

Regional projects in South Caucasus supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2007¹

Project partner	Project description	Grant in NOK	Contact details
<p>The Norwegian Red Cross</p>	<p>Support to the International Committee of the Red Cross – the ICRC – projects in South Caucasus</p> <p>The ICRC focuses on addressing the issue of missing persons and the problems of detainees in the context of the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, in both Armenia and Azerbaijan. In Georgia, including Abkhazia and South Ossetia, the ICRC visits detainees and supports the authorities' efforts to bring tuberculosis in prisons under control.</p>	<p>3 200 000</p>	<p>Norwegian Red Cross P.O. Box 1 Grønland NO-0133 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 05 40 00 Fax: +47 22 05 40 40 Web: www.redcross.no</p> <p>Contact person: Karsten Solheim, karsten.solheim@redcross.no</p>
<p>UNDP United Nations Development Programme</p>	<p>Cross-border cooperation between the Shirak Region, Armenia and the Samtskhe-Javakheti Region, Georgia</p> <p>The overall goal of the project is to improve the socioeconomic conditions of the population in the Shirak (Armenia) and Samtskhe-Javakheti (Georgia) regions by encouraging and supporting cross-border cooperation, particularly through trade and economic cooperation.</p>	<p>1 962 150</p>	<p>UNDP Headquarters 1, United Nations Plaza, DC1 New York, NY 10017, USA Tel.: +1 212 906 5000 Fax: +1 212 906 5364 Web: www.undp.org</p> <p>Contact person: Sultan Hajiyev, sultan.hajiyev@undp.org</p>
<p>The Norwegian Children and Youth Council (LNU)</p>	<p>Cooperation with partners in Eastern Europe and the South Caucasus. Democracy efforts directed towards children and youth organisations</p> <p>The project aims to strengthen civil society in the CIS. The LNU coordinates the allocation of "Democracy Funds" to Norwegian youth organisations that cooperate with sister organisations in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. An important objective is the development of NGOs.</p>	<p>1 500 000</p>	<p>LNU Øvre Slottsgate 2 B NO-0157 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 23 31 06 00 Fax: +47 23 31 06 01 Email: lnu@lnu.no Web: www.ungnett.org</p> <p>Contact Person: Marius Seljedal, marius.seljedal@lnu.no</p>
<p>The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs (NUPI)</p>	<p>Promoting Political Pluralism in the South Caucasus and Central Asia</p> <p>Project cooperation with think tanks in the South Caucasus and Central Asia. The aim of the project is to contribute to development of democratic institutions and practices in Central Asia and South Caucasus by improving the ability of local think tanks to conduct independent analysis and open</p>	<p>2 000 000</p>	<p>NUPI P.O. Box 8159 Dep NO-0033 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 99 40 00</p> <p>Contact person: Elana Wilson, ew@nupi.no</p>

¹ Some of the projects occurring on this list are also listed under "Regional projects in Central Asia 2007" and vice-versa.

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Institute for War and Peace Reporting (IWPR)	<p>South Caucasus Confidence-building and Media Development Programme</p> <p>The aim of the project is to contribute to increased trust, conflict reduction and public and civic engagement in the democratic process, as well as to provide support for human rights and development in the South Caucasus. Specifically, the project improves the professionalism of the media sector and enhances media coverage of conflicts and human rights and related issues. It has an emphasis on regional information-sharing, and there is cooperation with local NGOs to increase outreach and impact.</p>	1 196 850	<p>Institute for War & Peace Reporting 48 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8LT Tel.: +44 20 7831 1030 Fax: +44 20 7831 1050 Web: www.iwpr.net</p> <p>Contact person: Executive Director Anthony Borden, tonyb@iwpr.net</p>
The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education (SIU)	<p>Institutional cooperation with South Caucasus and Central Asia</p> <p>The goal of this project is to develop institutional cooperation between a limited number of institutions for higher education in the South Caucasus and Central Asia and corresponding institutions in Norway. In Kyrgyzstan: Bishkek Academy of Finance and Economics, American University. In Kazakhstan: Kazakh-British Technical University. In Azerbaijan: State University of Languages, State Oil Academy. In Georgia: Tbilisi State University.</p>	7 000 000	<p>SIU P.O. Box 7800 NO-5020 Bergen, Norway Tel.: +47 55 30 88 00 Fax: +47 55 30 88 01 Email: siu@siu.no Web: www.siu.no</p> <p>Contact person: Arne Haugen, arne.haugen@siu.no</p>
The International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET) ISET is administered by the University and the World Bank	<p>Norwegian support for the establishment of the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University (ISET)</p> <p>Together with the World Bank and other donors, Norway is assisting in the establishment of the International School of Economics at Tbilisi State University. ISET serves all three countries in the South Caucasus. The purpose of this new institution is to bring world-class economics teaching and research methods to the region, and to help train a new generation of economists for the Caucasus.</p>	600 000	<p>ISET, Tbilisi State University 1 Chavchavadze Avenue Room 220 0128 Tbilisi, Georgia Tel.: +995 32 221117/ 507178 Web: www.iset.ge</p>
World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Norway	<p>Saving forest ecosystems and promoting transboundary cooperation in Georgia and Azerbaijan 2007–2008</p> <p>The aim of the project is to promote the sustainable administration of natural resources in the South Caucasus through the protection of the forest along the Iori river on the Georgia–Azerbaijan border, and to contribute to the protection of the Mitrala national park in Georgia.</p>	3 500 000	<p>WWF Norway P.O. Box 6784 St. Olavs plass NO-0130 Oslo Tel.: +47 22 03 65 00 Fax: +47 22 20 06 66 Email: info@wwf.no Web: www.wwf.no</p> <p>Contact person: Rasmus Reinvang, reinvang@wwf.no</p>

