

PROJECT SHEET
Common Challenges – Shared Solutions
EEA and Norway Grants

FINANCING PROGRAM:	
Program name	EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation 3 donor countries: Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway
Management Authority	EEA Grants / Ministry of European Funds
Total Allocation	31,89 mil EUR, out of which, for the current call: 15 mil EUR
Deadline for project submission	Deadline for submitting concept notes - 01.07.2018 (12:00 noon Brussels time) - via the fund operator's system (EGREG)
PROJECT:	
Eligible projects	Regional cross-border and transnational project ideas focusing on soft measures like knowledge-sharing , the exchange of good practice and capacity building within all priority areas of the EEA and Norway Grants: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ 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 <p>! See Annex 1 for more details.</p>
Area of implementation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Regional cross-border cooperation projects = cooperation between neighbouring countries focusing on broader regional challenges ▶ Transnational cooperation projects = cooperation between European countries – neighbouring or not - on common European challenges focusing on common European challenges
Project budget	<p>Non-reimbursable funding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Minimum > EUR 1 million. ▶ Maximum – no limit <p>Non reimbursable financing - % of the eligible expenditures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ NGOs, Universities and Research organisations: up to 90%; ▶ Other entities (e.g.: companies): up to 85%. ▶ Any expertise partners from the Donor States: up to 100%; <p>! For NGOs - (up to 50% of the required co-financing may take the form of in-kind contributions in the form of voluntary work);</p>
Eligible applicants	Eligible applicants and project partners may be entities, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and nongovernmental organisations and academia established as legal persons, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Municipalities, organisations owned or partly owned by municipalities, associations of municipalities; ▶ Regions, organisations owned or partly owned by regions; associations of regions; ▶ Organisational units of central government, organisations partly funded by central government units, state enterprises, state organisations; ▶ Civil society organisations, non-profit organisations, social enterprises, interest associations of legal persons, foundations and endowment funds; ▶ Companies; ▶ Cooperatives (manufacturing, housing, consumer);

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Social partners (trade unions, sector associations, employer associations, chambers of commerce and industry)
<p>Eligible consortium</p>	<p>Project shall be submitted by a consortium composed of entities from at least three countries, including at least two Beneficiary States. Each project must include 1 lead partner and at least 2 beneficiary partners of which at least one beneficiary partner must be from a Beneficiary State.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Eligible lead partner: any eligible entity established in an EEA and Norway Grants Beneficiary State; ▶ Eligible beneficiary partner: any eligible entity established in an EEA and Norway Grants Beneficiary State and the following countries: Albania, Belarus, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Moldova, Montenegro, Russia, Serbia, Turkey and Ukraine; ▶ Expertise partners can be any eligible entity established in a Donor State, in a non-eligible EU Member State or international organisations. <p>! EEA and Norway Grants Beneficiary States: Bulgaria, Croatia , Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia and Slovenia</p> <p>! There is no limit on the maximum number of beneficiary partners</p>
<p>Project duration</p>	<p>The final date for eligibility of expenditures for projects is 30th April 2024 at the latest.</p>
<p>Indicative timetable</p>	<p>This call follows a two-step evaluation procedure. In the first step, only concept notes shall be submitted for evaluation. Successful applicants from the first step will be invited to submit a full proposal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Submitting concept notes - 01.07.2018 (12:00 noon Brussels time) - Compulsory ▶ Notification of applicants of the results of the assessment of the concept notes – 15.10.2018 - Indicative ▶ Deadline for submitting full proposals – 15.12.2018 – Indicative ▶ Notification on selection of projects – 01.03.2019 - Indicative
<p>Eligible expenditures</p>	<p>The following categories of direct expenditures are eligible provided that they satisfy the general criteria for eligibility of expenditure:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ The cost of staff assigned to the project, comprising actual salaries plus social security contributions and other statutory costs included in the remuneration, provided that these costs are in line with the partner’s usual policy on remuneration; ▶ Travel expenses and related subsistence allowances of staff taking part in the project, provided that these costs are in line with the partner’s usual practices on travel. Any accommodation allowances must not exceed the per diem rates published on the http://ec.europa.eu/europeaid/funding/about-calls-tender/procedures-and-practical-guideprag/diems_en; ▶ Costs of consumables and supplies, provided that they are identifiable and assigned to the project; ▶ Cost of equipment. Only the portion of the depreciation corresponding to the duration of the project and the rate of actual use for the purposes of the project may be eligible. In case the project partner determines that the equipment is an integral and necessary component for achieving the outcomes of the project, the entire purchase price may exceptionally be eligible; ▶ Costs arising directly from the requirements imposed by the project contract (report by an independent auditor, cost of financial guarantees etc.); ▶ Costs entailed by other contracts awarded by a project partner for the purposes of carrying out the project; ▶ Non-recoverable value added tax (VAT).



