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A. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Due to the severe Covid-19 pandemic situation in Slovenia and the Covid-related implications, many challenges were faced in 2021. Flexible adaptation to the Covid-related circumstances and the work processes was necessary. The activities for the implementation of the EEA and Norway grants continued as effectively and efficiently as possible; however, certain limitations and delays occurred as a result of the extraordinary working conditions and accumulated delays.

In the past year, the majority of the implementation-related activities carried out by the POs for the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship and the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation focused on the preparation and finalisation of the **Call for Proposals**, the Application Pack, in cooperation with the Donor Programme Partners and Financial Mechanism Office. The Call for Proposals for both Programmes was published on 14 May and closed on 30 September.

The launch event and the workshop for potential project promoters took place on 16 June 2021. The DPPs offered active support in identifying potential projects partners for Slovene beneficiaries. Furthermore, the Norwegian Environment Agency as well as HK-dir actively participated in a workshop for beneficiaries held after the publication of the Call for Proposals in Slovenia. Within the application deadline, the PO for the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation received **43 applications**, whereas **61 applications** were submitted to the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship. By the end of 2021 the administrative compliance and eligibility check has been finalised.

The implementation of two **pre-defined projects** within Education Programme started in 2021, the first one in February and the second one in November. The project "**Barnahus/Children's**

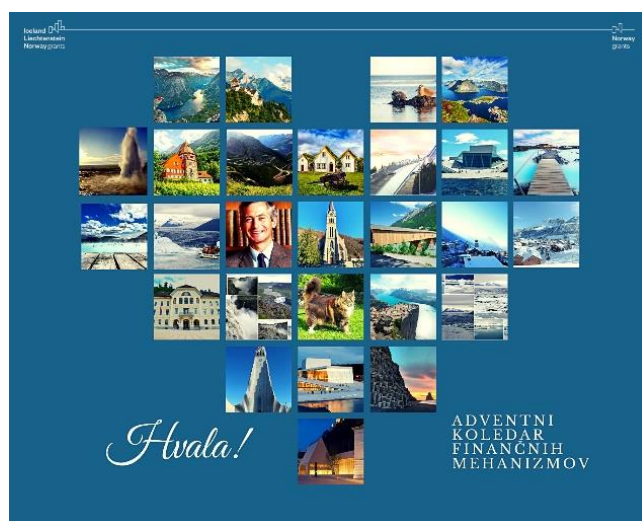
House" was pre-defined in the Programme Agreement. Using the "Barnahus/Children's House" model, the project will ensure child-friendly justice following the European directives, and improve inter-agency cooperation in processes and procedures relating to the treatment of children who are victims of crime. During 2021 mainly infrastructural works were implemented. Due to the resignation of the Small Grant Scheme Operator CMEPIUS in 2020 the NFP and the PO decided to reallocate the funds from the Small Grant Scheme to the new pre-defined project "**Blended learning in vocational education and training**" (BlendVET). Implementation of the pre-defined project BlendVET started on 1 November 2021.

In 2021 adequate solutions where to **allocate the reserve funds** have been pro-actively sought for. A proposal from the Geological Survey of Slovenia for the pre-defined project "**INFO-GEOTHERMAL - Supporting efficient cascade use of geothermal energy by unlocking official and public information**" was received to be financed out of EEA grant. In December, the PO sent the proposal for the above-mentioned pre-defined project to the NFP who then forwarded it to the FMO. The first comments from the FMO were received already in December. It is expected that the implementation of the project will start in the first half of 2022.

Even though all four approved bilateral initiatives included in the first version of the **Bilateral Fund** Work Plan were supposed to be carried out by 2022, due to measures taken to fight the COVID-19 epidemic some bilateral activities had to be postponed. In 2021 the bilateral initiative "Organisation of a conference on adaptation to extreme weather and climate events" was cancelled at the request of the project promoter, however, a new bilateral initiative "**Study visit for the Norwegian delegation on the agenda of Artificial Intelligence in the Slovenian Digital Centre – Technology for the People**" was approved by the JCBF members at the 3rd meeting held on 22 October. The newly approved bilateral initiative was successfully implemented in 2021. At the same meeting the JCBF members agreed that the possibility of launching an open call for proposals should be reconsidered in the light of a very low disbursement rate within the Bilateral Fund for Cooperation. The bilateral initiatives of both programmes will also need to be boosted.

In October 2021 some **staff changes** occurred at the level of NFP and POs which led to the appointment of a new Head of NFP and a new Head of PO. In the following months considerable efforts were made to ensure adequate staffing at NFP and PO level which is essential for coping with all the tasks needed to make sure that administrative work progresses smoothly without causing further delays in programme implementation. After reviewing the implementation of programmes in 2021, it became evident that **open and regular communication** between all institutions involved in the implementation of EEA and Norway grants is essential for the successful implementation of the programmes in Slovenia. This lesson learnt will be put at the heart of cooperation in the future. In addition to that the management plan has been revised in order to take better account of the risks related to the implementation phase and to the allocation of reserve funds.

In 2021, a new website designer was chosen through a public procurement procedure to do the **visual renovation of the website of the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia**. The redesigned website (<https://www.norwaygrants.si/en/>), published in January 2022, is even more transparent and user-friendly. Among the promotional campaigns it is worth to mention the social media campaign called **“Advent calendar”**. The aim of this campaign was to publish, in the period from 1 to 24 December, daily posts presenting interesting facts about the Donor States with the aim to promote the EEA and Norway Grants and outline the role of the Donor States in a more entertaining way. Take a look at some of the highlights from this interesting initiative – you will wish you were there:



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Jotunheimen National Park

Ali veste, da je eden večjih narodnih parkov na Norveškem Jotunheimen ("Dom velikanov")?

Narodni park obsega 1.151 kvadratnih kilometrov in je del večjega območja Jotunheimen. Več kot 250 vrhov se dviga nad 1.900 metrov, vključno z dvema najvišjima vrhovoma Severne Evrope: Galdhøpiggen na 2.469 metrih in Glittertind na 2.465 metrih. Med divjad v narodnem parku spadajo jeleni, losi, volkovi in lynksi.

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SMUČARSKO SREDIŠČE MALBUN

Ali veste, da je Lihtenštajn pravi alpski raj?

Smučarsko središče Malbun se nahaja na višini 1600 metrov. Na bližnja pobočja so speljane štiri vlečnice, do 2000 metrov visokih vrhov pa se je mogoče zapeljati s tremi sodobnimi sedežnicami. Ob smučarskih napravah je urejenih 23 km prog. Z zgornjih postaj sedežnic se lahko odpravite tudi na turno smuko.

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B. PERFORMANCE

SI-CLIMATE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

1. Programme context

The Programme Operator (hereinafter referred to as PO) in Slovenia is the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy (hereinafter referred to as GODC).

The Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation aims to accelerate planning, strengthen institutional capacity and support the implementation of pilot/demonstration measures that will contribute to climate change mitigation and adaptation at the local, regional and national levels. The measures will focus on sustainable mobility, restoration of the Natura

2000 Network ecosystems, circular economy, and promotion of the use of geothermal energy and other less established renewable energy sources.

The Programme includes **three programme areas**:

- Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation,
- Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency and Energy Security,
- Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency;

comprising **four outcomes**:

- Increased renewable energy production,
- Enhanced sustainable mobility management,
- Increased application of circular economy principles,
- Improved management of ecosystems under climate change pressure.

State of play in 2021

10 February	2 nd Cooperation Committee Meeting.
24 February	3 rd Interim Financial Report for the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation submitted via GrACE.
3 March	Ministry of Finance issues the opinion on State Aid for the Call for Proposals.
16 March	Approval of the modification of the Programme Agreement Annex II (project grant rate, criteria for experts and eligibility of costs).
10 May	1 st Selection Committee Meeting.
14 May	Call for Proposals published.
16 June	Launch event for the Programme and workshop for beneficiaries.
4 August	4 th Interim Financial Report for the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation submitted via GrACE.
30 September	Call for Proposals closure.
2 December	Welcome call by Slovenia's new head of NFP and PO to introduce the organisational changes and present the state of play.
7 December	Proposal for the pre-defined project INFO-GEOTHERMAL -

Supporting efficient cascade use of geothermal energy by unlocking official and public information.

15 December	Updated version of the Description of the Management and Control System of the PO for the Climate Programme sent to the Audit Authority (in response to the announcement of a system audit by the AA).
16 December	FMOs comments to the proposed pre-defined project INFO-GEOTHERMAL received.

During 2021, PO primarily focused on publishing the **Call for Proposals**, the submission of applications and the selection procedure.

The proposed text of the Call for Proposals was prepared in collaboration with Donor Programme Partner (hereinafter DPP) and Financial Mechanism Office (hereinafter FMO). The Call for Proposals was published on 14 May 2021 and closed on 30 September 2021. After the Call for Proposals was published an additional limitation of eligibility for NGOs was noted in the Guide for Applicants. Following several exchanges of opinions, the additional condition for eligibility of NGOs was deleted with a Corrigendum published on 22 July 2021.

On 16 June 2021, a joint workshop for beneficiaries for the Programme Climate Change and the Programme Education with more than 180 participants was held.

In the period from 18 May to 30 September 2021, more than 660 written questions regarding the Call for Proposals were received and answered, out of which more than 100 questions related to the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.

The Call for Proposals for co-financing projects was published on 14 May 2021 in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 74/2021. The deadline for submitting applications was 30 September 2021. Within the application deadline, the PO received 43 applications. Further details are provided in the table below.

Table 1: Applications submitted under the Call for Proposals

Programme outcomes and outputs	Applications received	Funds requested	Available funding
1 Outcome: Increased renewable energy production	7	14,435,195.72	5,000,000.00
<i>1.1 Output: Improved capacity to develop less established renewable energy sources</i>	1	999,949.24	1,000,000.00
<i>1.2 Output: Energy production from less established renewable sources installed</i>	6	13,435,246.48	4,000,000.00

2 Outcome: Enhanced sustainable mobility management	14	14,885,643.33	4,881,135.90
<i>2.1 Output: Measures to improve regional sustainable mobility implemented</i>	2	2,067,777.28	3,000,000.00
<i>2.2 Output: Plans for sustainable mobility management at high volume traffic locations developed</i>	12	12,817,866.05	1,881,135.90
3 Outcome: Increased application of circular economy principles	16	10,006,249.04	2,683,569.98
<i>3.1 Output: Measures for circular economy implemented</i>	16	10,006,249.04	2,683,569.98
4 Outcome: Improved management of ecosystems under climate change pressure	6	6,986,985.02	3,000,000.00
<i>4.1 Output: Improved capacity for ecosystems management</i>	6	6,986,985.02	3,000,000.00
TOTAL FUNDING AVAILABLE	43	46,314,073.11	15,564,705.88

In 2021, the proposal from the Geological Survey of Slovenia for the **pre-defined project "INFO-GEOTHERMAL - Supporting efficient cascade use of geothermal energy by unlocking official and public information"** was received. In December, the PO sent the proposal for the above-mentioned pre-defined project to the NFP who then forwarded it to the FMO. The first comments from the FMO were received already in December. It is expected that the implementation of the project will start in the first half of 2022.