<p>Norsk Energi (NE)</p>	<p>CDM as an instrument for industrial development and reduction of poverty in the South Caucasus - phase 2</p> <p>The aim of the project is to enable the public and private sectors in the South Caucasus to become active participants in the carbon trading market and to benefit from the mechanisms established under the Kyoto Protocol. The further objectives are to contribute to the global reduction of greenhouse gases, improve the local environment and support sustainable development, by stimulating the development of industry projects based on the Clean Development Mechanism (CDM).</p>	<p>1 100 000</p>	<p>Norsk Energi P.O. Box 27 Skøyen NO-0212 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 06 18 00 Fax: +47 22 06 18 90 Email: kontakt@energi.no Web: www.energi.no</p> <p>Contact person: Ann Iren Glimsdal, ann.glimsdal@energi.no</p>
<p>IUCN - The World Conservation Union</p>	<p>Plant Conservation in the Caucasus Protected Areas - Identification of Important Plant Areas (IPAs) to meet the 2010 target</p> <p>The aim is to identify threatened plant species and to develop a methodology to monitor and protect them using the “important plant area” (IPA) approach. Furthermore, the project aims to improve protection of IPAs by supporting and expanding the capacity of stakeholders working for plant conservation in the region.</p>	<p>818 412</p>	<p>IUCN, Programme Office for Russia and the Commonwealth of Independent States P.O. Box 265 Moscow 125475, Russia Tel.: +7 095 609 33 99 Fax: +7 095 609 34 11 Email: info@iucn.ru Web: www.iucn.org/ www.iucn.ru</p> <p>Contact person: Alexei Grigoriev</p>
<p>IUCN - The World Conservation Union</p>	<p>Halting the loss of biodiversity in the Southern Caucasus</p> <p>The aim is to improve biodiversity monitoring, strengthen the regional system of protected areas, develop sustainable resource management, and increase public awareness. Partly in collaboration with WWF Caucasus. The project covers Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.</p>	<p>1 203 848</p>	<p>IUCN, Programme Office for the Southern Caucasus P.O. Box 56 1060 Tbilisi, Georgia Web: www.iucn.org</p> <p>Contact person: Ramaz Gokhelashvili, ramaz.gokhelashvili@iucn.org</p>
<p>The Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature/Friends of the Earth Norway</p>	<p>The international school programme SPARE in the South Caucasus, Central Asia and Moldova</p> <p>The aim of the SPARE project is to support the finding of solutions to environmental and energy problems, to strengthen local environmental movements, and to contribute to the development of civil society in Moldova, the South Caucasus and Central Asia by transforming global environmental issues into practical school activities. More than 100 000 pupils a year from the CIS are participating in energy education and the implementation of practical energy efficiency measures.</p>	<p>3 000 000</p>	<p>Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature P.O. Box 342 Sentrum NO-0101 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 23 10 96 10 Fax: +47 23 10 96 11 Email: naturvern@naturvern.no Web: www.naturvern.no</p> <p>Contact person: Yngvild Lorentzen, yl@naturvern.no</p>

