



New partnerships  
for cohesion  
in Europe

# Making a difference

EEA and Norway Grants  
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## The EEA and Norway Grants

A contribution from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to **reduce social and economic disparities** within the European Economic Area through the EEA Agreement (1994)

- o EEA Grants (EUR672M)
- o Norway Grants (EUR567M)
- o The Norwegian Cooperation Programmes with Bulgaria and Romania (EUR68M)



2004-2009



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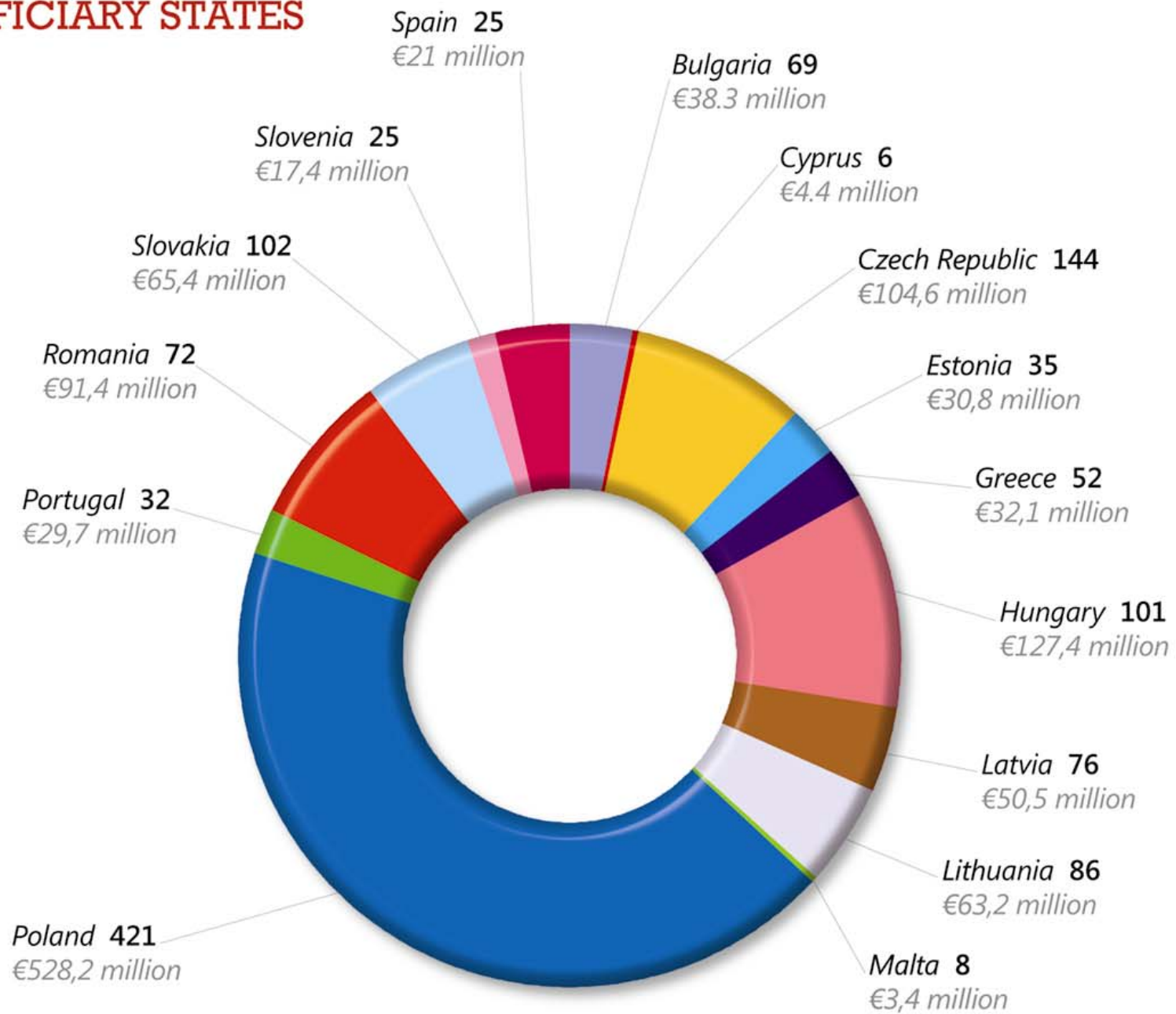


