

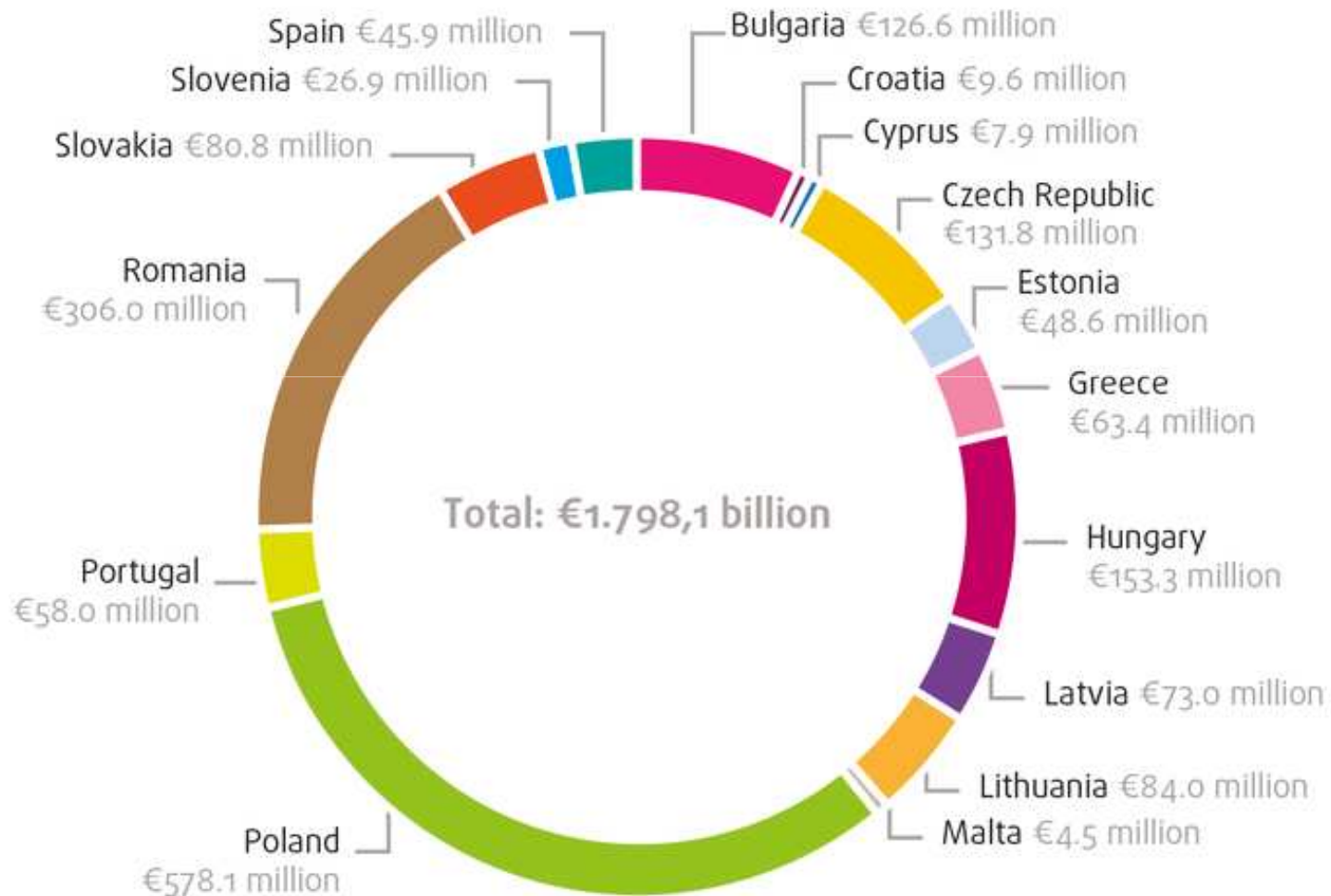


- The **EEA Grants** are jointly financed by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, who contribute according to their size and economic wealth. Of the **€993 million for 2009-2014**, Norway provides around 94%, Iceland close to 5% and Liechtenstein just over 1%.
- Through the European Economic Area (EEA) Agreement (1994), Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are partners in the internal market with the EU member states.
- The **Norway Grants** are financed by Norway alone and amount to ca. **€800 million**.
- The goal: to reduce economic and social disparities and to strengthen bilateral relations.
- The **EEA/Norway Grants** are set up for five-year periods.
- Negotiations about the *EEA/Norway Grants* new planning period 2014-2019 have started.



