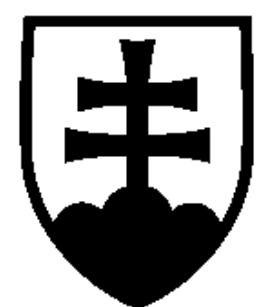


EEA and Norway Grants in Slovakia



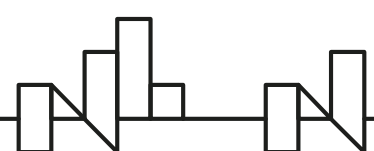
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General information about EEA and Norway Grants in Slovakia

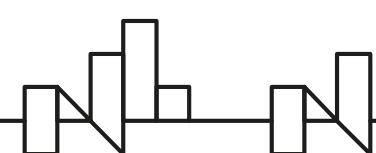


- At the end of November 2016, Memoranda of Understanding on implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism were signed in Bratislava
- **The Slovak Republic signed Memoranda as second beneficiary country**
- **The third programming period of the EEA and Norway Grants in Slovakia was launched by the Memoranda signature**
- The Memoranda are international documents constituting a framework for using of the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism within programming period 2014 – 2021. Memoranda of Understanding inter alia define the national management and control structures and the implementation framework
- Memoranda of Understanding brings to Slovakia totally **113.1 mil. €** (54.9 mil. € from EEA Grants and 58,2 mil. € from Norway Grants)
- The allocation - approximately 30 mil. € higher as was allocated in previous programming period 2009-2014
- **The State Budget of the SR co-finances EEA and Norway Grants in amount of 15%.**





“Slovakia is traditionally the leader in negotiations about Memorandums regarding financial mechanisms among the 15 beneficiary countries. This year, we were the second country to confirm interest in drawing funds provided by Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein,” said Minister Lajčák.



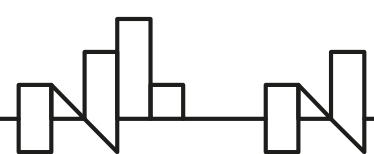
Overall objectives of the EEA and Norway Grants are:

1. Reduction of economic and social disparities in the EEA
2. Strengthening bilateral relations between Slovakia, Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein



GENERAL SLOGAN OF EEA AND NORWAY GRANTS:

**„working together for a
green, competitive and
inclusive Europe“**



Programmes and institutions responsible for implementation of Programmes in SR

EEA Financial Mechanism /EEA GRANTS/:

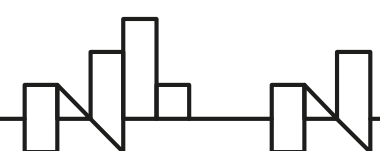
- **Cultural Entrepreneurship, Cultural Heritage and Cultural Cooperation** (EEA Grants € 17.5 mil.) – Programme Operator: The Government Office of the SR
- **Good Governance, Accountable Institutions, Transparency / Cross-border Cooperation** (EEA Grants € 8.5 mil.) – Programme Operator: The Government Office of the SR
- **Fund for Active citizenship** (EEA Grants € 9 mil.) – Programme Operator: Consortium of three foundations - Ekopolis Foundation, Open Society Foundation and Carpathian Foundation

Norwegian Financial Mechanism /NORWAY GRANTS/

- **Local Development, Poverty Reduction and Roma Inclusion** (€ 15 mil.) - Programme Operator: The Government Office of the SR
- **Domestic and Gender-based Violence** (€ 9 mil.) - Programme Operator: The Government Office of the SR
- **Social Dialogue – Decent Work** (€ 582.000) – Programme Operator: Innovation Norway

Two programmes are financed from both FMs:

- **Business Development, Innovation and SMEs** (€ 20 mil.) – Programme Operator: Research Agency
- **Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation**(€ 16 mil.) – Programme Operator: Ministry of Environment of the SR



Current status of the Programmes preparation

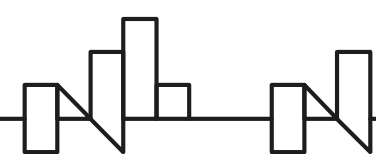
- The basic information sources about the Calls are:

www.eeagrants.sk

www.norwaygrants.sk



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**What has been achieved during
previous programming period 2009-
2014?**