2. Programme results

Outcome 1: Increased renewable energy production

Reporting on results under the Programme is not relevant as no projects have yet been implemented in 2021.

Outcome 2: Enhanced sustainable mobility management

Reporting on results under the Programme is not relevant as no projects have yet been implemented in 2021.

Outcome 3: Increased application of Circular Economy principles

Reporting on results under the Programme is not relevant as no projects have yet been implemented in 2021.

Outcome 4: Improved management of ecosystems under climate change pressure

Reporting on results under the Programme is not relevant as no projects have yet been implemented in 2021.

Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between Slovene and Donor State institutions involved in the programme

The Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation involves the cooperation of one DPP, i.e. the Norwegian Environment Agency. The roles and responsibilities of the DPP in the preparation and implementation phase are defined in the Rules of Procedures of the Cooperation Committee.

The second meeting of the Cooperation Committee took place on 10 February 2021, where all open issues were discussed, relating particularly to the procedures regarding the Call for Proposals and corresponding to the necessary changes of the PA.

In the project implementation phase, the DPP will support beneficiaries by offering opportunities for networking and exchanging good practices with beneficiaries and other stakeholders. The DPP was invited to participate in the selection process and has a non-voting role in the Selection Committee which is responsible for making decisions on project selection.

The DPP offered active support in identifying potential projects partners for Slovene beneficiaries. Furthermore, the Norwegian Environment Agency actively participated in a workshop for beneficiaries held after the publication of the Call for Proposals.

3. Implementation

Financial status

Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

The Interim Financial Reports for the reporting period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 in the amount of EUR 36,657 was submitted in January 2021. The report for the reporting period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 in the amount of EUR 37,708 was submitted in July 2021. Under the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation, the management costs reported in 2021 amount to a total of EUR 74,365.

The Interim Financial Reports for the reporting period from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 will be submitted by the deadline set out in the Regulation.

Bilateral activities of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

A total of EUR 100,000 has been earmarked within the Bilateral Fund for bilateral activities under the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. In 2021 no bilateral activities related to the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation were carried out in the framework of the Bilateral Fund.

Conformity with specific requirements

In 2021, the Programme Agreement for Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation was modified. The modification was approved in March and directly affects the Call for Proposals (project grant rate change, quality assessment of project applications).

SI-EDUCATION Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship

1. Programme context

The Programme Operator in Slovenia is the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy.

The Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship (hereinafter referred to as Education Programme), which aims to improve human capital and knowledge base, focuses on strengthening human capital, supporting the development of the 21st century competencies and creative economy (industry), improving the relevance of education and training to adapt to the real environment, and encouraging the development of supportive measures for inclusion in life and work of disadvantaged groups that are excluded or have limited access to support services.

The Education Programme covers **three programme areas**:

PA 3 Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships, and Youth Entrepreneurship,

PA 4 Work-Life Balance,

PA 16 Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency,

and comprises **five outcomes**:

- Improved institutional cooperation at all levels of formal and informal education (Outcome 1),
- Improved skills and competencies of staff and students involved in blended learning (Outcome 2),
- Education and social environment to support disadvantaged groups improved (Outcome 3),
- Improved work-life balance (Outcome 4),
- Improved skills for good governance and cooperation in the provision of child victim services (Outcome 5).

As part of outcomes 1, 3 and 4 projects will be selected under a Call for Proposals, whereas under outcomes 2 and 5, two pre-defined projects are already being implemented.

Bilateral cooperation with the Donor States is an inherent component of the entire Programme and will be addressed in projects contributing to four Programme outcomes. Project partners from Donor States are expected to cooperate in developing intellectual outputs, exchange of good practices, training, and conferences.

State of play in 2021

1 February	The implementation of the pre-defined project "Barnahus/Children's House" started.
11 February	2 nd Cooperation Committee Meeting.
18 February	3 rd Interim Financial Report for the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship was submitted via GrACE.
16 March	Approved modification of the Programme Agreement – Annex II (project grant rate, criteria for experts and eligibility of costs).
11 May	1 st Selection Committee Meeting.
14 May	Call for Proposals was published.
20 May	The FMO, COE, the European Commission and the Ministry of Justice (PP) participated in an on-line meeting regarding the implementation of the Barnahus project in Slovenia (in conjunction with the Barnahus project implemented by the Ministry of Justice and COE).
2 June	PO/FMO status online meeting.
16 June	Launch event for the Programme and workshop for beneficiaries.
5 August	4 th Interim Financial Report for the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship was submitted via GrACE.
9 September	Approval of the modification of the Programme Agreement - Annexes I and II (removing SGS and adding a pre-defined project on blended learning in VET).
30 September	Call for Proposals closure.
22 October	An online meeting was held with the FMO and the DPPs to discuss the status of the Call for Proposals applications.
1 November	The implementation of the pre-defined project "Blended learning in vocational education and training" started.
3 November	Mid-term Evaluation of the EEA and Norway Grants in Education: POs interview with evaluators.
2 December	Welcome call by Slovenia's new head of NFP and PO to introduce the organisational changes and present the state of play.

14 December	Online meeting with DPPs, FMO and other Programme Operators for Education programmes.
15 December	Updated version of the Description of the Management and Control System of the PO for Education Programme was sent to the Audit Authority (in response to the announcement of a system audit by the AA).

In 2021, a major adjustment to the work processes had to be made by the PO, due to the Covid-19 pandemic. As part of its responsibilities in 2021, the PO devoted most of its resources to developing the **Call for Proposals and its Application Pack** (which consists of both a Guide for Beneficiaries and sample templates).

The proposed text of the Call for Proposals was prepared in collaboration with Donor Programme Partner and Financial Mechanism Office. The Call for Proposals was published on 14 May 2021 and closed on 30 September 2021. After the Call for Proposals was published an additional limitation of eligibility for NGOs was noted in the Guide for Applicants. Following several exchanges of opinions the additional condition for eligibility of NGOs was deleted with a Corrigendum published on 22 July 2021.

Table 1: Applications submitted under the Call for Proposals

Programme outcomes and outputs	Number of submitted applications	Total requested amount (EUR)	Available amount (EUR)
Outcome 1: Improved institutional cooperation at all levels of education (formal and informal)	33	19,519,455.72	6,063,862.00
<i>Output: New teaching and learning practices for work and life developed</i>			
<i>Output: Knowledge and good practices shared on advancing skills and competencies in education</i>			
Outcome 3: Education and social environment to support disadvantaged groups improved	18	8,058,040.01	3,235,294.00
<i>Output: Support services for the NEETs (young people not in employment, education or training) established</i>	2	747,215.00	950,000.00 (indicative)
<i>Output: Support to youth provided</i>	15	6,815,874.03	1,400,000.00 (indicative)
<i>Output: Support environment for precarious workers provided</i>	1	494,950.98	885,294.00 (indicative)
Outcome 4: Improved work-life balance	10	4,434,682.78	2,000,000.00
<i>Output: Local systems that support work-life balance established</i>	7	3,136,967.46	1,400,000.00 (indicative)
<i>Output: Organisational culture of work-life balance and gender equality developed</i>	3	1,297,715.32	600,000.00 (indicative)
TOTAL	61	32,012,178.51	11,299,156.00

On 16 June 2021, the launch event and a workshop for beneficiaries took place. Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, both events were organised online.

During 2021, PO primarily focused on activities related to the Call for Proposals, the submission of applications, and the selection process.

The Call for Proposals to co-finance projects under outcomes 1,3 and 4 was published on 14 May 2021 in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia, No. 74/2021. The deadline for submitting applications was 30 September 2021. A total of 61 applications were submitted by the application deadline. Further details are provided in the table below.

Additionally, implementation of two pre-defined projects, namely "Barnahus/Children's House" and "Blended learning in vocational education and training" started in 2021. More information is presented in Chapter 2 (Pre-defined projects) of this document.

Bilateral activities of the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship

A total of EUR 100,000 has been earmarked within the Bilateral Fund for bilateral activities of the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship.

In 2021 the following activities related to the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship have been carried out in the framework of Bilateral Fund:

- Study visits of Norwegian institutions in Oslo and Stavanger that deal with young drop-outs and other vulnerable groups of young people that have difficulties in entering labour market: Slovenian representatives had meetings with representatives of the Norwegian Ministry of Labour, NAV Asker, NAV Ullensaker, NAV Eiganes and Tasta. They also had the opportunity to visit some projects on-the-spot and get acquainted with concrete actions targeting the so-called NEET population (not in education, employment and training);
- A preparatory visit to the University College Kristiania in Norway: Slovenian representatives met with potential Norwegian partners.

2. Programme results

Outcome 1: Improved institutional cooperation at all levels of education (formal and informal)

Reporting on results under the Outcome 1 is not relevant, as no projects have yet been implemented in 2021.

Outcome 2: Improved skills and competencies of staff and students involved in blended learning

The Programme Operator is not in the position to report on the results at this point as the pre-defined project started with implementation in November 2021.

Outcome 3: Education and social environment to support disadvantaged groups improved

Reporting on results under the Outcome 1 is not relevant, as no projects have yet been implemented in 2021.

Outcome 4: Improved work-life balance (WLB)

Reporting on results under the Outcome 1 is not relevant, as no projects have yet been implemented in 2021.

Outcome 5: Improved skills for good governance and cooperation in the provision of child victim services

The Programme Operator is not in the position to report on the results at this point as only the first report for one project has been received thus far.

Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between the Slovene and Donor States institutions involved in the programme

The Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship is being developed and implemented in partnership with two Donor Programme Partners:

- Norwegian Directorate of Higher Education and Skills (HK-dir), and
- The National Agency for International Education Affairs (AIBA).

DPPS's roles and responsibilities are outlined in the Cooperation Committee Rules of Procedure. DPPs were invited to participate in project selection, and have, as members of the Selection Committee, a voting right in the selection of projects.

