Working Together for a Green, Competitive and Inclusive Europe

EUR 103.4 million has been allocated to a number of cooperation programmes with Croatia through the EEA and Norway Grants (2014-2021). These programmes are designed to strengthen cooperation between Norway and Croatia and to promote social and economic development in Croatia.

Innovation and business development will be important focus areas, with an emphasis on green industry innovation and blue growth. In the area of justice, efforts to make the work of the courts more effective will be given priority. Other focus areas include renewable energy, education, and local development.

Four Norwegian agencies are involved as partners in implementing the programmes, and in assisting in the recruitment of Norwegian project partners.

EUR 22 million
Innovation and business development

EUR 26 million
Education and local development

EUR 13 million
Justice

EUR 17 million
Energy and climate change

- 3 May 2016
  Agreement on the EEA and Norway Grants for 2014-21 signed between Norway and the EU

- March 2017 to July 2018
  Negotiations between Norway and Croatia

- 3 July 2018
  Signing of agreement between Norway and Croatia

- From August 2018
  Development of programmes and open calls for proposals

- By 2020
  Reallocation of reserve

- 30 April 2024
  Completion of the 2014-2021 funding period
THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

The EEA and Norway Grants have their basis in the EEA Agreement. Under the Agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are part of the EU’s internal market. The EEA Agreement sets out the common goal of working together to reduce social and economic disparities in Europe and strengthen cooperation between donor and beneficiary countries. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway have allocated EUR 2.8 billion to 15 EU countries for this purpose over a period of seven years. Norway provides just under 98 % of this amount.

The EEA and Norway Grants are an important tool in the Norwegian Government’s active European policy, which seeks to promote a green, competitive and inclusive Europe.

FUNDING TO CROATIA UNDER THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS:

Croatia has received funding under the EEA and Norway Grants since April 2014, after the country became an EU member in 2013.

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