Programmes implemented by the Government Office of the Slovak Republic




Adaptation to Climate Change – Prevention of Floods and Droughts

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **5** flood prevention and healthy city projects
-  **61** "Blue" schools
-  **17** "Green" and "blue" measures in two big cities implemented

Green Industry Innovation Programme

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **4** logistic centres for producing bioenergy
-  **11** producers supported to increase agricultural biomass production
-  **13** new environmental technologies successfully developed (e.g. biofilm reactor and laboratory bioreactor)


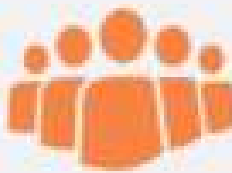
Cultural Heritage and Diversity in Culture and Arts

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **20** restored monuments
-  **210** monuments inspected
-  **24** partnerships with donor countries

Cross-border Cooperation Programme

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **178** partnerships of the cross-border cooperation
-  More than **5000 m²** modernized and renovated areas around the border (cameras, detectors, info panels)
-  **30 000** people participated on cross-border events

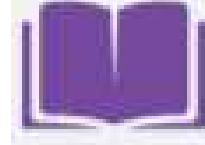


Domestic and Gender-based Violence

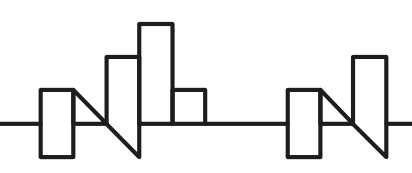
WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **80** family places created
-  **5393** consultations to victims
-  **657** educated personnel

Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **1** accredited study program of innovative education
-  **45** graduated teaching staff of the study program
-  **17** primary and secondary schools with own inclusive educational activities


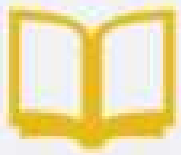



Programmes implemented by other organisations:



implemented by the SAIA n.o.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **824** participants in academic exchanges
-  **63** new teaching tools and methods
-  **55** joint conferences, seminars and workshops



implemented by the Innovation Norway

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

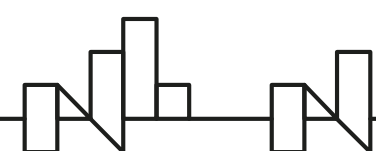
-  **1971** participants trained in social dialogue
-  **14** social dialogue bodies established
-  **4** best practices identified



Implemented by the Ekopolis Foundation, Open Society Foundation and SOCIA

WHAT HAS BEEN ACHIEVED:

-  **6** laws, policies and practices changed or improved
-  More than **700** people from vulnerable groups benefited from improved access to work and from social inclusion
-  **467** teachers involved in environmental educational trainings





Examples of best practises



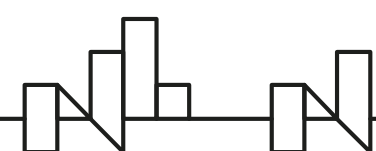
Healthy Cities - Zvolen a Bratislava – pilot projects under the Programme – Adaptation to Climate Change – Floods and Drought Prevention

➤ **Biotechnical innovation in the use of rainwater in Zvolen City**

- Project Promoter: City of Zvolen
 - Project Team AS
- Grant: € 1.188.235

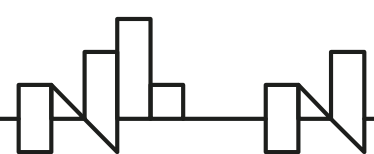
➤ **City of Bratislava is preparing to the climate change – the pilot application of the measures in the field of the sustainable rainwater management in urban area**

- Project Promoter: Bratislava City
 - Partner from Norway: COWI Norway
- Grant: € 3.295.423



Example of adaptation measures – project The Reconstruction of ecosystem functioning of the landscape within the upper site the Ondava river catchment area - Ondava for Life (component prosperous Zemplín)