The Education Programme places special emphasis on promoting active cooperation among institutions from participating countries. As a result, it is expected that projects are implemented in partnership with institutions from Donor States. Partnerships of this type will also receive additional points during the selection process.

In 2021, both DPPs have actively supported Slovene beneficiaries in their search for potential partners for their projects. Furthermore, HK-dir actively participated in a workshop for beneficiaries, which was held after the publication of the Call for Proposals.

Moreover, bilateral cooperation within the Programme has been further strengthened through several meetings with both DPPs in the frame of which experiences and opinions have been exchanged.

The second meeting of the Cooperation Committee took place in February 2021, where all open issues were discussed, relating particularly to the procedures regarding the Call for Proposals and corresponding to the necessary changes of the PA.

Pre-defined project(s)

Two pre-defined projects are implemented within the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship, and Youth Entrepreneurship.

1. BARNAHUS/CHILDREN'S HOUSE

The project "Barnahus/Children's House" was pre-defined in the Programme Agreement, which was signed on 18 December 2019 and falls under PA 16: Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, and Transparency.

Using the "Barnahus/Children's House" model, the project will ensure child-friendly justice following the European directives, and improve inter-agency cooperation in processes and procedures relating to the treatment of children who are victims of crime. An appraisal of the pre-defined project was performed by the PO (in accordance with Article 6.5.3 of the Regulation) in January 2021. In February 2021, the implementation phase of the project started.

As specified in the PA, PO shall ensure that the pre-defined project "Barnahus/Children's House" complements and works in synergy with the "Barnahus/Children's House" project between the Ministry of Justice in Slovenia and the Council of Europe, supported by the EU Structural Reform Support Programme, and that the activities do not overlap.

The PO and the Project Promoter have, therefore, established several mechanisms to manage risks to fulfil this condition. Minister of Justice established an inter-ministerial working group to oversee the implementation of the "Children's House" in Slovenia, which includes members of all key stakeholders. PO participated in two meetings of this working group in 2021. Moreover, on 20 May 2021, a special meeting was held between the Ministry of Justice, the FMO, the PO, the European Commission (DG Reform), and the Council of Europe to avoid duplication of activities and double funding. The project promoter is also obligated to provide a report on the synergies and activities of both projects regularly, namely, within each interim project progress report.

2. BLENDED LEARNING IN VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING

Due to the resignation of the Small Grant Scheme Operator CMEPIUS in 2020 the NFP and the PO decided to reallocate the funds from the Small Grant Scheme to the new pre-defined project "Blended learning in vocational education and training" (BlendVET). The project proposal was presented to the FMO and DPPs at the end of 2020 and further progress on the project continued in 2021.

The project proposal was further discussed with the FMO and the DPPs in the first half of 2021. All open issues regarding the content, budget, and involvement of the donor project partners were resolved and the final version of the pre-defined project was sent to the FMO and the DPPs in July. Thus, the proposed modification of the Programme Agreement was also prepared in July. Donor States approved the PA modification in September and the PO informed the Project Promoter about the PA modification. In October, the Project Promoter submitted the project application in the electronic monitoring system eMS. The PO evaluated the application and informed the NFP, the Ministry of Education, Science, and Sport and the Project Promoter about the positive appraisal of the BlendVET project. The NFP informed the Donor States about the PO's positive appraisal.

Implementation of the pre-defined project BlendVET started on 1 November 2021.

3. Implementation

Financial status

As of September 2021, the interim financial report for the period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 was submitted to the FMO, with the management costs having been incurred and reported in the total amount of EUR 37,686.36.

In total, EUR 283,611.88 were incurred and reported under the Programme until the end of 2021.

Conformity with specific requirements

In 2021, the Programme Agreement for the Education Programme was modified twice. The first modification was approved in March and directly affects the Call for Proposals (project grant rate change, quality assessment of project applications). The second modification, which was approved in September, was necessary as a result of developments in 2020 and 2021 (i.e. a new pre-defined project instead of the Small Grant Scheme).

Progress by the Joint Committee on Bilateral Funds

The Bilateral Fund Agreement in total amount of EUR 754,000 was signed on 13 September 2018. The purpose of the Bilateral Fund is to financially support activities that have a clear bilateral profile and contribute to strengthening bilateral relations between Donor States and Slovenia.

Within the Bilateral Fund EUR 100,000 has been earmarked for bilateral activities of the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship and EUR 100,000 for bilateral activities of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation. The rest, EUR 554,000, has been made available for activities of bilateral interest of participating countries that were approved by the JCBF.

Due to the size of the Bilateral Fund and not so good experience with the open calls for proposals in this area in the previous financing period, it was decided at the beginning that the most effective and strategic use of funds would result from identifying a few pre-defined activities.

The first version of the Bilateral Fund Work Plan, which was adopted at the first formal meeting of the JCBF on 10 April 2019, included the following bilateral initiatives:

- Bilateral initiative No. 1: Organisation of bi-annual consultations and expert events on the topic of women, peace and security (20 years of the UN SC Resolution 1325),
- Bilateral initiative No. 2: Organisation of a conference on adaptation to extreme weather and climate events,

- Bilateral initiative No. 3: Consultations and expert events on modalities of funding for development,
- Bilateral initiative No 4: Research on equal opportunities in national diplomacies.

All four approved bilateral initiatives included in the first version of the Bilateral Fund Work Plan were supposed to be carried out by 2022. However, due to measures taken to fight the COVID-19 epidemic some bilateral activities had to be postponed. Bilateral initiative No. 2 has been cancelled at the request of the project promoter due to the lack of human resources to carry out the proposed bilateral initiative. Therefore, a new bilateral initiative No. 5 “Study visit for the Norwegian delegation on the agenda of Artificial Intelligence in the Slovenian Digital Centre – Technology for the people” was approved by the JCBF members at the 3rd meeting held on 22 October and the Work Plan amended. The newly approved bilateral initiative was successfully implemented in 2021.

At the second and third JCBF meetings held respectively on 10 March and on 22 October 2021, the JCBF members discussed how to stimulate bilateral cooperation and find feasible solutions for efficient and effective use of available funds during the time remaining for implementation, given the very low disbursement rate within the Bilateral Fund. The JCBF agreed that the possibility of launching an open call for proposals should be reconsidered.

The current status of implementation of the approved bilateral initiatives:

Bilateral initiative No. 1: Organisation of bi-annual consultations and expert events on the topic of women, peace and security (20 years of the UN SC Resolution 1325)

Due to measures taken to fight the COVID-19 epidemic the planned bi-annual consultations had to be postponed to 2022 and 2023. Changes proposed by the project promoter were included in the second version of the Bilateral Fund Work Plan and approved by the JCBF by written procedure in September 2020. The Implementation Agreement between NFP and the project promoter was amended accordingly.

Bilateral initiative No. 2: Organisation of a conference on adaptation to extreme weather and climate events

In 2019, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs started in cooperation with the Slovenian Environment Agency to define the detailed content and other aspects of the conference. However, due to Covid-19 pandemic in 2020 they were no longer able to continue with preparatory work. In ministry's opinion, the videoconference is also not an adequate solution since it would not have the desired impact on the planned target groups, professional and general public. At the beginning of 2021 the Ministry informed the NFP that at the moment they do not have enough human resources to carry out the proposed bilateral initiative. Therefore, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia proposed the Initiative 2 - “Conference on Adaptation to Extreme Weather and Climate Events” in total amount 25,000 EUR to be deleted from the Bilateral Fund Work Plan. At the 2nd JCBF meeting held on 10 March 2021 the Bilateral Fund budget breakdown was amended accordingly and Version 3 of the Work Plan was adopted with the recommendation to find solutions on how to implement new bilateral activities.

Bilateral initiative No. 3: Consultations and expert events on modalities of funding for development

The start of the bilateral initiative “Consultations and expert event on modalities of financing for development”, was slightly postponed since the initiative needed to be checked with the proposed Norwegian partners. The first study visit by the project promoter (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia) to Norway took place in December 2019. The concept of the expert event on modalities of funding for development was discussed and further developed with Norwegian partners (Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norfund, Norad, NABA – Norwegian-African Business Association, NHO – Norwegian Business Association).

Due to measures taken to fight the COVID-19 epidemic the project promoter requested to postpone the planned expert event to 2022. Changes proposed by the project promoter were included in the second version of the Bilateral Fund Work Plan and approved by the JCBF by written procedure in September 2020. The Implementation Agreement between the NFP and the project promoter was amended accordingly.

Bilateral initiative No 4: Research on equal opportunities in national diplomacies

The implementation of the initiative “Research on equal opportunities in national diplomacies” started earlier than foreseen. Already in July 2019, the deputy coordinator of equal opportunities of men and women at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Slovenia had the first discussions with Icelandic partners in order to harmonise the modalities of the research (e.g. main goals, methodology, indicators, time frame, financial resources, etc.). The purpose of the visit in Reykjavik was also to identify common challenges of both countries in the area of equal opportunities in diplomacies and to compare and share good practices in this area.

The implementation of this bilateral initiative was mostly carried out according to the plan. However, in 2020, this bilateral initiative was also affected by COVID-19 epidemic. Since the deadline for the implementation of the planned activities identified in the Implementation Agreement was 1 October 2020, the project promoter requested to extend the deadline for implementation for 3 months. The Implementation Agreement between the NFP and the project promoter was modified as requested.

All planned activities within this bilateral initiative were finished by the end of 2020, the research on equal opportunities in national diplomacies was published and is available in English on the [website](#).

The only disbursement within the Bilateral Fund in 2021 relates to this particular initiative. This amount was reported in the Interim Financial Report No 5 submitted in August 2021.

Bilateral initiative No 5: “Study visit for the Norwegian delegation on the agenda of Artificial Intelligence in the Slovenian Digital Centre – Technology for the people”

This bilateral initiative was approved by the JCBF members at the 3rd meeting held on 22 October 2021 due to the cancellation of the bilateral initiative No. 2 Organisation of a conference on adaptation to extreme weather and climate events. The activity will be concluded till the end of 2022.

The Slovenian Digital Centre acts as a technological green digital one-stop-shop and enables expositions of companies and institutions, Business to Business (B2B) meetings, offers educational and informative content for the general public, programmes for the new technology usage, conferences, events, workshops, pitching events, and similar events for various target groups. The Slovenian Digital Centre is divided into two parts – the exhibition, where several companies have the chance to display their achievements weekly and the event part, where different institutions can participate in creating the programme on relevant topics.