<p>The Football Association of Norway (NFF)</p>	<p>Open Fun Football Schools in the South Caucasus 2007</p> <p>The project is being organised by a Danish NGO, Cross Cultures Project Association (CCPA), in cooperation with NFF. The objective of the project is to use the “fun-football-concept” as a tools to stimulate democracy, peace, stability and social cohesion by re-establishing friendships and sports activities across the borders in the South Caucasus. Thirty new football schools (ten in each of Armenia, Georgia and Azerbaijan) will be established for the 2007 season, involving a total of about 6 000 children aged 6-12 years.</p>	<p>2 000 000</p>	<p>NFF Service Box 1 Ullevaal Stadion NO-0840 Oslo, Norway Web: www.fotball.no/ / www.ccpa.dk</p> <p>Contact person: Hans Finstad, hans.finstad@fotball.no/ hans@ccpa.dk</p>
<p>Pikene på Broen (Girls on the Bridge)</p>	<p>Barents–Caucasus scholarship and performance at Barents Spektakel 2007</p> <p>The aim of the project is to build cultural bridges between artists across the borders in the Caucasus, as has been done in the Barents region. Artists from the Caucasus will , together with artists from the Barents region, create an experimental outdoor theatre performance. This will be performed at the international Barents festival “Barents Spektakel” in Kirkenes in February 2007, and later at festivals in the South Caucasus.</p>	<p>277 000</p>	<p>Pikene på Broen P.O. Box 180 NO-9915 Kirkenes, Norway Tel.: +47 78 99 38 78/9 / +47 91 68 17 41 Email: pikene@pikene.no Web: www.pikene.no</p> <p>Contact person: Inger Blix Kvammen, iblix@online.no</p>
<p>Global Heritage Fund (GHF)</p>	<p>“Cultural Heritage Across Borders in the Black Sea Region”, Istanbul, 9–10 February 2007</p> <p>The South Caucasus has perhaps the greatest density and diversity of cultural heritage assets in the world. The objective of the workshop was to promote cross-border cooperation in the South Caucasus through dialogue about the rich heritage common to all the people of the region.</p>	<p>120 000</p>	<p>Global Heritage Fund 625 Emerson Street Suite 200, Palo Alto California 94301 USA Tel.: +1 650 325 7520 Fax: +1 650 325 7511 Email: info@globalheritagefund.org Web: www.globalheritagefund.org</p> <p>Contact person: International development manager Stefaan Poortman</p>
<p>Norwegian Embassy in Ankara</p>	<p>Cross-border cooperation within the field of cultural heritage in the South Caucasus</p> <p>The aim is to promote inter-regional and cross-border cooperation within the field of cultural heritage in the South Caucasus and Eastern Anatolia.</p>	<p>300 000</p>	<p>Norwegian Embassy in Ankara P.K. 82 Kavaklidere TR-06692 Ankara, Turkey Tel.: +90 312 405 8010 Fax: +90 312 443 0544 Email: emb.ankara@mfa.no Web: www.norway.org.tr</p>
<p>The Norwegian National Opera</p>	<p>Concert performances in Baku and Tbilisi in September 2007</p> <p>The purpose of the Norwegian National Opera’s visit to Baku and Tbilisi is to</p>	<p>110 000</p>	<p>Norwegian National Opera P.O. Box 8800 Youngstorget NO-0028 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 23 31 50 00 Fax: +47 23 31 50 30</p>