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Indirect costs: A flat rate of 15% of the total eligible staff costs of the project is eligible under indirect costs, representing the general administrative costs which can be regarded as chargeable to the project (the value of that voluntary work shall be taken into account when calculating the indirect costs).
<p>Other information</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Publicity activities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Dedicated website in EN; ▪ At least one major and two minor annual information activities on progress, achievements and results in the projects, such as a seminar or a conference with stakeholders, a press conference or press eventNon-recoverable value added tax (VAT). ▪ A launch activity/event as well as a closing activity/event ▶ Eligible consortia may submit a maximum of one concept note and consortium members may not participate in other project consortia under this call. However, expertise partners may participate in multiple projects



ANNEX – Priority sectors and focus areas



Annex

1. Priority sector: Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness

Under this support area the Fund seeks projects that focus on growth by supporting the development of the knowledge economy. Sustainable growth is promoted through funding to strengthen the link between education and training systems and the labour market. The development of a socially inclusive labour market will be supported through combating youth unemployment, facilitating the participation of women and promoting social dialogue. The added value of the funding under this support area lies in the opportunities it offers for strategic piloting and testing of innovative approaches and for international cooperation and the exchange of knowledge and experiences.

Focus areas:

1. Business Development, Innovation and SMEs
2. Research
3. Education, Scholarships, Apprenticeships and Youth Entrepreneurship
4. Work-life Balance
5. Social Dialogue – Decent Work

2. Priority sector: Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction

Under this support area the Fund seeks projects that focus on sustainable inclusive growth and future prosperity. Such goals rely on finding a balance between economic progress and social advancement. The support area promotes well-functioning societies by supporting social inclusion and empowerment of vulnerable groups, equal access to education, employment and health care, and capable and responsible institutions. The added value of this support area is its contribution to breaking the cycle of disadvantage by supporting early interventions, by investing in prevention and boosting systemic change, and by encouraging pilot projects in the area of social innovation.

Focus areas:

6. European Public Health Challenges
7. Roma Inclusion and Empowerment
8. Children and Youth at Risk
9. Youth Participation in the Labour Market
10. Local Development and Poverty Reduction

3. Priority sector: Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy

Under this area the Fund seeks projects that focus on resource-efficient and sustainable use of our natural capital, reduced vulnerability to climate change and a push towards a less carbon intensive and more energy secure economy. These are key factors for economic and social cohesion in Europe.

The support area aims to ensure good environmental status of our ecosystems, timely adaptation and mitigation to climate change and increased use of renewable energy.

Focus areas:

- 11. Environment and Ecosystems
- 12. Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security
- 13. Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation

4. *Priority sector: Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights*

Under this area the Fund seeks projects that focus on our common moral obligation to safeguard individual dignity. The support area contributes to upholding fundamental rights and democratic freedoms. This is achieved through strengthening active citizenship, empowering vulnerable groups and enhancing the role of civil society. The aim is reinforced by support for activities aimed at cultural dialogue and awareness of diversity.

Focus areas:

- 14. Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation
- 15. Civil Society
- 16. Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency
- 17. Human Rights – National Implementation

5. *Priority sector: Justice and Home Affairs*

Under this area the Fund seeks projects that focus on strengthening European citizens' confidence in their governments' ability to ensure civil rights, equal treatment and protection. Lack of public trust in the judiciary is widespread mainly due to corruption, excessive length of proceedings and chronic non-enforcement of judicial decisions. Furthermore, the influx of irregular migrants remains a challenge for Europe. Domestic and gender-based violence remain endemic throughout Europe to huge economic and social cost. Man-made and natural disasters are increasing both in frequency and intensity, and investments in disaster risk reduction can reduce or prevent loss of life and property, and reap vast economic benefits.

Focus areas:

- 18. Asylum and Migration
- 19. Correctional Services and Pre-trial Detention
- 20. International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime
- 21. Effectiveness and Efficiency of the Judicial System, Strengthening Rule of Law
- 22. Domestic and Gender-based Violence
- 23. Disaster Prevention and Preparedness