

Asylum and migration

Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway grants



Norway grants



€47.7
million in
funding

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021



The Asylum and migration programmes will contribute to developing functioning asylum and migration management systems at national level that ensure and safeguard the right to seek asylum, especially for unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable groups.

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The programme will be implemented through:



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Open calls for proposals



Pre-defined projects

Why support asylum and migration?

More than 700,000 asylum seekers requested international protection in Europe solely in 2017. Securing or developing a well-functioning migration management system that safeguards the right to seek asylum is therefore a priority.

What is supported?

The Grants seek to improve the capacity of national authorities to develop a sustainable asylum and migration system through training and improved working methods, case handling and reception facilities. The Grants aim at strengthening civil society contribution in this area and the interaction between authorities and non-governmental organisations. Improving the conditions for unaccompanied minors and other vulnerable asylum seekers is a special priority.

Based on experience from the last funding period, new and substantially larger programmes will be implemented in Greece.

Where we work

Asylum and migration funding is available in four Beneficiary States

	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Bulgaria	-	5.0	5.0
Greece	33.0	-	33.0
Poland	-	4.7	4.7
Romania	-	5.0	5.0

Amounts are in € million and for the period 2014-2021. The figures are subject to change until all relevant programme agreements are signed in all countries.

Cooperation

Sharing knowledge and experiences is crucial in the asylum and migration programmes. Partnerships with entities from the Donor States are strongly encouraged. To support such bilateral cooperation, [the Norwegian Directorate of Immigration](#) is the main Donor Programme Partner in this area. In addition [the Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security](#), [the Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection](#) and [the Norwegian National Police Directorate](#) are involved.

International organisations like the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, the International Organization for Migration, the Fundamental Rights Agency and the Norwegian Refugee Council will be involved in the implementation of the programmes.

Country	Programme	Programme Partner
Bulgaria	Home affairs	Council of Europe, Norwegian Directorate of Immigration, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Norwegian National Police Directorate
Greece	Asylum and migration	Norwegian Directorate of Immigration
Poland	Home affairs	Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security
Romania	Home affairs	Council of Europe, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection, Norwegian Directorate of Immigration, Norwegian Ministry of Justice and Public Security, Norwegian National Police Directorate



Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

In the previous funding period, **€24.2 million** was allocated to two asylum programmes in Greece. The Grants contributed to sustainable capacity building of Greek public institutions and strengthened the national asylum system.



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More than
27,400
decisions on international protection claims were taken at first instance

2,700
people have been accommodated in reception centres

10,250
migrants have been provided with basic services

More than
11,500
people have benefitted from infrastructure upgrades

About the EEA and Norway Grants

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway provide funding to:

- Reducing disparities in Europe
- Strengthening bilateral relations

Areas of support

- Innovation, research, education and competitiveness
- Social inclusion, youth employment and poverty reduction
- Environment, energy, climate change and low carbon economy
- Culture, civil society, good governance and fundamental rights and freedoms
- Justice and home affairs

* EEA Grants are jointly financed by Iceland (3%), Liechtenstein (1%) and Norway (96%) **Norway Grants are solely financed by Norway