Different activities (panel discussion, round tables, networking groups, etc.) as well as a study visit for experts from donor country Norway to the Slovenian Digital Centre – Technology for the People was organised in 2021. The aim of the partnership collaboration programme was to show the best Slovenian practices in the area of Artificial Intelligence and organise different events for networking and sharing knowledge among the partner of Norway and Slovenian institutions, institutes and enterprises, etc.

Financial reporting in 2021

The fourth interim financial report for the reporting period from 1 July 2020 to 31 December 2020 was submitted in January 2021. The reported expenditure in total amount of EUR 16.160,80 relates to the implementation of the initiative “Consultations and expert event on modalities of financing for development” (EUR 4.801,52), the implementation of “study visit initiative” (EUR 9.209,28) and the “conference initiative” in the framework of education programme (EUR 2.150,00)

The fifth interim financial report for the reporting period from 1 January 2021 to 30 June 2021 was submitted in August 2021. The reported expenditure in total amount of EUR 27.353,55 relates to the implementation of the initiative “Research on equal opportunities in national diplomacies”.

The sixth interim financial report for the reporting period from 1 July 2021 to 31 December 2021 will be submitted in March 2022.

Management and control system

Since the NFP and POs have undergone significant changes as of October 2021, revised Descriptions of the Management and Control System (DMCS) for the National Focal Point, Education Programme and Climate Change and Adaptation Programme have been submitted by the NFP to the Audit Authority in December 2021.

Upon FMO's request, an external audit was performed in 2021. The audit of the Management and Control Systems in Slovenia for the EEA and Norway Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021, which also included the audit of the MCS for the National Focal Point and the PO for the Education Programme, was conducted by the audit firm KPMG Oj Ab.

Based on the carried out work, the auditor concluded that the MCS set up and operation by the NFP and PO is designed in line with regulatory requirements, the requirements are proportional to the effectiveness of achieving the objectives of the Programmes, and that they are operating effectively by procedures examined in the period from the start date of implementation to the start date of the audit.

In 2021 the Audit Authority performed audits of declared expenditure for managing the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship and the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and for Technical Assistance and Bilateral Fund activities.

Considering the state of play of the implementation of the Programmes in 2021 and external audit by the KPMG Oj Ab, the Audit Authority did not perform system audits. However, in December 2021, the Audit Authority announced to the NFP and PO that the Audit Authority is going to follow-up and perform a system audit in early 2022.

C. LEARNING

1. Monitorings carried out

The PO for the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship adapted the information monitoring system eMS for the management and control needs at project and programme level.

In line with the DMCS at national level the NFP regularly monitors the progress on activities of both Programmes through joint meetings. Since the NFP and other entities involved in the implementation of the Programmes are using the Electronic Monitoring System (hereinafter eMS) that enables recording, collecting and storing of data and documents in computerised form, the NFP is also able to perform monitoring by using the data aggregated by the POs.

The PO for the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship and the PO for the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation have adapted the information monitoring system eMS for the management and control needs on project and programme level.

In 2021 the PO for the Education Programme performed regular monitoring activities for the two pre-defined projects.

2. Evaluations carried out

The consulting company Ecorys conducted the mid-term evaluation of the EEA and Norway Grants in Education on behalf of the FMO in 2021. As part of the evaluation process, interviews with representatives of NFP and PO were conducted in November 2021. The evaluation was undertaken to explore ways to improve the effects of the education programmes funded through the Grants on educational institutions, staff, and students.

Due to the early status of programme implementation no evaluation has been commissioned yet.

3. Lessons learned from monitoring, evaluation and implementation

After reviewing the implementation of programmes in 2021, we are more aware that open and regular communication between all institutions involved in the implementation of EEA and Norway grants is essential for the successful implementation of the programmes in Slovenia.

Both NFP and PO also faced many challenges in 2021 because of the severe Covid-19 pandemic situation in Slovenia and its implications. A flexible approach to adapting to Covid-related circumstances and work processes was needed. In spite of the extraordinary working conditions, the activities for the implementation of the EEA and Norway grants continued as efficiently as possible. However, some limitations and delays occurred due to teleworking and more frequent absence from work of the staff.

D. WORK PLAN

Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

1st quarter of 2022:

- Finalising the selection of the applications to the Call for Proposals – quality assessment,
- Submission of the pre-defined project INFO-GEOTHERMAL for approval to the FMO,
- Organising a meeting of the Selection Committee to approve the list of projects recommended to be funded under the Call for Proposals,
- Informing project promoters on the results of selection procedure,
- Publishing the list of selected projects,
- Organisation of a Cooperation Committee meeting,
- Discussing the use of Bilateral funds for Programme with DPP;
- Submitting the fifth Interim Financial Report for the Programme.

2nd quarter of 2022:

- Signing of the contract for the pre-defined project INFO-GEOTHERMAL,
- Carrying out face-to-face or online meetings with the promoters of the selected projects,
- Signing of contracts with project promoters of approved projects,
- Promotional activities related to the signing of contracts and to the start of project implementation,
- Organisation of a workshop for Project Promoters,
- Supporting Project Promoters during project implementation.

3rd quarter of 2022:

- Submitting the fifth Interim Financial Report for the Programme,
- Promotional activities related to the selected projects (publishing on the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media; Facebook, IG),
- Supporting Project Promoters during project implementation.

4th quarter of 2022:

- Regular monitoring of the pre-defined project INFO-GEOTHERMAL,
- Monitoring of projects selected under the Call for Proposals,
- Promotional activities (publishing on the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media; Facebook, IG),
- Supporting Project Promoters during project implementation.

Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship

1st quarter of 2022:

- Carrying out the quality assessment and drawing up the ranking list of projects,
- Organisation of a Cooperation Committee meeting,
- Submitting the fifth Interim Financial Report for the Programme,
- The PA modification regarding the pre-defined project “Barnahus/Children’s House”,
- Presentation and submission of a third pre-defined project to be financed by the reserve funds for approval to donors,
- Regular monitoring of two pre-defined projects.

2nd quarter of 2022:

- Organisation of a meeting of the Selection Committee to approve the list of projects recommended to be funded under the Call for Proposals,
- Informing project promoters on the results of selection procedure,
- Publishing the list of selected projects,
- Carrying out face-to-face or online meetings with the promoters of the selected projects,
- Signing of contracts with project promoters of approved projects,
- Promotional activities related to the signing of contracts and to the start of projects implementation,
- Organisation of a workshop for Project Promoters,
- Appraisal of the third pre-defined project, approval and signing of the contract with the project promoter,
- On-site visit of the pre-defined project “Barnahus/Children’s House” with representatives of the donors,
- Regular monitoring of two pre-defined projects.

3rd quarter of 2022:

- Regular monitoring of two pre-defined projects,
- Promotional activities related to the selected projects (publishing on the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media; Facebook, IG),
- Submitting the sixth Interim Financial Report for the Programme.

4th quarter of 2022:

- Regular monitoring of two pre-defined projects,
- Monitoring of the project selected under the Call for Proposals,
- Promotional activities (publishing on the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media; Facebook, IG).

National Focal Point

1st quarter of 2022:

- Participation at the Cooperation Committee meetings (as observers)
- Submitting the sixth Interim Financial Report for Technical Assistance and Bilateral Fund
- Promotion activities (publishing on the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media)

- Monitoring the preparation and submission of two new pre-defined projects
- Monitoring of the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship and of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation implementation (regular meetings with the POs, also using eMS for monitoring ...)
- Participation at the meeting(s) organized by FMO

2nd quarter of 2022:

- Organisation of the Annual meeting with the donors
- Promotional activities related to the start of projects implementation (if possible organisation of events – ceremonial signing of contracts, if possible, publishing at the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media Facebook, IG,)
- Changes of the MoUs (allocation of the reserve, new pre-defined projects, organisational changes)
- Monitoring of the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship and of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation implementation (regular meetings with the POs, also using eMS for monitoring ...)
- Organisation of a meeting of the Joint Committee of Bilateral Fund
- Participation at the meeting(s) organized by FMO

3rd quarter of 2022:

- Monitoring of the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship and of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation implementation (regular meetings with the POs, also using eMS for monitoring ...)
- Submitting the seventh Interim Financial Report for Technical Assistance and Bilateral Fund
- Promotional activities (publishing on the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media; Facebook, IG)
- Organisation of a meeting of the Joint Committee of Bilateral Fund if necessary
- Launch of a Call for Proposals for bilateral initiatives
- Participation at the meeting(s) organized by FMO

4th quarter of 2022:

- Monitoring of the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship and of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation implementation (regular meetings with the POs, using eMS for monitoring ...)
- Promotional activities related to the start of projects implementation (if possible organisation of events – ceremonial signing of contracts, if possible, publishing at the webpage www.eeagrants/norwaygrants.si, posting on social media Facebook, IG,)

- Participation at the meeting(s) organized by FMO.

E. ANNEXES

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Annex 1: Updated achievements in the results framework

SI-CLIMATE Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

Objective: Climate change mitigated and vulnerability to climate change reduced								
Outcome 1: Increased renewable energy production								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comments
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Estimated annual CO2 emissions reductions (in tonnes)	Annual number	0	-	-	-	-	2,300, Estimation based on the targets achieved by comparable project, Source: the Ministry of Infrastructure.	-
Estimated production of renewable energy (in MWh/ year)	Annual number	0, Total contribution (final energy consumption) of all RES technologies amounted 647.7 ktoe in 2016 (of which 43,9 ktoe geothermal energy without low temperature pumps). Baseline calculated from ktoe to MWh. Source: Report on the progress of the Republic of Slovenia further to the Directive 2009/28/EC , the Ministry of Infrastructure, 2017, Table 1c. http://www.energetika-portal.si/fileadmin/dokumenti/publikacije/an_ove/porocilo_si_ove_2017.pdf	-	Reported 2024			9,892	-
Output 1.1: Improved capacity to develop less established renewable energy sources								

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Mapping of technical potential of shallow geothermal energy carried out	Binary	No	No (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	Yes	-
Report on necessary legislative amendments of subsidy schemes for the accelerated use of geothermal energy prepared	Binary	No	No (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	Yes	-
Number of experts trained in geothermal technologies	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	20	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of people reached by awareness raising campaigns	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	500	-
Number of awareness campaigns carried out	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	1	-
Output 1.2: Energy production from less established renewable sources installed								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		

Installed capacity of less established RES (in MW)	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	2.40, Calculated from the CO2 target: 2,300 t CO2=0.85056 6 ktoe. Such target contributes 21 % to the NERAP 2020 targets for increase of installed geothermal energy increase from 17 ktoe in 2017 to 21 ktoe by 2020, Table 22, of revised 2017 NERAP 2010-2020.	-
Outcome 2: Enhanced sustainable mobility management								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of sustainable mobility policy measures/tools at regional level introduced	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	2, 1. Regional Sustainable Mobility Centre, 2.	-

