

The Fund for Youth Employment

Iceland
Liechtenstein
Norway grants

Norway grants

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021



The Fund for Youth Employment was established in 2017 to contribute to sustainable and quality youth employment in Europe. Unlike the ordinary programmes funded by Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway, this Fund has a transnational focus. It helps entities across Europe to pool their efforts and find new ways of reducing youth unemployment.

€60.6
million in
funding

Key target groups



The hard-to-reach



Young women with family responsibilities



Youth from underdeveloped rural regions



The low-skilled



The inactive



The poor



The long-term unemployed

Why support youth employment in Europe?

According to Eurostat (2019), almost 15 million young people (age 20-34) in Europe are not in employment, education or training. Unemployment among youth is a shared European challenge. It puts young people at risk of poverty, prevents them from fully participating in society, and can take a toll on their health, wellbeing and professional future.

The Fund for Youth Employment complements the Youth Employment Initiative, which is the main EU funding programme to facilitate the roll-out of the Youth Guarantee – a commitment by all EU Member States to ensure that young people receive a good quality job offer, continued education or apprenticeship.

What will we achieve?

The 26 projects selected with participants from 25 countries aim to enrol 15 000 young people in education or training, support 14 000 young people in active job search, create 3 000 jobs in NGOs, social enterprises and the ordinary labour market, and help 1 800 young people start up their own businesses.

The projects focus on innovation and exploration, transfer of know-how and good practices, and analysis and research – including transnational research.

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Snapshots of projects

The Fund for Youth Employment provides support to a wide variety of projects, ranging from blue economy to women empowerment in IT.

Blue Generation

The blue economy includes jobs within coastal tourism, aquaculture, ocean energy, marine biotechnology and maritime transport.

The Blue Generation project seeks to inspire and engage youth between 15 and 29 to pursue a career in the blue economy. This will be done by bringing together experts from the blue economy and youth organisations to share knowledge about training opportunities and vacant jobs.

The project has expertise partners from four countries, including Iceland and Norway.

[Download the project brochure](#)

Women4IT

There are significantly fewer women than men on the European labour market, especially within the digital economy. Left unaddressed, this digital gap will lead to loss of female talent, innovation and entrepreneurship – and further widen the gender gap.

The project Women4IT aims at raising awareness about the digital skills and the gender gap, and at promoting concrete, innovative partnerships and solutions to increase the number of girls and young women in digital jobs. The project has expertise partners from Belgium and Norway, and a lead partner from Latvia.

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From Outdoors to Labor Market (FOLM)

Many young people not in employment, education or training need alternative pathways to boost motivation for schooling and jobs. These pathways must be stimulating and innovative.

This project will examine the University of Edinburgh's "Model for social and personal growth through Outdoor Learning" and test whether it will help young people in Warmia-Masuria (Poland), Cantabria (Spain) and the Mid-West Region (Ireland) to engage in society, become active citizens and acquire professional skills.

Expertise partners from the UK will be involved to train the trainers of outdoor learning.

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Cooperation

Projects supported under the Fund are expected to benefit young people within the 15 Beneficiary States of the EEA and Norway Grants, as well as Ireland, Italy and Spain.

Partnerships are an excellent way to share experience and know-how. Projects include partners from other EU member countries, Donor States and international organisations.

In total, 16 expertise partners from Iceland and Norway provide support and share expertise and knowledge with all the partners involved in the Fund.

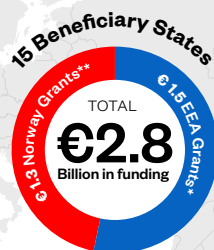
About the EEA and Norway Grants

Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway provide funding to:

- Reducing disparities in Europe
- Strengthening bilateral relations

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

**Norway Grants are solely financed by Norway



OVERVIEW OF PARTNER COUNTRIES

26 LEAD PARTNERS

Bulgaria	5
Croatia	1
Cyprus	2
Czech Republic	1
Greece	6
Hungary	1
Latvia	1
Lithuania	2
Poland	2
Romania	3
Slovenia	2

131 BENEFICIARY PARTNERS

Bulgaria	13
Croatia	7
Cyprus	7
Estonia	2
Greece	10
Hungary	4
Ireland	3
Italy	20
Latvia	5
Lithuania	7
Malta	1
Poland	8
Portugal	10
Romania	9
Slovakia	1
Slovenia	3
Spain	21

34 EXPERTISE PARTNERS

16 PARTNERS IN THE DONOR COUNTRIES

Iceland	3
Norway	13

17 PARTNERS IN NON-BENEFICIARY EU MEMBER COUNTRIES

Austria	3
Belgium	5
France	1
Germany	4
United Kingdom	4

1 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATION

191 PROJECT PARTNERS FROM 25 COUNTRIES IN TOTAL

