EUR 113 million has been allocated to support a number of cooperation programmes with Slovakia through the EEA and Norway Grants. The programmes are designed to help Slovakia tackle important social and economic challenges and to pave the way for closer Norwegian–Slovakian cooperation in a number of areas.

Business development, climate change and combating violence against women are key areas for cooperation. Cross-border cooperation with Ukraine and efforts to create equal opportunities for the Roma population are also included.

A total of nine Norwegian government agencies and institutions will be involved in implementing these programmes and in recruiting Norwegian project partners.
ABOUT THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

The EEA and Norway Grants have their basis in the EEA Agreement. Under this agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are part of the European internal market. The agreement sets out the common goal of working together to reduce social and economic disparities in Europe and strengthening cooperation between European countries. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway have allocated a total EUR 2.8 billion to 15 EU member states for this purpose for the period 2014-2021. Norway provides almost 98% of this funding.

The EEA and Norway Grants are an important European policy instrument for the Norwegian Government in its efforts to contribute to a green, competitive and inclusive Europe.

OVERVIEW OF OUR SUPPORT TO SLOVAKIA

Slovakia has received funding under the EEA and Norway Grants since it became a member of the EU in 2004.