							Regional Sustainable Mobility Plan.	
Average annual increase of trips made by sustainable means of transport in the areas supported by the programme	Percentage	0.00 %	-	-	-	-	4.00 %	-
Output 2.1: Measures to improve regional sustainable mobility implemented								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of regional mobility centres piloted	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	3	-
Regional mobility management model developed	Binary	No	No (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	Yes	-
Regional Sustainable Mobility Plan developed	Binary	No	No (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	Yes	-
Number of people reached by awareness raising campaigns	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	150,000, Estimated 50% of households in participating regions	-
Number of awareness campaigns carried out	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	3	-
Number of professionals trained in sustainable	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	60	-

regional and inter-municipal mobility planning and management								
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Output 2.2: Plans for sustainable mobility management at high-volume traffic locations developed								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of sustainable mobility plans for high volume traffic generating locations developed	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	5	-
Number of pilot actions from sustainable mobility plans for high volume traffic generating locations implemented	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	5	-
Outcome 3: Increased application of Circular Economy principles								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Share of targeted population who self-report increased understanding of Circular Economy	Percentage	0.00 %	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	5.00 %	-

Number of innovative green technologies/processes/solutions applied	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	2	-
Output 3.1: Measures for Circular Economy implemented								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of circular economy demonstration / pilot projects implemented	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	7	-
Number of intervention areas related to Low-carbon circular economy objectives of Slovenia Development Strategy 2030 addressed	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	2, Slovenia Development Strategy 2030, Objective 8 Low-carbon circular economy (pg. 39) sets five intervention areas of which two/three are addressed by this programme: a) breaking the link between economic	-

							<p>growth and growth in consumption of resources and GHG emissions though education and including various stakeholders in the transition to a circular economy (Action Plan),</p> <p>b) promoting innovation, the use of design and information and communications technologies to develop new business models and products which use raw materials and energy more efficiently and through</p>	
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							adaptation to climate change.	
Outcome 4: Improved management of ecosystems under climate change pressure								
Indicator	Unit of measurem ent	Baseline	Achieveme nts until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comme nt
				Numera tor	Denomina tor	Val ue		
Total surface of rehabilitated land (in hectares)	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	100	-
Number of governance models integrating ecosystem services into the decision-making processes for targeted ecosystems in actual use	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	3	-
Output 4.1: Improved capacity for ecosystems management								
Indicator	Unit of measurem ent	Baseline	Achieveme nts until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comme nt
				Numera tor	Denomina tor	Val ue		
Number of restored ecosystems with ecosystem services mapped	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	3	-
Number of proposed governance models	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	3	-
Number of professional staff trained	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	45	-
<i>Gender</i>								

Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of people reached by awareness raising and education campaigns	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	600	-
Number of awareness and education campaigns carried out	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	3	-
Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between Slovene and Donor State institutions involved in the programme								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Level of trust between cooperating entities in the Beneficiary state and Donor States	Scale 1-7	TBD, Survey to be carried out by the FMO	-	-	-	-	4.50, Target is ≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	-
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
EEA Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
Beneficiary State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donor State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level of satisfaction with the partnership	Scale 1-7	TBD, Survey to be carried out by the FMO	-	-	-	-	4.50, Target is ≥4.5, and an increase on the	-

							baseline value	
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of cooperating organisations that apply the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership	Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	50.00 %	-
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bilateral Output 1: Bilateral cooperation activities								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner	Cumulative number	0	0 (IFR 2020)	-	-	-	TBD, Target is minimum 25% of selected projects	-
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								

EEA Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Donor State								
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

SI-EDUCATION Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship

Objective: Enhanced human capital and knowledge base								
Outcome 1: Improved institutional cooperation at all levels of education (formal and informal)								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of intellectual outputs generated by institutional cooperation	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	30	-
Share of cooperating education and training institutions applying new teaching and learning practices	Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	85.00 %	-
Level of satisfaction with the institutional cooperation	Scale 1-5	TBD, Baseline value to be submitted by the PO	-	-	-	-	3.50, Target is minimum 3.5	-
Number of institutions which are using the new teaching models, methods and strategies	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	10	-
Output 1.1: New teaching and learning practices for work and life developed								

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of staff participating in developing and testing teaching models	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	200	-
Number of staff trained (providing training for educators on the use of teaching models and methods),	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	15	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Output 1.2: Knowledge and good practices shared on advancing skills and competencies in education								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of peer learning activities carried out	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	16	-
Number of participants in peer learning (educators, staff, other education stakeholders)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	300	-
Number of professional staff trained	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	60	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outcome 2: Improved skills and competencies of staff and students involved in blended learning								

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Level of satisfaction with the institutional cooperation	Scale 1-5	TBD, Baseline value to be submitted by the PO	-	-	-	-	3.50, Target is minimum 3.5	-
Number of institutions which are using intellectual outputs created	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	15	-
Share of educational staff who declare improved skills and competencies through involvement in blended learning	Percentage	N/A	-	-	-	-	90.00 %	-
Number of institutions that have implemented a satisfactory strategic framework for offering blended learning	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	7	-
Output 2.1: Teaching and learning practices in blended learning improved								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of students that participated in blended learning	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	260	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of joint intellectual outputs created	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	4	-
Number of staff trained in blended learning methods	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	62	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of students who declare improved skills and competences through involvement in blended learning	Percentage	N/A	-	-	-	-	90.00 %	-
Output 2.2: Knowledge and best practices shared with donor states institutions								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of joint events (peer learning visits)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	3	-
Number of staff from beneficiary state in exchanges	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	24	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Type of exchange</i>								

Online	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of staff from donor states in exchanges	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	14	-
<i>Donor State</i>								
Norway	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Iceland	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Liechtenstein	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Gender</i>								
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Type of exchange</i>								
Online	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Physical	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Outcome 3: Education and social environment to support disadvantaged groups improved								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Share of involved service providers who declare improved skills	Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	95.00 %	-
Number of beneficiaries of services provided or improved	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	350	-
<i>Gender</i>								
Female	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Male	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not specified	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<i>Age</i>								
<i>Children and youth (0-17)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Young adults (18-29)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Adults (30-64)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Elderly (65+)</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Output 3.1: Support services for the NEET (not in employment, education or training) established								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of new or upgraded services developed and tested in local environment	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	2	-
Number of staff trained to work with NEET	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	20	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of inclusive activities (events, workshops, trainings)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	20	-
Output 3.2: Support to youth provided								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of new or upgraded services	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	3	-
Number of staff trained	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	15	-
<i>Gender</i>								

<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of networking, trainings or advisory activities for the young	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	15	-
Output 3.3: Support environment for precarious workers provided								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of support services developed (advisory, information, training, etc.)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	3	-
Number of intellectual outputs produced (analyses, information materials, learning materials, etc.)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	5	-
Number of support activities (information events, workshops, etc.)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	10	-
Number of participants reached by awareness raising events (round tables, public debates, conferences, etc.)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	200	-
Outcome 4: Improved work-life balance (WLB)								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of beneficiaries of services provided or improved	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	150	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of institutions applying gender equality instruments (or WLB instruments)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	3	-
Share of participants with improved understanding of WLB and gender policies	Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	90.00 %	-
Output 4.1: Local systems established supporting WLB								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of measures improved or introduced at local level (new or upgraded services, products, tools)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	3	-
Number of professional staff trained (coordinators, mentors, informal carers, animators, etc.)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	20	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Output 4.2: Organisational culture of work-life balance and gender equality generated								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of participants reached by awareness raising and capacity building activities in organisations (disaggregated by gender)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	100	-
Number of measures adopted in organisations (tools, guidelines etc.)	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	4	-
Outcome 5: Improved skills for good governance and cooperation in the provision of child victim services								

Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of beneficiaries of services provided or improved	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	80	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of professional staff who declared improved skills and competences	Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	90.00 %	-
Number of institutions using the "Barnahus/Children's House" model	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	1	-
Output 5.1: New or improved cooperation models piloted for child victim services								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of improved/new services supported	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	1	-
Number of pilot projects implemented for child victim services	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	1	-
Number of professional staff trained	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	120	-
<i>Gender</i>								
<i>Female</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Male</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Number of training courses organised	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	14	-

Evaluation report on the pilot implementation	Binary	No	-	-	-	-	Yes	-
Plan for evaluation and expansion	Binary	No	-	-	-	-	Yes	-
Output 5.2: Awareness raising activities carried out								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Number of awareness raising campaigns	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	3	-
Number of people reached by awareness raising campaigns	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	100,000	-
Number of schools included in awareness raising workshops	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	-	20	-
Bilateral Outcome: Enhanced collaboration between the Slovene and Donor States institutions involved in the programme								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		
Level of trust between cooperating entities in Beneficiary States and Donor States	Scale 1-7	TBD, Survey to be carried out by the FMO	-	-	-	-	4.50, Target is ≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	-
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
EEA Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Norway Grants	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
Beneficiary State	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Level of satisfaction with the partnership	Scale 1-7	TBD, Survey to be carried out by the FMO	-	-	-	-	4.50, Target is ≥4.5, and an increase on the baseline value	-
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Share of cooperating organisations that apply the knowledge acquired from bilateral partnership	Percentage	-	-	-	-	-	50.00 %	-
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>State type</i>								
<i>Beneficiary State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bilateral Output 1: Bilateral cooperation activities supported								
Indicator	Unit of measurement	Baseline	Achievements until end of previous reporting period	Achievements until end of December 2021			Target	Comment
				Numerator	Denominator	Value		

Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner	Cumulative number	0	-	-	-	1	7	-
<i>Financial Mechanism</i>								
<i>EEA Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Norway Grants</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Donor State</i>								
<i>Norway</i>	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
<i>Iceland</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Liechtenstein</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-
<i>Not specified</i>	-	-	-	-	-	0	-	-

Annex 2: Communication summary

a. Visibility of the Grants and the donors

National level

The Covid-19 related situation and other issues led to amending the Communication Strategy. The NFP notified the FMO about the said amendments in July 2021. The amendments did not affect the core of the Strategy but were, however, necessary in light of the current Covid-19 related situation. The amendments related to (1) the new circumstances in communication and information activities as a consequence of the Covid-19 epidemic, (2) certain changes that occurred after the document was approved (such as the withdrawal of Fund Operator for the Small Grant Scheme under the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship in 2020) and (3) corrigendum of the social media indicator “number of post engagements” baseline (now based on organic numbers and not paid ones, making the baseline more realistic).