- Funding is channelled through 147 programs in 16 beneficiary countries.
- All programs must adhere to standards relating to human rights, good governance, sustainable development and gender equality.
- 2009-2014: environment and sustainable development is the largest sector, and includes substantial funding targeting climate change and green industry innovation.
- Other key areas of support: civil society, health, education, research and scholarships, justice and social dialogue.
- Grants available for NGOs, academic institutions, public and private sector bodies.

EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2009-2014



Latvia 2009-2014



- Implemented through a program approach with the aim to achieve more efficient implementation and more focused support.
- 7 programs : program operators are competent line ministries - responsible for programs' implementation.
- Implementation of programs must be finished until April 2017.

EEA Grants: Latvia



<u>Programme's title</u>	<u>Programme's operator</u>	<u>Grant, EUR</u>
National Climate Policy	Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development	10 365 000 to support Latvia's adaptation to climate change.
NGO Fund	Society Integration Foundation	10 365 000 to contribute to social justice, democracy and sustainable development.
Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage	Ministry of Culture	10 019 500 to support Latvia's cultural and natural heritage
Research and Scholarships	Ministry of Education and Science	518 250 for Latvian-Norwegian research, as well as scholarships
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State and Fund for bilateral relations at national level	Ministry of Finance	691 000
Total funding		31 958 750

Norway Grants: Latvia



<u>Programme</u>	<u>Programme operator</u>	<u>Grant, EUR</u>
Green Industry Innovation	Ministry of Economy	11 328 000 to foster green industry innovation.
Decent work	Innovation Norway	384 000 to promote decent work and foster cooperation between employers' organisations, trade unions and public authorities.
Research and Scholarships	Ministry of Education and Science	4 500 000 + 492 000 for Latvian-Norwegian research, as well as scholarships
Capacity-Building and Institutional Cooperation between Latvian and Norwegian Public Institutions, Local and Regional Authorities	Ministry for Environmental Protection and Regional Development	4 992 000 for cooperation on public sector capacity building between Latvian and Norwegian public institutions
Reform of the Latvian Correctional services and Police Detention Centres	Ministry of Justice, in cooperation with the Ministry of Interior	13 056 000 to reform Latvia's prison system.
Technical assistance to the Beneficiary State and Fund for bilateral relations at national level	Ministry of Finance	768 000
Total funding		35 520 000

Green Industry Innovation

Provides 11,3 million EUR for Latvian companies to develop new products and technologies together with Norwegian companies in the specific areas:

- 1) Production of renewable energy;
- 2) Production of green (energy efficient) products and materials for buildings;
- 3) Clean transportation;
- 4) Water management;
- 5) Waste management;
- 6) Eco design
- 7) Other improvements in products, technologies or processes in fields contributing to energy efficiency, lower emissions or lesser consumption of resources.

Activities in Latvia:

- I. Establishment of Green Industry Innovation Centre
- II. Small grants for technology or product development
- III. Open call «Support for implementation of «green» technologies»

- A seminar at LIAA 20.01.2014.
- Registration deadline 16.01.2014.

Donor program partner: Innovation Norway

<http://www.liaa.gov.lv/norway-grants-for-green-industry-innovation-programme>

National Climate Policy



Provides 11,2 million EUR to develop national climate change policy and the implantation of measures targeted to deliver the savings of greenhouse gas emission.

This includes:

- improved greenhouse gas emission inventory system;
- strengthened institutional capacity in relation to the Latvian greenhouse gas emission inventory;
- development of climate change adaption policy;
- measure to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, including high energy saving technologies in buildings and the use of renewable energy technologies;
- improved capacity on climate change research;
- improved public knowledge and awareness about climate change.

Two **pre-defined projects** :

- “Development of the National System for Greenhouse gas inventory and evaluation and reporting on policies, measures and projections”
- “Development of proposal for National Adaption Strategy, including identification of scientific data, measures for adapting to changing climate, impact and cost evaluation”

Open call and small grant scheme expected in February/ March 2014

Target groups: state institutions, local governments, research institutions, universities, private enterprises, NGOs.

Donor program partner: The Climate and Pollution Agency and Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection

http://www.varam.gov.lv/eng/fondi/EEA_Norv/european_economic_area_financial_mechanism_programme_national_climate_policy/

Thank you for your attention

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