- Project Promoter: Municipality of Nižná Polianka
- Grant: €1.429.477
- Partners: Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute, Municipality of Šarišské Čierne, Association of Towns and Communities of Slovakia, Slovak Nature Protection of the SR and Forests of Slovakia
- Temporary jobs to 150 long-term unemployed
- More than 500 individual water retaining measures



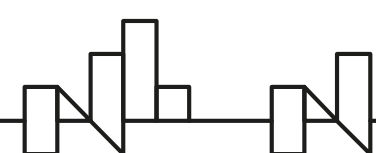
Blue Schools component under the Programme Adaptation to Climate Change – Floods and Drought Prevention

➤ **Blue school in Stiavnicke Bane**

- Project Promoter: Elementary School with Kindergarten B.Štiavnica
- Grant: € 39.999

➤ **Modern school**

- Project Promoter: Grammar School of Ľudovít Štúr Zvolen
- Grant: € 37.670



Revitalized monuments under the Programme Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage & Promotion of Diversity in Culture within the European Cultural Heritage

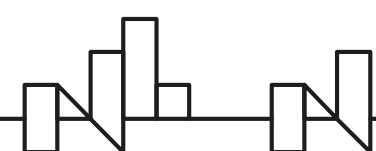
➤ Enhancement of the infrastructure "Bicycle routes of icons" and restoration of wooden churches

- Project Promoter: Carpathian wooden churches
- Grant: € 266.228



➤ Restoration of the former Benedictine monastery in Hronský Benadik to make it available to the general public and improve the tourism infrastructure

- Project Promoter: The Roman Catholic Church, bishopric Nitra
- Grant: € 508.690



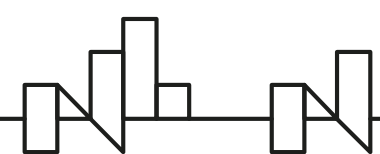
4 biomass logistic centres were built under the Programme Green Industry Innovation

➤ **BIOMASS LOGISTIC CENTER (BLC)**

- Project Promoter: BIOPEL, Jsc.
- Partners from Norway:
 - NORWEGIAN FORESTRY GROUP AS
 - INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NORWAY AS
- Grant: € 3.4 mil. from total amount € 6.4 mil. €)

➤ **SINBIO (Sustainable Innovation in Bioenergy)**

- Project Promoter: Intech Slovakia
 - The Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy (NIBIO)
 - INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT NORWAY AS
 - NORSKOG
- Grant: €4,9 mil. (49% from total amount)



New women's shelters and counselling centres under the Programme Domestic and Gender-based Violence

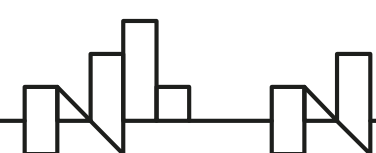
Safe women's home - space without violence

- Project Promoter: Centrum Slniečko, n.o. Nitra
- Partners from Norway:
 - Stiftelsen Oslo Krisesenter
 - Glåmdal Krisesenter IKS
- Grant: € 331.298



Safe Women's House MyMamy

- Project Promoter: MyMamy, Prešov
- Partner from Norway:
 - The crisis center in Glåmdal
 - Norasenteret IKS
- Grant: € 735.213



Successful project under the Programme Cross-border Cooperation with Ukraine

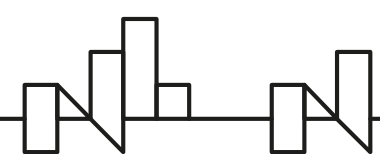
Improving technical and educational capacity to accelerate the handling process for common Slovakia-Ukraine border

- Project Promoter: Ministry of Interior of the SR
- Grant: € 829.180



International Youth Sport Partnership

- Project Promoter: Akademik TU Košice
- Partner from Norway: Finnmark Idrettskrets
- Grant: € 394.381