NORWAY

15 beneficiary states  
3 donor states  
1.3B EUR  
1250 grants



## BENEFICIARY STATES





# Priority Sectors

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Academic research	95	€ 83 000 000	<div style="width: 10%;"></div>
Conservation of European cultural heritage	225	€ 257 600 000	<div style="width: 25%;"></div>
Environment and sustainable development	356	€ 283 800 000	<div style="width: 35%;"></div>
Health and childcare	241	€ 175 300 000	<div style="width: 20%;"></div>
Human resource development	166	€ 130 700 000	<div style="width: 15%;"></div>
NGO Funds	19	€ 85 300 000	<div style="width: 8%;"></div>
Regional policy and cross-border activities	60	€ 56 900 000	<div style="width: 6%;"></div>
Schengen and the judiciary	57	€ 127 100 000	<div style="width: 12%;"></div>



# Beneficiaries

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Half of the funding goes to public authorities

Public authorities

Local 25%

National 19%

Regional 7%

A quarter of the support goes to education and research institutions and NGOs

Institutions/organisations

Educat./research 12%

NGOs 12%

A small proportion is allocated to companies

Business

Private owned 4%

Public owned 2%





## Supporting civil society

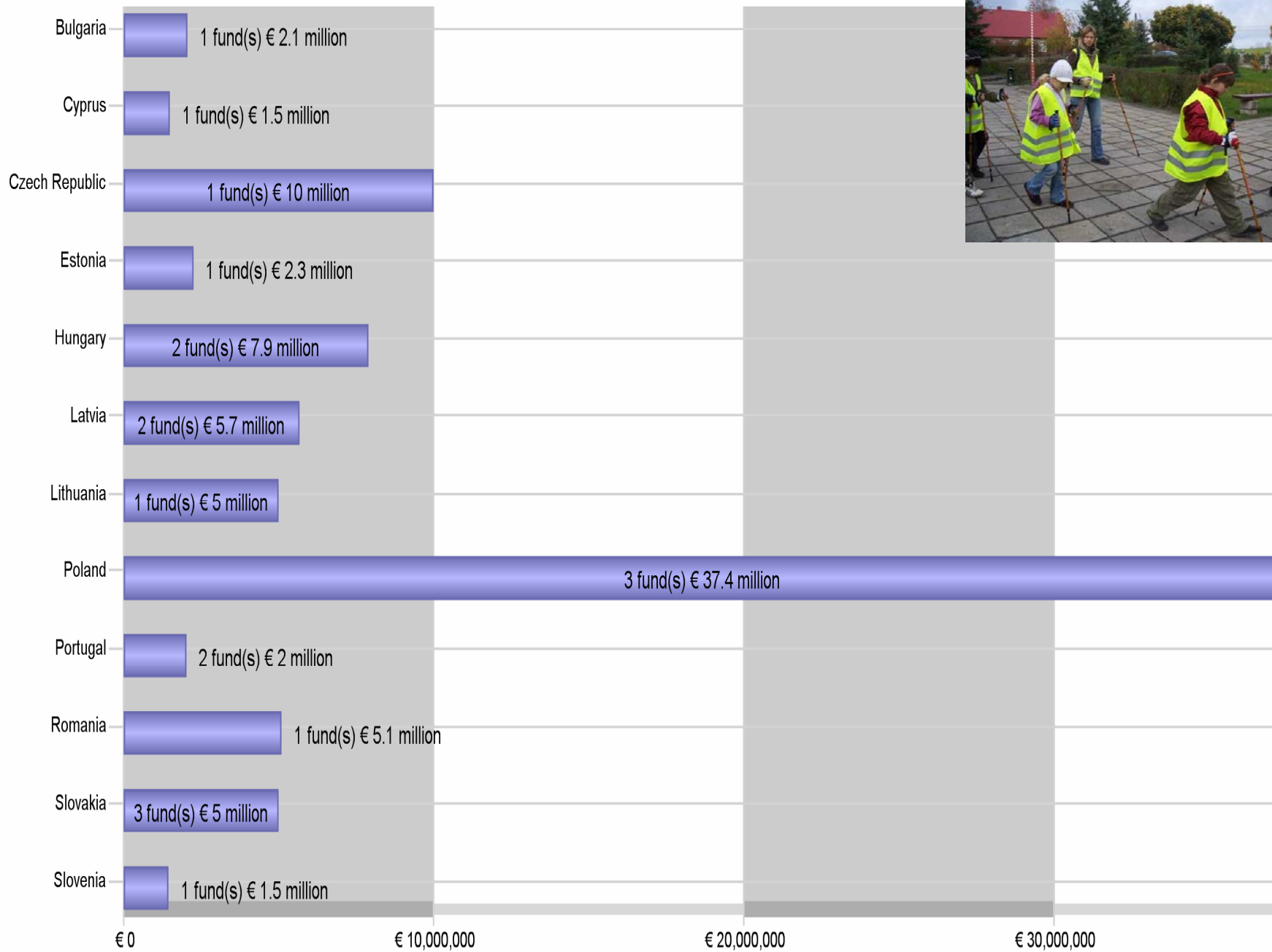
### Key facts:

- 19 NGO funds in 12 countries
- EUR 85 million in support to 1766 projects
- 140 additional projects implemented by NGOs
- Established partnership with government
- nationally run, through Intermediary bodies; support smaller scale projects (below 250,000, minimum around 1,200€)
- Support to least funded areas
- cooperation with donor states

*"Building democracies is a continuous task, and the EEA and Norway Grants is unique... funding the development of active civic participation."*

*Kuba Wygnanski, Klon/Jawor, Poland*



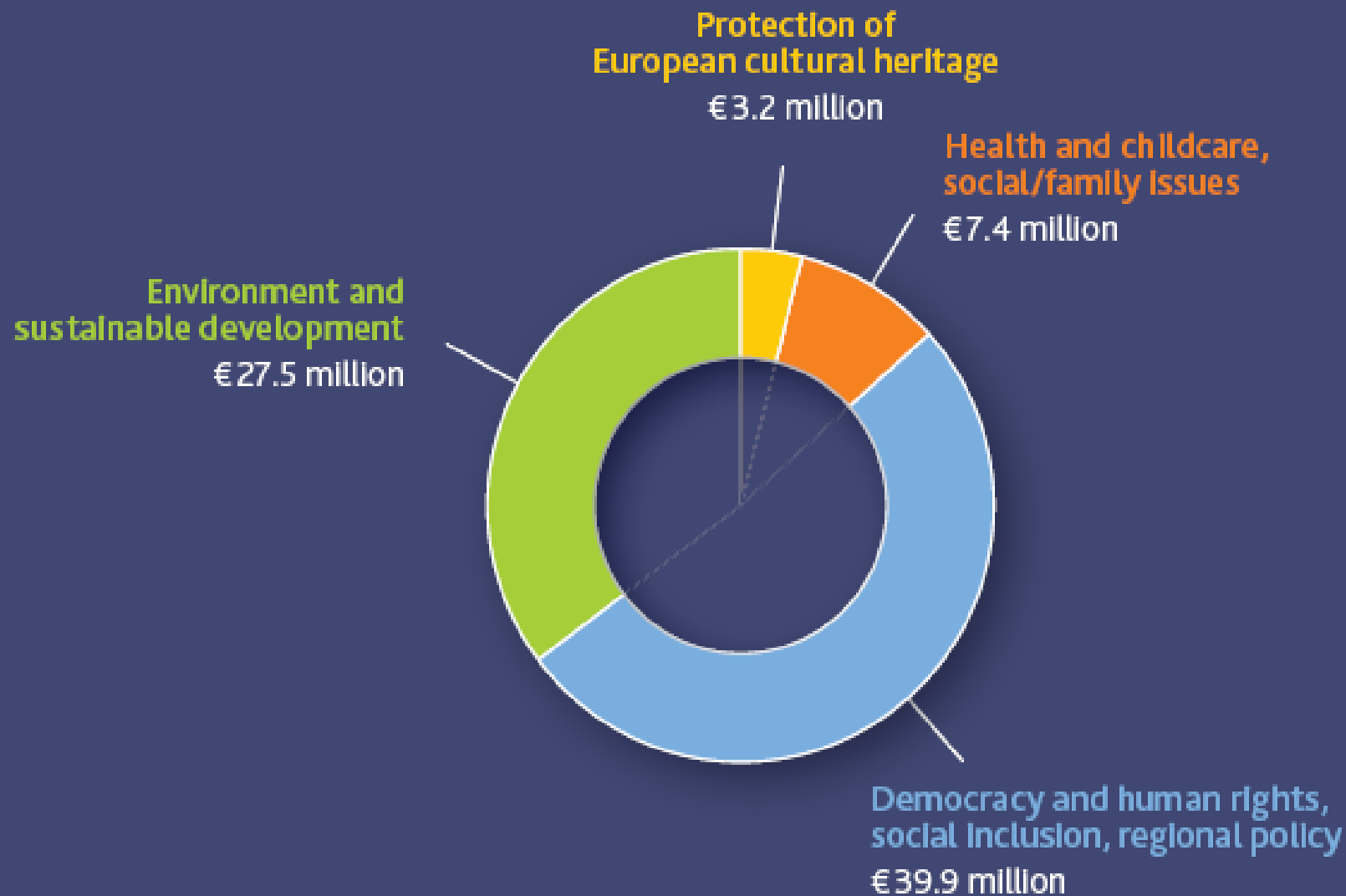






# NGO funds

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Protection of the environment	543	€ 26,229,942
Biodiversity	9	
Education	20	
Protection of environment - General	248	
Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gasses	5	
Sustainable development	261	
Human Resources Development	983	€ 39,319,746
Capacity building	217	
Democracy, human rights, discrimination	473	
Human resource development - General	11	
Inclusion of disadvantaged groups	178	
Mainstream gender equality	14	
Regional policy	90	
Health and Childcare	144	€ 7,288,509
Childcare	8	
Health and childcare - General	12	
Health promotion	7	
Prevention and fight against addictions	1	
Social / family issues	116	
European Cultural Heritage	96	€ 3,736,655
<b>Total</b>	<b>1766</b>	



## Challenges and lessons

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- Need for development and capacity building, lack of funding and staffing
- Strengthening advocacy and awareness raising role
- Taking stock through indicators, evaluation, impact assessment, and data
- Support to most disadvantaged groups and most pressing priorities
- Oversubscriptions: a unique source of funding against a scarce background of support
- Public funding: more rather than less
- Building public/NGO partnerships