The launching event has been modified in order to adapt to the new situation (on-line/virtual activities). The joint launching event at programme level was organised together with the applicant workshop for the Calls for Proposals for the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship. The launching event took place online (via Zoom) on 16 June 2021. A news piece about the event was published on the dedicated website (<https://bit.ly/3sFEoMQ>) and social media (<https://bit.ly/3oOz6xs>).

Regarding the indicators of the specific communication objective set out in the Communication Strategy, we outline that the achievement of the third indicator (“Events performed”) was realised in 2021 (launching event). Thus, the review of indicators on the achievement of communication objectives in cumulative values is as follows:

Communication objective	Indicator	Unit of Measurement	Initial Value	Cumulative value at the end of				Target value at the end of period	Source	Frequency of reporting	Methodology
				2018	2019	2020	2021				
Specific objective	Inform (potential) beneficiaries / communicate the possibilities to use the EEA and Norway Grants	Number	0	1	1	1	1	3	NFP	Annually	Cumulative number of created information leaflets
	Other information materials (e.g. brochures, etc.)	Number	0	0	0	0	0	1	NFP	Annually	Cumulative number of created other information materials
	Events performed	Number	0	1	1	1	2	3	NFP	Annually	Cumulative number of events performed

In 2021, several news articles related to the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia were published by the Slovenian Press Agency, MMC RTV Slovenia and national newspapers such as Dnevnik and Večer. To the most part, the news articles reported on the Call for Proposals for both Programmes and additional conditions for the NGOs which were later withdrawn. A few articles included information on the ACF projects and the pre-defined project “Barnahus/Children’s House”, implemented under the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship.

News also covered the conversation between the Slovene Minister for Foreign Affairs, Mr Anže Logar, and his Liechtenstein counterpart Ms Dominique Hasler about bilateral cooperation, strengthening economic cooperation, especially in the field of renewable energy resources, information technology and multilateral issues. The news about the talks was published by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and shared on our Facebook page (<https://bit.ly/3HCDK95>).

In May 2021, NFP organised an online Annual Meeting to discuss implementation progress and achievements of the Grants in Slovenia. As to the communication, NFP underlined the increased and good cooperation with the FMO’s Communication Unit which continues also in 2022 (e.g. monthly catch-ups and bi-monthly meetings – well accepted and useful). A news piece about the meeting was published on the dedicated website (<https://bit.ly/3oO5JuZ>) and social media (<https://bit.ly/34UdZm0>).

NFP also participated in a 2-day online Annual Communication Workshop that took place on 22 and 23 September 2021 and was organised by the FMO. Good practices with regard to communication activities in Lithuania, Greece, Latvia and Estonia were presented to the participants as well as the autumn communication campaign organised by the FMO. The participants also exchanged ideas on how NFPs and Embassies can contribute to further enhancing campaign success. The news about the Annual Communication Workshop was published on the dedicated website (<https://bit.ly/34XIaJj>) and social media (<https://bit.ly/3B8JBk0>).

Festive December was a good opportunity to present interesting facts about Donor States and bring them closer to the general public. NFP created the advent calendar on its Facebook page (<https://bit.ly/3BgBsdq>). Every day from 1 to 24 December an interesting fact about one Donor State was published with two prize games published on the Facebook page (<https://bit.ly/3LxGYNp>) and two practical prize packages (the Grants promo material) in each prize game awarded. The main goal of these activities was to promote the EEA and Norway Grants and to emphasize the role of the Donor States in a more informal and entertaining way.

Programme level

The most important activity at programme level in 2021 was the publication of the Calls for Proposals of the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship. The Calls for Proposals were published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia and on the dedicated website (<https://www.norwaygrants.si/en/calls/>). A news piece about the Calls for Proposals was published on the website (<https://bit.ly/3rMaJ5h> and <https://bit.ly/3GN4h2h>) and social media (<https://bit.ly/3JjeLbn> and <https://bit.ly/3LiK6wD>).

Due to the Covid-19 epidemic and the postponing of the launching event at programme level, which was planned for 2020, the said launching event at programme level coincided with the applicant workshop. The event took place online (via Zoom) on 16 June 2021. A news piece about the event was published on the website (<https://bit.ly/3Hllrzi>) and social media (<https://bit.ly/34JFkY0>).

During the Calls for Proposals for both Programmes several news pieces were published on website and social media (i. e. modification of the application pack, reminders on submission of the applications, FAQ update, etc.).

The implementation of the new pre-defined project “Blended Learning in Vocational Education and Training” (BlendVET) under the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship started in November 2021. A news piece about the pre-defined project was published on the website (<https://bit.ly/3HOD4O1>) and social media (<https://bit.ly/3gAS06c>). Due to this change a new factsheet for the programme was published on the website (<https://bit.ly/3swPLXi>).

Regarding the indicators of the specific communication objective set in the Communication Plan, we outline that the achievement of the first indicator (“Number of factsheets” in relation to the Calls for Proposals) was first planned for 2020 and later postponed to 2021. Since the assessment of applications was still underway at the time of preparation of this report and the results of the Calls for Proposals will be published in 2022, new factsheets for both Programmes are planned for 2022. Thus, the review of indicators on the achievement of communication objectives in cumulative values is as follows:

Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:

Communication objective		Indicator	Unit of Measurement	Initial Value	Cumulative value at the end of			Target value at the end of period	Source	Frequency of reporting	Methodology
					2019	2020	2021				
Specific objective	Inform beneficiaries / communicate the possibilities to use the EEA and Norway Grants	Number of factsheets	Number	0	1	1	1	3	PO	Annually	Cumulative number of created information leaflets
	and inform target audiences of the results, benefits and impact of the EEA and Norway Grants, its programme and projects	Other information materials (e.g. brochures, etc.)	Number	0	0	0	0	1	PO	Annually	Cumulative number of created other information materials
		Events performed	Number	0	0	0	1	2	PO	Annually	Cumulative number of events performed

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Communication objective		Indicator	Unit of Measurement	Initial Value	Cumulative value at the end of			Target value at the end of period	Source	Frequency of reporting	Methodology
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	and inform target audiences of the results, benefits and impact of the EEA and Norway Grants, its programme and projects	Other information materials (e.g. brochures, etc.)	Number	0	0	0	0	1	PO	Annually	Cumulative number of created other information materials
		Events performed	Number	0	0	0	1	2	PO	Annually	Cumulative number of events performed

a. Website and social media

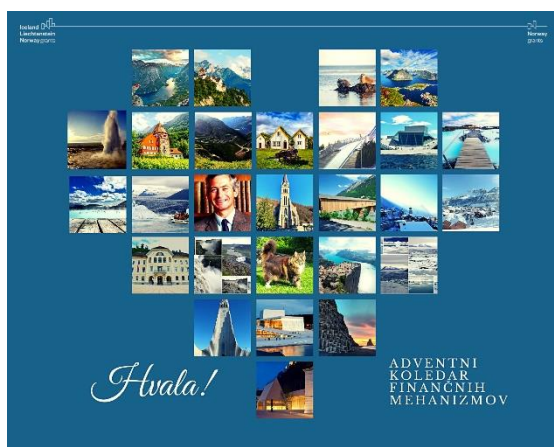
In 2021, a new website designer was chosen through a public procurement procedure and we began with visual renovation of the website of the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia. The redesigned website (<https://www.norwaygrants.si/en/>), published in January 2022, is even more transparent and user friendly.

In light of the Covid-19 epidemic developments of all information and communication activities in 2021 took place online.

Namely, the Slovene general public received up-to-date information on the relevant Calls for Proposals, the project implementation and other activities published on the website dedicated to EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia (i.e. of the Active Citizens Fund – Slovenia, Fund for Youth Employment, Fund for Regional Cooperation and Social Dialog – Decent Work Programme). Also, the information and notifications from the Financial Mechanism Office were shared with the public via a set of communication channels.

Three social media campaigns were carried out:

- **“Advent calendar”** (December): the aim was to publish in the period from 1 to 24 December daily posts presenting interesting facts about the Donor States with the aim to promote the EEA and Norway Grants and outline the role of the Donor States in a more entertaining way.



- “Project highlights” (August, September): the aim of the campaign was to highlight two projects selected under 2nd Call for Proposals and involving a Slovenian project partner implemented under the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment.



- **“Project highlights”** (July, August): the aim of the campaign was to twice a month publish posts highlighting four projects involving a Slovenian project promoter or project partner implemented under the EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation.



By the end of 2021, 38 news pieces were published on the website, 182 posts on Facebook and 74 posts on Instagram. The statistical data show 1337 Facebook page likes, 1357 followers on Facebook and 245 followers on Instagram. Web and social media statistics for the 2021 was as follows:

	Indicator	Baseline ¹	End of 2019	End of 2020	End of 2021	Aim at the end of period	Frequency of monitoring	Source/ methodology
Website	Total traffic	2.400 (2018)	3113	2628	9030	+10%	annually	Google Analytics
	Referrals to the website from all social media channels	125 (2018)	99	65	213	+5%	annually	Google Analytics
Facebook	Number of page likes	1137 (2017)	1233	1283	1337	+5%	annually	Facebook Insights Facebook Analytics
	Number of post engagements (total number of clicks, likes, comments and shares)	4547 (2017)	1075	970	1337	+5%	annually	Facebook Insights Facebook Analytics
	Number of referrals to the web	125 (2018)	93	61	210	+10%	annually	Google Analytics
Instagram	Number of followers	96 (2018)	162	190	245	+10%	annually	Instagram Insights

¹ Most of the statistics has been tracked since 2018.

In 2021, the number of Facebook page likes and Instagram followers increased. As mentioned below, the reason is the publication of the Calls for Proposals for the Programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation and the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship.

The significantly higher traffic on the website in 2021 compared to 2020 was a result of the publication of the Calls for Proposals for both Programmes.

This is also the reason for the higher number of Facebook and Instagram posts in 2021 compared to the preceding year, respectively, the number of post engagement increased. This is because the higher reach and engagement received those Facebook posts related to Calls for Proposals announcements. The Annual Meeting, information about projects under the Active Citizens Fund and several posts of the two "Project highlights" campaigns are examples of well accepted content.