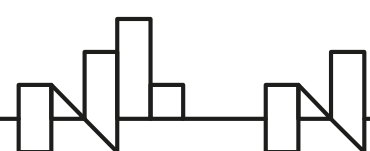


**The most important pillar
of the implementation is strengthening
bilateral cooperation**



Partnerships

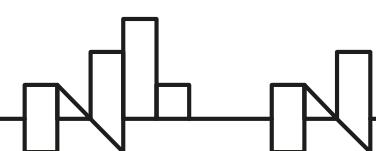
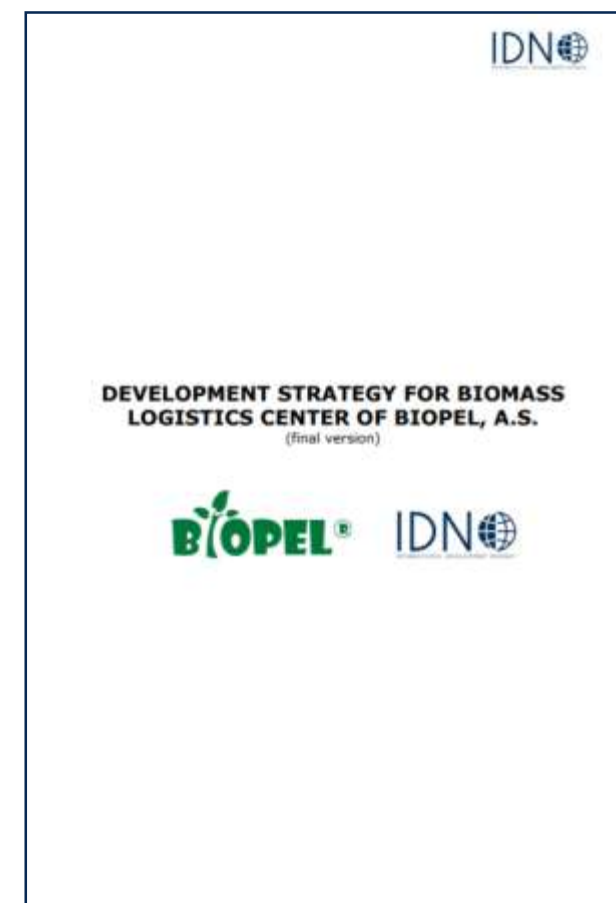
- Significant emphasis on **partnerships with institutions from Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein**
- The partner's role was **practically identical as the role of the Project Promoter**.
- Partners had **own responsibility for a certain integral part of the project**, which had to be defined by the particular result(s)
- Partners would had own **independent budget, grant and co-financing for the project**
- **Partnership agreement** specified all requirements of partnership concluded
- **No supplier-customer relationship** between the Project Promoter and the Project Partner in relation to the project
- **Statistics:**



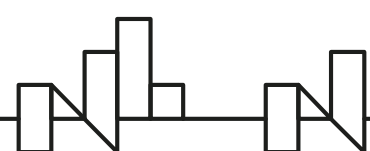
Examples of activities carried out by partners under projects

- Cooperation within organisation of various types of events (meetings, workshops, conferences, seminars, etc.)
- Wide range of communication activities such as campaigns, interviews, reportages
- Cooperation on joint strategies, reports, studies, expertises, risk analysis, development or impact studies...
- Cooperation under organisation of common study trips or visits

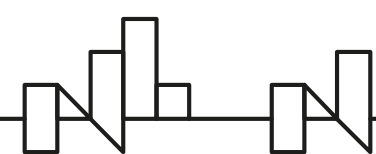
Partnerships were focused mainly on transfer of knowledge, best practises, know-how and sharing results among partners



- Systematic support of this objective were implemented also through the BILATERAL FUNDS
- **Bilateral Fund continues also in programming period 2014-2021 with allocation 2.262 mil. €**
- Bilateral Funds 2009-2014 were innovative tools within supporting of strenghtening bilateral realtions
- BFs supported many bilateral activities / will suport activities focused on networking, sharing results, best practises and trasnsfer know-how between Slovak entities and entities from the Donor States and thus will be further created sustainable relations between Slovakia and Norway, Iceland or Liechtenstein
- During programming period 2009-2014 were implemented more than 90 bilateral activities



- One of the biggest bilateral activities was **BLUE TRIP Norway 2015** implemented by the Government Office of the SR under „Climate“ Programme
- 20 teachers and 38 students from 19 secondary schools in Slovakia visited examples of adaptation measures directly in Norway



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