# NGO projects

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**Green mobility.** The organisation Oživení has been awarded funding by the Czech NGO fund to promote walking and cycling as alternative modes of transport.

**House of cooperation Cyprus**  
<http://www.youtube.com/user/CyprusCommunityMedia>



**Fighting discrimination.** Pro Humanum organises training for senior police officers in identifying and combating discriminatory attitudes and practices in the Polish police force.



**Integrating Roma.** An integration and talent training programme that enrolls Roma children and youth from poor, deprived families in Slovakia is implemented by Pro Donum.

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<http://www.eeagrants.org/id/86>

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DEMOKRACIJI

A BUS TO THE DEMOCRACY





2009-2014



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1.79 billion euro

EEA Grants  
988.5M euro

Norway Grants  
800 M euro







# Priority sectors

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## EEA Grants

- Environmental protection and management
- Climate change and renewable energy
- Academic research
- Human and social development
- Civil society
- Protecting cultural heritage

## Norway Grants

- Carbon capture and storage (CCS)
- Green industry innovation
- Research and scholarship
- Human and social development
- Promotion of decent work and tripartite dialogue
- Justice and home affairs



# Process

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- Negotiations donor states - EU
- Minutes signed 18 December 2009
- Agreement to be finalised – spring 2010?
- MoU-negotiations donor states – beneficiary states
- Establishment of programmes
- Project funding
- Commitment deadline 30 April 2014
- Implementation deadline 2016

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