

Reviving Jewish cultural heritage in Europe and combatting anti-Semitism

Through the EEA and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway support efforts to combatting anti-Semitism and protecting Jewish Cultural Heritage in Europe. Cultural dialogue and understanding is increasingly important in multi-cultural Europe. It creates awareness of cultural diversity and strengthens citizens' cultural identity. It shows us what can be achieved when cultures meet and inspire each other. It also promotes fundamental European values of democracy, tolerance and anti-discrimination.

Current supported projects

Poland

Reviving the memory and raise awareness of Jewish history and culture in Poland. The project is implemented by the Museum of the History of Polish Jews in cooperation with Norwegian partners.

Grants: €3,000,000

Poland

"Yiddish for all". Promoting knowledge about Yiddish language and culture in Poland and Norway.

Grants: €315,000

Latvia

Restoration of the Green Synagogue in Rezekne. Additional feature of the project: bilateral cooperation between Latvia and Norway to exchange knowledge on specific techniques required for the restoration of wooden heritage

Grants: €604,000

Portugal (under appraisal)

Recovering and enhancing Sephardic heritage and raising awareness about this heritage through development of the Routes of Sepharad.

Grants: €4,000,000

EEA and Norway Grants at a glance

Through the EEA and Norway Grants, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway contribute to reducing disparities in Europe and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 countries in Central and Southern Europe. For the period 2009 to 2014, €1.788 billion has been set aside under the Grants. Norway contributes 97% of the funding.

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NGO funds in the 15 beneficiary countries of the EEA and Norway Grants focus on human rights, tolerance and anti-discrimination. During the last few years we have registered continued and renewed violations of fundamental rights, including physical and verbal attacks on minority groups, immigrants, and on organisations defending human dignity in Europe. Under the Grants €146 million is set aside to 16 NGO funds being established and launched in 2013. The funds will support projects advocating for vulnerable groups and combatting rising intolerance and hate speech, including anti-Semitism in Europe.

In addition, cultural exchange programmes amounting to €26,1 million in 10 countries will support projects promoting cultural diversity and dialogue and fostering minority culture.

Previous supported projects



Czech Republic

Reconstruction of the 18th century Synagogue in Turnov, opening to the public as a community centre for cultural events

Grants: €280,000

Czech Republic

Digitalisation of the most valued historical archived documents of the city of Prague, including documents from the Jewish Religious Community Prague (late 17th century – 1942)

Grants: €483,000

Lithuania

Restoration of the Red Synagogue, which is part of the only surviving two Synagogue complexes remaining in Lithuania.

Grants: €406,000

Poland

Restoration of the White Stork Synagogue Wrocław. *(Picture above)*

Grants: €2,059,000

Poland

Revitalisation of the Renaissance Synagogue of Zamosc, now a centre for educational activities and cultural events.

Grants: €1,475,000

Poland

Restoration cultural heritage monuments and facilities in Segovia, including the Jewish cemetery and Jewish quarters

Grants: €2,268,000

Poland

Joint exhibition of the Wrocław Centre for Jewish Culture and Education and the Jewish Museum in Oslo on the history of the Jewish communities in Oslo and Wrocław.

Grants: €126,000