
the EEA Grants.

Overview

The NGO programmes increase the capacity of civil society in Central and Southern Europe and help to mobilise citizens to voice their concerns and actively engage in social development.

Civil society is a fundamental building block of democratic governance, human rights and social cohesion.

Our support plays a critical role in building the capacity of the sector. It also helps to counter negative trends across Europe, such as rising discrimination and racism and a growing mistrust in democratic institutions.

Our support is focused on:

- Strengthening democracy and active citizenship
- Promoting human rights and equality
- Promoting inclusive societies where people are valued, their differences respected, and their basic needs are met

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway contribute close to €160 million to strengthen civil society through NGO programmes established in the 16 beneficiary countries of the EEA and Norway Grants.

Overview of NGO programmes

Country	Programme Operator	Grant amount (€ million)
Bulgaria	Open Society Foundation http://bit.ly/1jAQ7jD	11.8
Croatia	National Foundation for Civil Society Development http://bit.ly/K9IDJp	1.3
Cyprus	Price Waterhouse Coopers http://bit.ly/1q8tQbv	1.3
Czech Republic	Civil Society Development Foundation http://bit.ly/1in5bnO	9.8
Estonia	Open Estonia Foundation http://bit.ly/1qeBjGb	2.3
Greece	Bodossaki Foundation http://bit.ly/1oqtOAT	7.3
Hungary	Hungarian Environmental Partnership Foundation http://bit.ly/1uAUvHe	13.5
Latvia	Society Integration Foundation http://bit.ly/1hx53NF	10.4
Lithuania	Human Rights Monitoring Institute http://bit.ly/1fUXVAR	5.5
Malta	Solidarity Overseas Service (SOS) Malta http://bit.ly/1fPE45Q	0.5
Poland	Stefan Batory Foundation http://bit.ly/1qeCFTV	37
Portugal	Calouste Gulbenkian Foundation http://bit.ly/1oqrzy2	8.7
Romania	Civil Society Development Foundation http://bit.ly/1fPBX1l	36.3
Slovakia	Ekopolis Foundation (Active citizenship and inclusion) http://bit.ly/1o6ULvV Open Society Foundation (Democracy and human rights) http://bit.ly/1FOIPjg	3.7 3.7
Slovenia	Regional Environment Center (REC Slovenia) http://bit.ly/1o6VvkW	1.9
Spain	NGO Platform of Social Action http://bit.ly/1slrNrX	4.6
Total		159.6

Find more detailed information about programmes in each country, latest news and project stories here:
www.eeagrants.org/What-we-do/Programme-areas/Civil-society/NGO-Programmes



Democracy and
active citizenship



Dana Bandryová (pictured left with project manager Zuzka Kumanová) has benefited from a project in Slovakia equipping Roma women with leadership skills needed to play a more effective role in their communities. The project promotes civic participation through non-formal education and the formation of local action groups.

Grant amount: €56 489 | Project link: bit.ly/1L6Ye4W



In Greece, the DemocracIT project has received support to develop user-friendly IT tools to facilitate citizen participation in public consultations. The state-of-the-art web-based solution will present results in an accessible and structured format, enabling decision-makers to take account of a broader range of opinion.
Grant amount: €55 505 | Project link: bit.ly/1Dm2cHL



The €37 million 'Citizens for Democracy' Polish NGO programme was represented in the 'No Hate Speech Zone' during the VII NGO Fair in Warsaw. Visitors had a chance to learn about the NGO programme's work and support for projects on anti-discrimination and anti-racism.

Grant amount: €37 million | Programme link: bit.ly/1AkBStD





A project run by Transparency International (TI) Lithuania, in cooperation with its sister organisation in Norway, is helping to promote accountability and openness in public institutions. The funding has also helped strengthen the capacity of TI Lithuania, enabling it to contribute more actively in policy-making processes.

Grant amount: €118 978 | Project link: bit.ly/1Fnxyym

Human rights
and equality

WE ALL
WERE BORN
EQUAL



More than half of the Lithuanian LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender) community feel discriminated against. The Lithuanian Gay League has received a grant from the NGO programme to support its work to mainstream LGBT equality in the decision making process and in its awareness-raising activities. Grant amount: €111 940 | Project link: bit.ly/1zKAXPt



In Greece, the Hellenic League for Human Rights has received funding to strengthen its capacity to improve reporting of hate crimes, and increase provision of welfare and legal services for victims.

Grant amount: €198 000 | Project link: bit.ly/1LxwXus



We are a strategic partner to the Council of Europe's NO HATE SPEECH campaign. The campaign is against expressions of hate speech online in all forms, including those that most affect young people, such as cyber-bullying and cyber-hate.

