

The EEA and Norway Grants

The EEA and Norway Grants represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein, and Norway to **reducing economic and social disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations** with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. An important aspect of the funds is sharing and exchange of experience between the donors and grantees.

The Czech Republic has been a recipient of this financial support since joining the European Union and the EEA in 2004.

Since 2004 the EEA and Norway Funds have supported more than 1000 interesting projects in the Czech Republic, for more than CZK 6 billion in total. The Czech Republic is currently the fifth biggest recipient, after Poland, Romania, Hungary and Bulgaria.

The third programming period of the EEA and Norway Grants is currently in progress. The Czech Republic will receive approximately **CZK 5 billion in this period**. Support will be given to projects focusing on science and research, environment protection, cultural heritage and cultural cooperation, public health, education and judicial cooperation. Great emphasis is placed on the human rights, the inclusion of Roma, and the development of civil society. The new period also brings great opportunities for bilateral projects and activities.

The main coordinator of the EEA and Norway Grants in the Czech Republic is the Ministry of Finance, which manages most of the programs in cooperation with the relevant ministries and institutions. The Ministry of Culture is a partner of the Culture Program.

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