Regarding the interest of social media followers in funding opportunities expressed in 2020 the web and social media indicator values rose in 2021, as expected, following to the publication of Calls for Proposals for both Programmes on the website, social media and other

channels (shared). A series of social media posts was published during the open Calls for Proposals to present the content of the Calls for Proposals for both Programmes and to encourage applicants to apply. Since the campaign “Project Highlights” in 2020 was well accepted and promotion of horizontal projects was welcomed by the Donor States at the Annual Meeting in 2021, similar campaigns were launched for projects implemented under the Fund for Regional Cooperation and Fund for Youth Employment in the second half of 2021. A similar type of campaign is planned for the second half of 2022 which will present projects implemented under the Active Citizens Fund in Slovenia.

b. Best practice examples

Since the Calls for Proposals for both Programmes were published in May 2021 and the applications were still being assessed at the time of preparation in of this report in 2022, no project has yet been contracted; therefore, there were no examples of interesting projects relevant for communication purposes in 2021.

Several news pieces were published to promote the implementation of the pre-defined projects “Children’s House/Barnahus” and “BlendVET” implemented under the Programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship.

c. Multimedia

For the purpose of the launching event in July 2021 a promo video (<https://www.facebook.com/watch/?v=2564031183893078>) was produced to highlight the relevance of EEA and Norway Grants implementation in Slovenia.

Annex 3: Overview of contracted projects

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Outcome	Projects	#	# of donor project partners	Amount contracted	% of outcome budget contracted
Outcome 1: Increased renewable energy production	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 1	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 2: Enhanced sustainable mobility management	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 2	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 3: Increased application of Circular Economy principles	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 3	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 4: Improved management of ecosystems under climate change pressure	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 4	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Programme	Total	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %

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Outcome	Projects	#	# of donor project partners	Amount contracted	% of outcome budget contracted
Outcome 1: Improved institutional cooperation at all levels of education (formal and informal)	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 1	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 2: Improved skills and competencies of staff and students involved in blended learning	Pre-defined	1	5	€ 1,607,844	100.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 2	1	5	€ 1,607,844	100.00 %
Outcome 3: Education and social environment to support disadvantaged groups improved	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 3	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 4: Improved work-life balance (WLB)	Pre-defined	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 4	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
Outcome 5: Improved skills for good governance and cooperation in the provision of child victim services	Pre-defined	1	0	€ 1,563,588	100.00 %
	Contracted through open calls	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Contracted through small grants scheme	0	0	€ 0	0.00 %
	Total Outcome 5	1	0	€ 1,563,588	100.00 %
Programme	Total	2	5	€ 3,171,432	21.92 %

Annex 4: Risk management

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Programmatic risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Validity
Late publication of the Call for Proposal due to Covid -19 epidemic	Both objectives	2	4	2.83	Mitigate	
	Description of planned response	<p>Promotion of the Call for Proposals (publishing on the webpage, posting a notification on social media, etc.).</p> <p>Organisation of structural workshops and other substantial help to potential PP in order to prepare high-quality projects the implementation of which could thus start immediately after the contract signature.</p> <p>The individual meetings among the POs staff and the selected PPs to identify all potential projects risks that could result in project delay and outline the mitigation measures.</p>				
	Description of actual response	<p>The Call for Proposals was published on 14 May 2021 in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia as well as on the Programme website. Information was also disseminated via social media (Fb, IG).</p> <p>A workshop for beneficiaries was organised on 16 June 2021 and individual assistance to potential applicants was provided upon request.</p> <p>Administrative and eligibility check and quality assessment was a top priority for PO staff, which was monitored closely by the Head of PO.</p>				
	Planned future response	Quality assessment and project selection remains a top priority for PO staff, which will be monitored closely by the Head of PO.				

		Preparation of an action plan setting out all the steps and responsible persons in order to make sure that all internal administrative steps are carried out as soon as possible.				
Short period for carrying out all necessary administrative procedures and potential delay in approving the pre-defined project to be financed out of the reserve funds	Both objectives	3	4	3.46	Mitigate	New
	Description of planned response	Elaboration of an action plan to ensure a hands-on monitoring of key steps and a timely implementation of all administrative procedures. Regular communication between all involved actors (PO, DPPs, NFP, FMO, donors) in order to ensure a smooth implementation of administrative procedures. Direct and regular contact with the project promoter in order to ensure a quick response to clarifications during the examination process.				
Operational risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Validity
Shortage of staff, unforeseen institutional changes	Both objectives	2	4	2.83	Mitigate	
	Description of planned response	Flexibility in assuring adequate human resources in terms of quantity and skills according to actual needs. Training of staff involved in the implementation of the programme.				
	Description of actual response	Training of staff.				
	Planned future response	Comprehensive and regular communication on the progress of projects and importance of no further delays with the new Minister and the new Government after Parliamentary Elections in April 2022 in order to retain the existing staff and acquire new staff.				

		Training of staff involved in the implementation of the Programme and other forms of motivation to retain experienced staff.				
Delay in starting with the project activities by project promoters due to Covid-19 implications (Covid-related measures and other consequences) and potentially due to other priority projects linked to EU funding (absorbing human and financial resources)	Both objectives	3	4	3.46	Mitigate	New
	Description of planned response	Organisation of a workshop for project promoters where the rules on eligibility of expenditure and other Programme requirements will be explained in detail. Organisation of individual meetings between PO staff and the selected PPs to identify all potential projects risks that could result in project delay and outline the mitigation measures. Regular communication between PO Contract Managers and project promoters to detect eventual needs for modifications and to quickly approve project modifications.				
Possible delays in the award of public procurement due to formally or technically non-compliant offers received, appeals lodged against the decision to award a public procurement etc.	Both objectives	2	3	2.45	Mitigate	New
	Description of planned response	Inclusion of the most common errors in preparing and implementing public procurements in the workshop to be organised for selected projects. PPs will be encouraged to conduct an adequate market research before the launch of the public procurement and the implementation of projects will be regularly monitored by PO Contract Managers in order to detect early possible bottlenecks in the public procurement procedures.				
Overall risk of the programme						
		Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score		
OVERALL RISK OF THE PROGRAMME		2	4	2.83		

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Programmatic risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Validity
Late publication of the Call for Proposal due to Covid-19 epidemic	Both objectives	2	4	2.83	Mitigate	
	Description of planned response	<p>Promotion of the Call for Proposals (publishing on the webpage, posting a notification on social media, etc.).</p> <p>Organisation of structural workshops and other substantial help to potential PP in order to prepare high-quality projects the implementation of which could thus start immediately after the contract signature.</p> <p>The individual meetings among the POs staff and the selected PPs to identify all potential projects risks that could result in project delay and outline the mitigation measures.</p>				
	Description of actual response	<p>The Call for Proposals was published on 14 May 2021 in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Slovenia as well as on the Programme website. Information about the Call for Proposals was also disseminated via social media (Fb, IG).</p> <p>A workshop for beneficiaries was organised on 16 June 2021 and individual assistance to potential applicants was provided upon request.</p> <p>Administrative and eligibility check and quality assessment was a top priority for PO staff, which was monitored closely by the Head of PO.</p>				
	Planned future response	<p>Quality assessment and project selection remains a top priority for PO staff, which will be monitored closely by the Head of PO.</p> <p>Preparation of an action plan setting out all the steps and responsible persons in order to make sure that all internal administrative steps are carried out as soon as possible.</p>				

Short period for carrying out all necessary administrative procedures and potential delay in approving the pre-defined project to be financed out of the reserve funds	Both objectives	3	4	3.46	Mitigate	New
	Description of planned response	Elaboration of an action plan to ensure a hands-on monitoring of key steps and a timely implementation of all administrative procedures. Regular communication between all involved actors (PO, DPPs, NFP, FMO, donors) in order to ensure a smooth implementation of administrative procedures. Direct and regular contact with the project promoter in order to ensure a quick response to clarifications during the examination process.				
Operational risks						
Risk description	Risk related to	Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score	Response type	Validity
Shortage of staff, unforeseen institutional changes	Both objectives	2	4	2.83	Mitigate	
	Description of planned response	Flexibility in assuring adequate human resources in terms of quantity and skills according to actual needs. Training of staff involved in the implementation of the programme.				
	Description of actual response	Training of staff.				
	Planned future response	Comprehensive and regular communication on the progress of projects financed under the Education Programme with the new Minister and the new Government. Training of staff involved in the implementation of the Programme and other forms of motivation to retain experienced staff.				
Delay in starting with the project activities by project promoters due to Covid-19	Both objectives	2	4	2.83	Mitigate	New

implications (Covid-related measures and consequences) and potentially due to other priority projects (absorbing the available human and financial resources)	Description of planned response	Organisation of a workshop for project promoters where the rules on eligibility of expenditure and other Programme requirements will be explained in detail.				
		Organisation of individual meetings between PO staff and the selected PPs to identify all potential projects risks that could result in project delay and outline the mitigation measures.				
		Regular communication between PO Contract Managers and project promoters to detect eventual needs for modifications and to approve quickly project modifications.				
Possible delays in the award of public procurement due to formally or technically non-compliant offers received, appeals lodged against the decision to award a public procurement etc.	Both objectives	2	3	2.45	Mitigate	New
	Description of planned response	Inclusion of the most common errors in preparing and implementing public procurements in the workshop to be organised for selected projects.				
		PPs will be encouraged to conduct an adequate market research before the launch of the public procurement and the implementation of projects will be regularly monitored by PO Contract Managers in order to detect early possible bottlenecks in the public procurement procedures.				
Overall risk of the programme						
		Likelihood	Consequence	Risk score		
OVERALL RISK OF THE PROGRAMME		2	4	2.83		

Annex 5: Monitoring plan

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Project ID in GrACE	Project name	Monitoring action	Planned timing: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Criteria for Monitoring	Risk issue with the project (if applicable)	Comments	Contact details
	New pre-defined project INFO GEOTHERMAL (to be financed by the reserve of EEA Grants)	Administrative verification of the project report. Regular communication with PP (meetings, emails, telephone communication).	Q4 Q4	Pre-defined project			
	Projects selected under the Call for Proposals	Regular monitoring of projects implementation (regular meetings between the PO - the project contract manager and the PP) Administrative verification of the project report.	Q3, Q4 Q4	Starting with the implementation of the projects.		/	

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Project ID in GRACE	Project name	Monitoring action	Planned timing: Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Criteria for Monitoring	Risk issue with the project (if applicable)	Comments	Contact details
SI-EDUCATION-0001	Predefined project "Barnahus/Children's House"	Administrative verification of project reports Regular communication with PP (meetings, emails, telephone communication).	Q1, Q3 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Project with significant impact on the overall objective and outcome of the Programme.	/	/	Ministry of Justice
SI-EDUCATION-0002	Pre-defined project "Blended learning in vocational education and training (BlendVET)"	Administrative verification of the project report. Regular communication with PP (meetings, emails, telephone communication).	Q3 Q1, Q2, Q3, Q4	Project with significant impact on the overall objective and outcome of the Programme.		/	Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Vocational Education and Training
	Eventual new pre-defined project to be financed by the reserve of NOR Grants	Administrative verification of the project report. Regular communication with PP (meetings, emails, telephone communication).	Q4 Q4	Pre-defined project			
	Projects selected under the Call for Proposals	Regular monitoring of projects implementation (regular meetings between the PO - the project contract manager and the PP) Administrative verification of the project report.	Q3, Q4 Q4	Starting with the implementation of the projects.		/	

Annex 6: Evaluation plan

Not Available

Annex 7: Evaluation report

Not Available

Annex 8: Technical assistance report

Overview of main activities

National Focal Point

In 2021, the following activities were performed:

- Submission of Interim Financial report,
- Preparation and submission of the Combined Strategic and Annual Programme Report for 2020,
- Organisation of the Annual Meeting with the donors,
- Participating in the external audit of management and control commissioned by the FMO,
- Implementing promotional activities (publishing news on the webpage www.norwaygrants.si /www.eeagrants.si and on social media; Facebook, IG,
- organisation of the JCBF meetings on 10 March and 22 October 2022,
- Participating in the external audit of management and control ordered by the FMO
- Update of the National Description of Management and Control System prepared and transmitted to the Audit Authority in December 2022.

