



2022 STATUS REPORT | EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS 2014–2021 SLOVENIA

BACKGROUND

In terms of the implementation of the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia, **Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development** acts as the **National Focal Point** and the **Programme Operator** of the programme **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation** and of the programme **Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship** and as the Operator of the **Fund for Bilateral Relations**.

2022 was a **challenging year**. Nevertheless, many activities under the programmes and funds were carried out and significant **progress** in the implementation of the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia was made.

The landmark achievement was the **selection of projects** in the call for proposals under the programme **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation** and the programme **Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship**.



programme **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**

More than **16M** EUR of allocated funds.

- 3** projects are increasing **renewable energy production** (of which one is 1 pre-defined).
- 5** projects are enhancing **sustainable mobility management**.
- 6** projects are increasing **application of circular economy principles**.
- 3** projects are improving **management of ecosystems under climate change pressure**.



programme **Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship**

More than **14M** EUR of allocated funds.

- 11** projects are improving **institutional cooperation at all levels of education** (formal and informal).
- 7** projects are improving **education and social environment to support disadvantaged groups**.
- 4** projects are improving **work-life balance**.
- 1 pre-defined** project is improving **skills and competencies of staff and students involved in blended learning**.
- 1 pre-defined** project is improving **skills for good governance and cooperation in the provision of child victim services**.

Other programmes and funds under the EEA and Norway Grants 2014–2021 in Slovenia are as follows:

- Fund for Bilateral Relations** managed by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy
- Active Citizens Fund** managed by CNVOS in consortium with Institute PIP and DRPD Novo mesto.
- Social Dialogue – Decent Work** programme managed by Innovation Norway.



2022 OVERVIEW

Implementation of the EEA and Norway Grants 2014–2021 in 2022

National Focal Point

Annual meeting with the Donor States was held in April 2022 to evaluate the progress in the implementation of the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovenia.

Information and communication activities in 2022 were carried out in accordance with the Communication Strategy and mainly supported the regular tasks of the National Focal Point.

Revision of **Memoranda of Understanding** and **Programme Agreements**.

Programme Operator

Approval of **16 projects** under the Call for Proposals, **1 predefined project – INFO-GEOTHERMAL**, and **1 bilateral initiative** within the programme Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation.

Approval of **22 projects under the Call for Proposals** within the programme Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeship and Youth Entrepreneurship. Both pre-defined projects under this programme, i.e. **BlendVET** and **Children's House**, were further implemented according to the plan foreseen for 2022.

100.00 EUR of the Fund for Bilateral Relations were allocated to each programme.

Programme operator conducted an online **workshop** on reporting for Slovenian beneficiaries.

Bilateral relations

The **Fund for Bilateral Relations** is an instrument designed to strengthen cooperation and increase mutual knowledge and understanding between the Donor and Beneficiary States. The purpose of the Fund is to financially support a wide range of activities that have a clear bilateral profile and contribute to strengthening bilateral relations.

The amendments to the MoUs resulted in **additional EUR 300,000** allocated to the Fund for Bilateral Relations.

The bilateral initiatives "**Basic integration assistance for the displaced persons from Ukraine with temporary protection in Slovenia**", "**Supporting the green start-ups of tomorrow**" and "**Study visit of Slovenian delegation to donor countries**" started with the implementation.



Revision of the Memoranda of Understanding



Annual Meeting



Information and communication activities



Selection of projects



Implementation of the pre-defined projects



Workshop on reporting



Allocation of bilateral fund to programmes



Implementation of 3 new bilateral initiatives

About EEA and Norway Grants

The EEA and Norway Grants represent the contribution of **Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway** towards a green, competitive and inclusive Europe. They pursue two overall objectives, i.e. to **reduce economic and social disparities in Europe**, and to **strengthen bilateral relations between the Donor Countries and 15 EU countries** in the Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. The three Donors cooperate closely with the EU through the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA).

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