

€211.3
million in
funding

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021



Investment in high quality research is essential for building a knowledge-based economy, driving innovation and boosting global competitiveness. Through the EEA and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway support research cooperation in seven Beneficiary States.

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The programme will be implemented through:



Why support research in Europe?

Investment in research and innovation is important for economic growth and competitiveness. There is a disparity in research and innovation performance across the EU member states. The EU target of investing 3% of GDP in research and development is still far from being reached.

Beneficiary States of the EEA and Norway Grants get funding to produce excellent research with partners in Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein. The researchers get a chance to network and exchange valuable knowledge and ideas on an international stage, and share state of the art facilities and research infrastructure. In addition to the research results, the partners increase their ability to access EU funding.

What is supported?

The Grants support both basic and applied research, and cooperation with the business sector is encouraged. Supported initiatives include:

- Collaborative projects in basic and applied research
- Establishing partnerships between academia and companies to ensure the application of research results
- Supporting women researchers and young researchers
- Research targeting societal challenges and social innovation
- Supporting the Beneficiary States' participation in Horizon 2020/Horizon Europe and in the European Research Area

Where we work

	EEA Grants	Norway Grants	Total
Czech Republic	14.0	16.0	30.0
Estonia	5.7	-	5.7
Latvia	7.1	0.5	7.6
Lithuania	10.0	-	10.0
Poland	10.0	100.0	110.0
Portugal	8.0	-	8.0
Romania	15.0	25.0	40.0

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

Partnerships with entities from the Donor States are required in all projects funded through the research programmes. Partnership opportunities are open for both public entities such as research institutions, and private businesses. To support such bilateral cooperation, the main Donor Programme Partners in this area are the following: [the Icelandic Centre for Research \(Rannis\)](#) and [the Research Council of Norway](#).



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Country	Programme	Donor Programme Partner
Czech Republic	Research	Research Council of Norway
Estonia	Research and education	National Agency for International Education Affairs of Liechtenstein (AIBA), Norwegian Agency for International Cooperation and Quality Enhancement in Higher Education (DIKU), Research Council of Norway
Latvia	Research and education	AIBA, DIKU, Research Council of Norway
Lithuania	Research	AIBA, DIKU, Research Council of Norway
Poland	Research	Research Council of Norway
Portugal	Blue growth, innovation and SMEs	DIKU, Icelandic Centre for Research, Innovation Norway, Research Council of Norway
Romania	Research	Icelandic Centre for Research, Research Council of Norway



Key achievements from the 2009-2014 funding period

In the previous funding period, **€132.3 million** was allocated to research cooperation programmes resulting in nearly 200 projects in seven countries.

2,780

researchers were involved in projects

360

research institutions were cooperating

1,360

internationally refereed scientific publications were prepared or published

770

PhDs and Postdocs were supported

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

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