Audit Authority

In 2021, the following activities were performed:

- 4th Annual Audit Report with Opinion for the implementation of the Programmes of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and EEA Financial Mechanism for the period 2014-2021,
- System audit performed by the FMO's outsourced audit firm KPMG, assurance on the proper functioning of the management and control system given by KPMG and excepted by AA,
- Audit of declared expenditures for projects within the two programmes, Technical Assistance and Bilateral Fund activities.

Certifying Authority

In 2021, the following activities were performed:

- Authorising of all payment requests submitted to the Certifying Authority by the Programme Operators or the National Focal Point and reimbursement of the national budget,
- Managing of the dedicated Accounts,
- Taking into account all the Audit Reports issued by the Audit Authority and other bodies,
- Certification of IFR's,
- Using the eMS and GRACE IT systems and also folders on server and local folders to maintain all the necessary documents and data records,

- New version of the CA Procedures Manual (some updates and smaller changes),
- Participating in the external audit of management and control ordered by the FMO,
- Submitting Forecasts of Likely Payments to the FMO,
- Planning and reporting the use of Technical Assistance funds,
- Reporting for national purposes,
- Follow up of the changes and issues of new the Guidelines of the National Focal Point and Programme Operators, on updates of the documents from the FMO through GRACE IT system, communicating on open issues and keeping up with other relevant information,
- Participating at the meetings and workshops organized by national bodies or the FMO.

Irregularities Authority

In 2021, the following activities were performed:

- Submission of irregularities reports to the FMO,
- Using the eMS and GRACE IT systems, also folders on server and local folders to maintain all the necessary documents and data records,
- Participating in the external audit of management and control ordered by the FMO,
- Participating at the meetings and workshops organized by national bodies or the FMO.

Budget overview

The incurred expenditures in the period from 1 January to 30 June 2021 amounted to EUR 25.173,47:

- EUR 4.433,53 incurred by the National Focal Point,
- EUR 20.739,94 incurred by the Audit Authority.

The Certifying Authority and the Irregularities Authority started using the Technical Assistance funds by the 1st of July 2021.

The National Focal Point, Certifying Authority, Irregularities Authority and Audit authority will report expenditures by the end of February 2022.

Procurement

Two public procurements were implemented in 2021; first was for production of the EEA and Norway Grants promotional video for the purpose of the launching event in July 2021. The second public procurement for hosting, maintenance and visual renovation of the website of the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia.

Other entities using TA did not plan any public procurements.

Staffing

In 2021 some staff changes occurred at the level of NFP, namely the change of the Head of NFP in October, when Ms Nina Seljak was replaced by Ms Tanja Rener. The NFP coordinator Ms Petra Hiršel Horvat no longer works at the European Territorial Cooperation and Financial Mechanisms Unit, while Andreja Štravs acting as Information and Communication Officer is on a maternity leave till October 2022 and will be replaced with Boštjan Vilhar in early 2022.

All changes were included in the revised DMCS at national level which was forwarded to the Audit Authority in December 2021.

The following staff members were involved in the implementation of the Grants (**2021**):

National Focal Point				
Name of staff	Official position	Main tasks	Level of effort (% of working time)	Funded through the Grants (Y/N)
Nina Seljak	Director of European Territorial Cooperation and Financial Mechanisms Department	Head of NFP	20%	N
Tanja Rener	Head of European Territorial Cooperation and Financial Mechanisms Division	Head of NFP (since 1 October 2021)	20%	N
Petra Hiršel Horvat	Secretary in the European Territorial Cooperation and Financial Mechanisms Unit	Contact person of National Focal Point (until June 2021)	100%	N
Nataša Babuder Rumpret	Secretary in the European Territorial Cooperation and Financial Mechanisms Unit	Contact person of National Focal Point and Bilateral Fund Officer	100%	N
Andreja Štravs	Adviser within European	NFP Communication	75%	Y

	Territorial Cooperation and Financial Mechanisms Division	Officer (on maternity leave)		
Certifying Authority				
Name of staff	Official position	Main tasks	Level of effort (% of working time)	Funded through the Grants (Y/N)
Evelyn Filip	Head of Department for management of EU funds	Head of CA	10% by DMCS (currently 0% funded)	N
Robert Šircelj	Department for management of EU funds	CA Coordinator	50% by DMCS (currently 50% funded)	Y
Maks Pajek	Department for management of EU funds	CA Finance Officer	40% by DMCS (currently 20% funded)	Y
Audit Authority				
Name of staff	Official position	Main tasks	Level of effort (% of working time)	Funded through the Grants (Y/N)
Mirjam Novakovič	Head of Sector for Auditing other Funds under Shared Management	AA Coordinator	10%	N
Jure Mekinc	Sector for Auditing other Funds under Shared Management	Auditor	90%	Y
Irregularities Authority				
Name of staff	Official position	Main tasks	Level of effort (% of working time)	Funded through the Grants (Y/N)
Evelyn Filip	Head of Department for management of EU funds	10% by DMCS (currently 10% funded)	/	N
Maks Pajek	Department for management of EU funds	IA Coordinator	10% by DMCS (currently 10% funded)	Y

Annex 9: Agreement conditions

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General	
Condition	Fulfilled status
1. The National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator ensures that any residual or extracted material from project activities is reused, recycled, treated and/or deposited in an environmentally sound manner.	Is condition fulfilled? - N/A Comment Not applicable in 2021 due to the status of programme implementation
2. The Programme Operator is required to ensure visibility of the EEA Grants contributions among other funding sources.	Is condition fulfilled? - Yes Comment The promotional activities have been implemented and were further strengthened with the publication of the Call for Proposals.
3. The Programme Operator is required to monitor results of CO ₂ -reductions and the cost efficiency of the interventions in terms of CO ₂ reduction, and report on them in the annual and final programme reports.	Is condition fulfilled? - N/A Comment Not applicable in 2021 due to the status of programme implementation.
4. The Programme Operator shall organize at least two broad experience sharing events during the programme implementation period, with the aim of showcasing innovative approaches in the projects supported.	Is condition fulfilled? - N/A Comment Not applicable in 2021 due to the status of programme implementation.
5. The Programme Operator shall, in the Final Programme Report, report on the impact that the projects supported will have and have had on the dissemination of knowledge about and further investments in climate change mitigation and adaptation in Slovenia.	Is condition fulfilled? - N/A Comment Projects under the Call for Proposals are not selected yet.

<p>6. The Programme Operator shall encourage bilateral partnerships across all calls for proposals.</p>	<p>Is condition fulfilled? - Yes Comment</p> <p>Bilateral partnerships have been successfully encouraged within the published Call for Proposals and the additionally proposed pre-defined project INFO-GEOTHERMAL.</p>
<p>7. The National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator ensures that Project Promoters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project in their ownership for a period of at least 5 years following the completion of the project and continue to use such buildings for the benefit of the overall objectives of the project for the same period; • Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project properly insured against losses such as fire, theft and other normally insurable incidents both during project implementation and for at least 5 years following the completion of the project; and • Set aside appropriate resources for the maintenance of any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project for at least 5 years following the completion of the project. The specific means for implementation of this obligation shall be specified in the project contract. 	<p>Is condition fulfilled? - N/A Comment</p> <p>Projects under the Call for Proposals are not selected yet. Conditions will be specified in the project contract.</p>

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General	
Condition	Fulfilled status
<p>1. The NFP shall ensure that the Programme Operator ensures that the pre-defined project "Barnahus/Children's House" is complementary and provides synergies with the "Barnahus/Children's House" project, between the Ministry of Justice in Slovenia and the Council of Europe, supported by the EU Structural Reform Support Programme and that the activities are not duplicated.</p> <p>2. The National Focal Point shall ensure that the Programme Operator ensures that project promoters:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project in their ownership for a period of at least 5 years following the completion of the project and continue to use such buildings for the benefit of the overall objectives of the project for the same period; • Keep any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project properly insured against losses such as fire, theft and other normally insurable incidents both during project implementation and for at least 5 years following the completion of the project; and • Set aside appropriate resources for the maintenance of any buildings purchased, constructed, renovated or reconstructed under the project for at least 5 years following the completion of 	<p>Is condition fulfilled? - Yes</p> <p>Comment</p> <p>The pre-defined project "Barnahus/Children's House" started with implementation in February. The PO communicates regularly with The Council of Europe and the project promoter about this condition related to. Barnahus/Children's House".</p> <p>Projects under the Call for Proposals are not selected yet. Conditions will be specified in the project contract.</p>

the project. The specific means for implementation of this obligation shall be specified in the project contract.	
3. For outcomes 1 and 2 indicator "Level of satisfaction with the institutional cooperation", where the baseline value is "to be determined" (TBD), the Programme Operator shall submit to the FMO for approval the baseline value, together with a description of the data collection method used, no later than 12 months after the finalisation of the selection of projects under the last relevant call for proposals. The updated baseline value shall be agreed upon through a modification of the programme agreement.	<p>Is condition fulfilled? - N/A</p> <p>Comment</p> <p>Projects under the Call for Proposals have not been selected yet.</p>