Through raising awareness of hate speech online and its risks for democracy, the campaign aims to support young people in standing up for human rights and promote media and internet literacy.

Our NGO programmes are making a strong contribution to the campaign, which was launched in March 2013 and runs until the end of 2015. All programmes have been involved in various ways – mobilising and training youth activists and youth bloggers, mapping hate speech online and organising campaigning toolkits for schools.

Read more: www.eeagrants.org/hatespeech







Based on the ideas of the No Hate Speech Movement, the "All different, all equal - I LOVE PANDA campaign" in Lithuania aims at developing a friendly and respectful cyberspace and mutual understanding between young people online. The campaign targets children from a very early age. 'Panda' has already toured schools and invited more than 220 students to talk about human rights and the prevention of hate speech.

Grant amount: €133 383 | Project link: bit.ly/1zkq8EW





Gheorghe Manole (pictured centre) survived the deportations that took place in Romania during World War II. The Community Resource Centre Association is working to identify Roma survivors so they can receive their entitled compensation.

Grant amount: €31 480 | Project link: bit.ly/1DBoIAj

Social
inclusion



At the Open Door Centre in Greece, the 'Artability' project provides art, music, dance and theatre as educational and therapeutic tools for people with cerebral palsy. By bringing together people both with and without disabilities and of all ages in creative projects and activities, it also helps to combat social exclusion. Grant amount: €152 488 | Project link: bit.ly/1AkDLqg

A project in Bulgaria is helping Roma from a deprived neighbourhood in the town of Kyustendil gain a stronger and more unified voice through the creation of a local Roma Community Council - an independent body to represent the interests of the community on local authority platforms. Grant amount: €18 871 | Project link: bit.ly/1E15Wxp







A Lithuanian project is working towards providing better support for children in need by raising awareness of the benefits of replacing institutional child care with more community-based care services.

Grant amount: €114 689 | Project link: bit.ly/1zkg6DS



In Lithuania, work is underway to review and map disability access in a whole range of public buildings such as schools and hospitals in order to provide better information to people with disabilities.

Grant amount: €76 548 | Project link: bit.ly/1L5Lhs3

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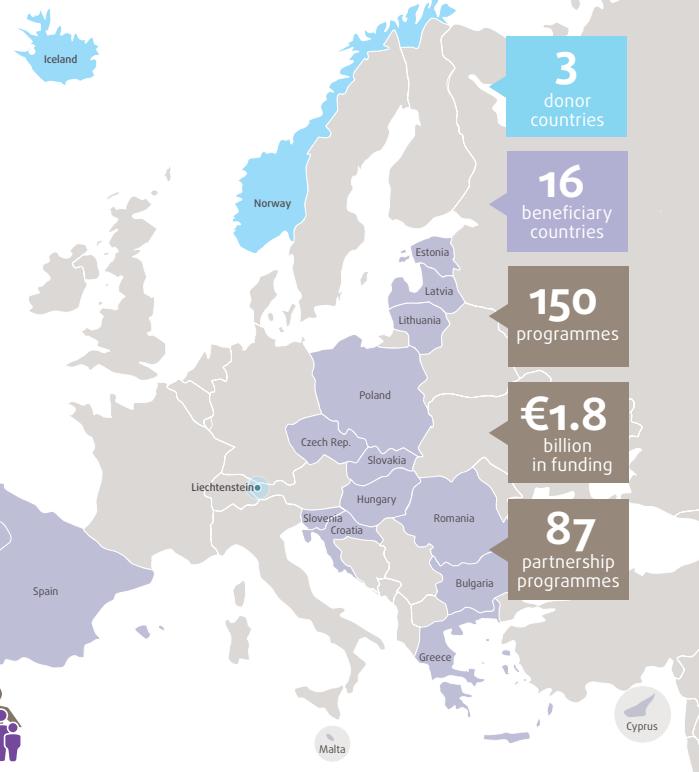
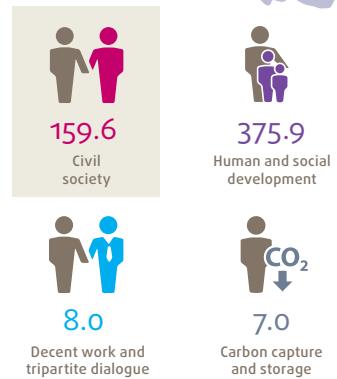
EEA Grants:

€993.5 million (Norway: 95.8%,
Iceland: 3.0%, Liechtenstein: 1.2%)

Norway Grants:

€804.6 million (Norway: 100%)

Areas of support (€ million)



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