	strengthen bilateral ties and demonstrate the importance of music and art in international understanding.		Web: www.operaen.no
UNFPA United Nations Population Fund	Combating gender-based violence in the South Caucasus The project aims to reduce gender-based violence in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, in order to boost the protection of human rights, gender equality and women's participation.	2 000 000	UNFPA 220 East 42nd St. New York, NY 10017 USA Web: www.unfpa.org Contact person: Programme Coordinator Turkey and South Caucasus Zeynep Basarankut, zeynep.basarankut@un.org.tr
EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	EBRD's Fund for Early Transition Countries (ETC) In 2004, EBRD approved the creation of a new multi-donor fund for the support of economic development in the ETCs, which include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Norwegian grant is a replenishment of the ETC Fund. The objective of the Fund is to stimulate market activity, contribute to economic reform and eradicate poverty in the ETC countries.	3 995 000	EBRD One Exchange Square London EC2A 2JN, United Kingdom Tel.: +44 20 73 38 60 00 Fax: +44 20 73 38 61 00 Web: www.ebrd.com Contact person: Junko Aya, AyaJ@ebrd.com
International Council on Social Welfare (ICSW)	ICSW: Civil Society Forum – Black Sea NGO Network The aim is to support the Black Sea NGO Network Forum of July 2007, mainly by covering travel expenses for participants from Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Moldova and Ukraine. The Network's goal is to consolidate the efforts of NGOs, to encourage the development of social partnership and the formulation and implementation of efficient and effective social policy in the region.	100 000	ICSW Svensenga 13 NO-0882 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 23 35 81 Fax: +47 23 26 49 44 Web: www.icsw.org Contact person: Solveig Askjem, saskjem@start.no
OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development	"Finalization of the 2007 EECCA Strategy Progress Assessment Report" The aim is to finalise the 2007 Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) Strategy Progress Assessment Report on the implementation of the environmental strategy for the CIS countries, presented at the Belgrade conference in October 2007.	500 000	OECD 2, rue André Pascal F-75775 Paris Cedex 16, France Tel.: +33 1 45 24 82 00 Fax: +33 1 45 24 85 00 Web: www.oecd.org Contact person: Angela Bularga, angela.bularga@oecd.org
OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development	"Institutional Strengthening for Improved Implementation of Environmental Policies and Laws Project" The objectives of the project are to support institution-building to secure improved	900 000	OECD 2, rue André Pascal F-75775 Paris Cedex 16, France Tel.: +33 1 45 24 82 00 Fax: +33 1 45 24 85 00 Web: www.oecd.org

	implementation of environmental policies and laws in the CIS countries, and to develop a training programme based on experiences from a project in Kazakhstan.		Contact person: Angela Bularga, angela.bularga@oecd.org
OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development	<p>“Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN)”</p> <p>In 2003, the ACN adopted an action plan against corruption in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Ukraine. Country-specific analyses were conducted, and recommendations on how to improve the situation were developed. The OECD is currently monitoring the implementation of the action plan, and one round of monitoring has been completed. The objective of this grant is to facilitate a second round of monitoring, and thus to maintain the momentum for reform.</p>	500 000	<p>OECD 2, rue André Pascal F-75775 Paris Cedex 16, France Tel.: +33 1 45 24 82 00 Fax: +33 1 45 24 85 00 Web: www.oecd.org</p>
The Norwegian Helsinki Committee	<p>Support for Human Rights Issues in the CIS countries</p> <p>The objective of the project is to continue efforts to improve human rights situations and respect for human rights, as well as to promote democracy-building and the rule of law in Belarus, Moldova, Ukraine, Central Asia and the South Caucasus.</p>	3 600 000	<p>The Norwegian Helsinki Committee Tordenskiolds gate 6 B NO-0160 OSLO Tel.: +47 22 47 92 02 Fax: +47 22 47 92 01 Web: www.nhc.no</p>
The Norwegian Ministry of the Environment	<p>Travel support for delegates from CIS countries for participation in the processes of four international environmental conventions</p> <p>The aim of this project is to facilitate CIS participation in the development and implementation of four international environmental conventions.</p>	600 000	<p>Norwegian Ministry of the Environment P.O. Box 80123 Dep NO-0030 Oslo Tel.: +47 22 24 90 90 Fax: +47 22 24 95 60 Email: postmottak@md.dep.no Web: www.regjeringen.no/nb/dep/md</p>
European Environmental Bureau (EEB)/ECO Forum	<p>Raising the public profile of the Environment for Europe process</p> <p>The objective of the project is to raise awareness of the Environment for Europe process in the CIS countries by involving local NGOs in the implementation and further development of the Aarhus Convention. The project contributes both to the implementation of the Convention and to civil society capacity-building.</p>	600 000	<p>European Environmental Bureau/EEB Boulevard de Waterloo 34 B-1000 Brussels Tel.: +32 0 2 289 10 90 Fax: +32 0 2 289 10 99 Email: eeb@eeb.org</p> <p>Contact person: Mara Silina, mara.silina@eeb.org</p>
WHO World Health Organization	<p>Facilitator to the WHO/UNECE Protocol on Water and Health</p> <p>The overall aim of the Protocol is to prevent, control and reduce water-related diseases in Europe, including Ukraine, Belarus,</p>	2 000 000	<p>WHO Rome Office Via Francesco Crispi, 10 00187 Rome, Italy Tel.: +39 06 487751 Fax: +39 06 4877599</p>

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