Norwegian Ministry
of Foreign Affairs

BULGARIA

Working Together for a Green, Competitive and Inclusive Europe

EUR 210 million has been allocated to support a number of cooperation programmes with Bulgaria through the EEA and Norway Grants. The programmes are designed to help Bulgaria tackle important social and economic challenges and to pave the way for closer Norwegian–Bulgarian cooperation in a number of areas.

Justice and home affairs, business development and energy are key areas for cooperation. Joint efforts to reduce poverty, especially among the Roma population, are also included.

A total of seven Norwegian government agencies and institutions will be involved in implementing these programmes and in recruiting Norwegian project partners.

EUR 51.5 million
Justice and Home affairs

EUR 35 million
Poverty Reduction

EUR 28.5 million
Business Development, and Innovation

EUR 15.5 million
Civil Society

3 May
Agreements signed by Norway and the EU

June to October
Negotiations between Norway and Bulgaria

9 December
Agreements signed by Norway and Bulgaria

From January
Development of programmes and open calls for proposals

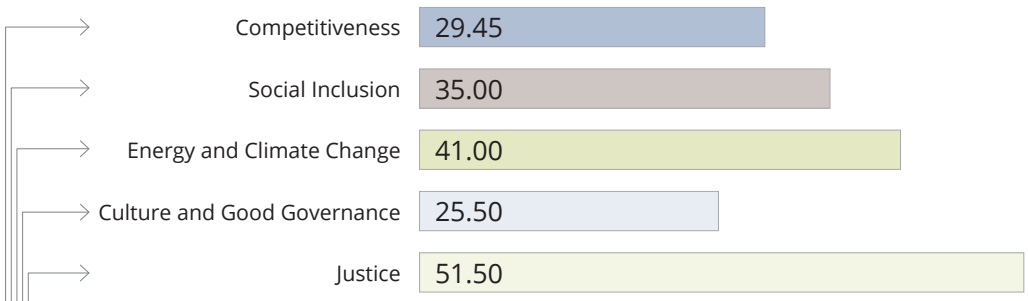
By 2020
Reallocation of reserve

30 April 2024
Completion of the 2014-2021 funding period

2016 → 2017 → 2020 → 2024

SUPPORT DISTRIBUTED BY SECTOR 2014-2021

in mill EUR

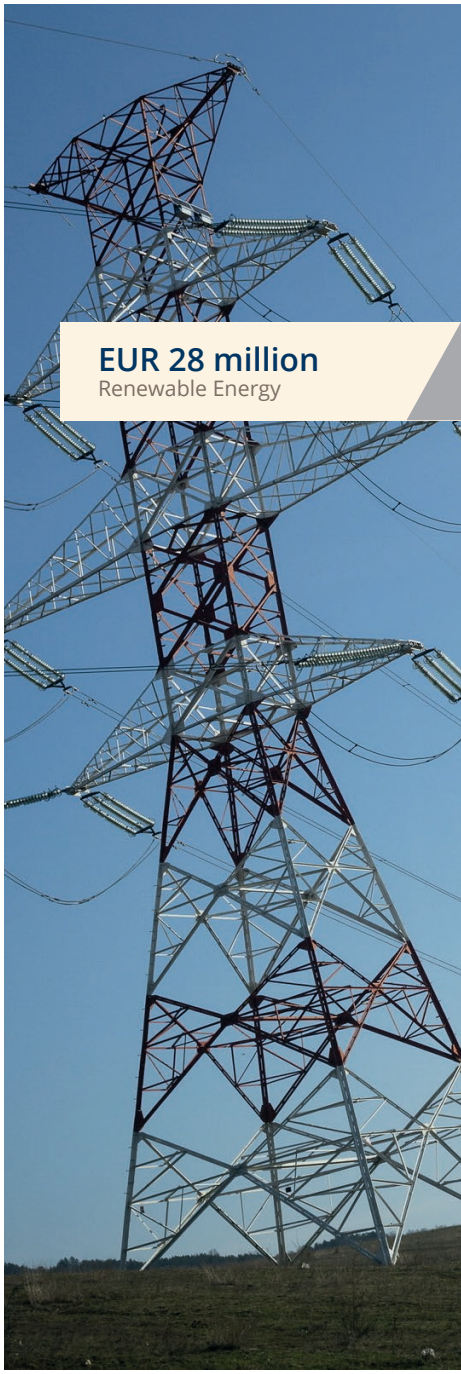


Statistics

Population million	5.2	7.2
Area km²	385 170	110 879
GDP per capita in EUR	67 100	6 300
Unemployment in percent	4.9	7.3
Trade in mill EUR	83	

OVERVIEW OF PROGRAMMES

Programme	Norwegian partner	Allocation (EUR million)
Business Development and Innovation	Innovation Norway	28.50
Social Dialogue – Decent Work	Innovation Norway	0.95
Local Development and Enhanced Roma Inclusion	Norwegian Association of Local and Regional Authorities	35.00
Climate Change and the Environment	Norwegian Environment Agency	13.00
Renewable Energy	Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate	28.00
Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation	Arts Council Norway	10.00
Civil Society		15.50
Judicial Reforms and Correctional Services	Directorate of Norwegian Correctional Services	30.00
Police Cooperation and Migration	Norwegian Directorate of Immigration	21.50
Bilateral Funds		4.20
Reserve		5.00



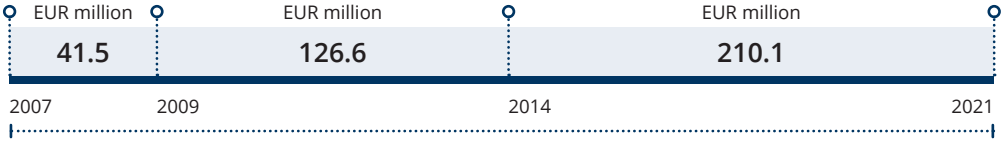
ABOUT THE EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS

The EEA and Norway Grants have their basis in the EEA Agreement. Under this agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are part of the European internal market. The agreement sets out the common goal of working together to reduce social and economic disparities in Europe and strengthening cooperation between European countries. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway have allocated a total EUR 2.8 billion to 15 EU member states for this purpose for the period 2014-2021. Norway provides almost 98 % of this funding.

The EEA and Norway Grants are an important European policy instrument for the Norwegian Government in its efforts to contribute to a green, competitive and inclusive Europe.

OVERVIEW OF OUR SUPPORT TO BULGARIA

Bulgaria has received funding under the EEA and Norway Grants since it became a member of the EU in 2007.



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