



EEA GRANTS
NORWAY GRANTS
2009-14

Contributing to a stronger civil society: past experience and future perspective

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NGOs as a key priority

Civil society is a fundamental building block in any socially responsible, inclusive, fair and democratic society



The Grants and NGOs



EEA and Norway Grants 2004-09

- 1250 projects, programmes and funds supported across 15 Beneficiary states
 - Representing 100% of the funding available
 - Over 100 large individual projects operated by NGOs

- €185 million in support to civil society

- 19 NGO Funds across 12 EU countries for a total 85M€
 - Key actors in building cohesive and sustainable societies
 - 1919 projects supported
 - Positive experience to date

NGO support



NGO Funds 2004-09 – evaluation findings

- Key source of funding
- Mostly flexible source of funding
- Contributed to ongoing sector development
- Good management
- Appropriate priorities, broad scope
- Innovative initiatives supported
- Advocacy focus welcome



Headlines EEA and Norway Grants 2009-14

- Substantial increase in funding
 - 1.79 billion euro
 - 22% increase in yearly contribution

- More focused support to secure impact
- Programme approach
- Facilitation for bilateral partnership
- Delegation of responsibilities to Beneficiary States
- Advance payments

Programme approach

OVERALL
OBJECTIVES

**Reduction of
economic and
social disparities**
in the European
Economic Area

**Strengthen bilateral
relations** between
the Donor States and
the Beneficiary States

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finances

Programmes

composed of

Projects

Priority sectors

- A quarter of the funding will target environmental and climate efforts
- Continued focus on the development of civil society
- New funding for social partners
- Continued support to research and scholarships, cultural heritage, human and social development, the justice sector

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Min. 30% per BS to environment,
renewable energy and climate change

Minimum 10% per BS
to civil society

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Minimum 20% to
Carbon capture and storage
1% per BS to Promotion of decent
work and tripartite dialogue

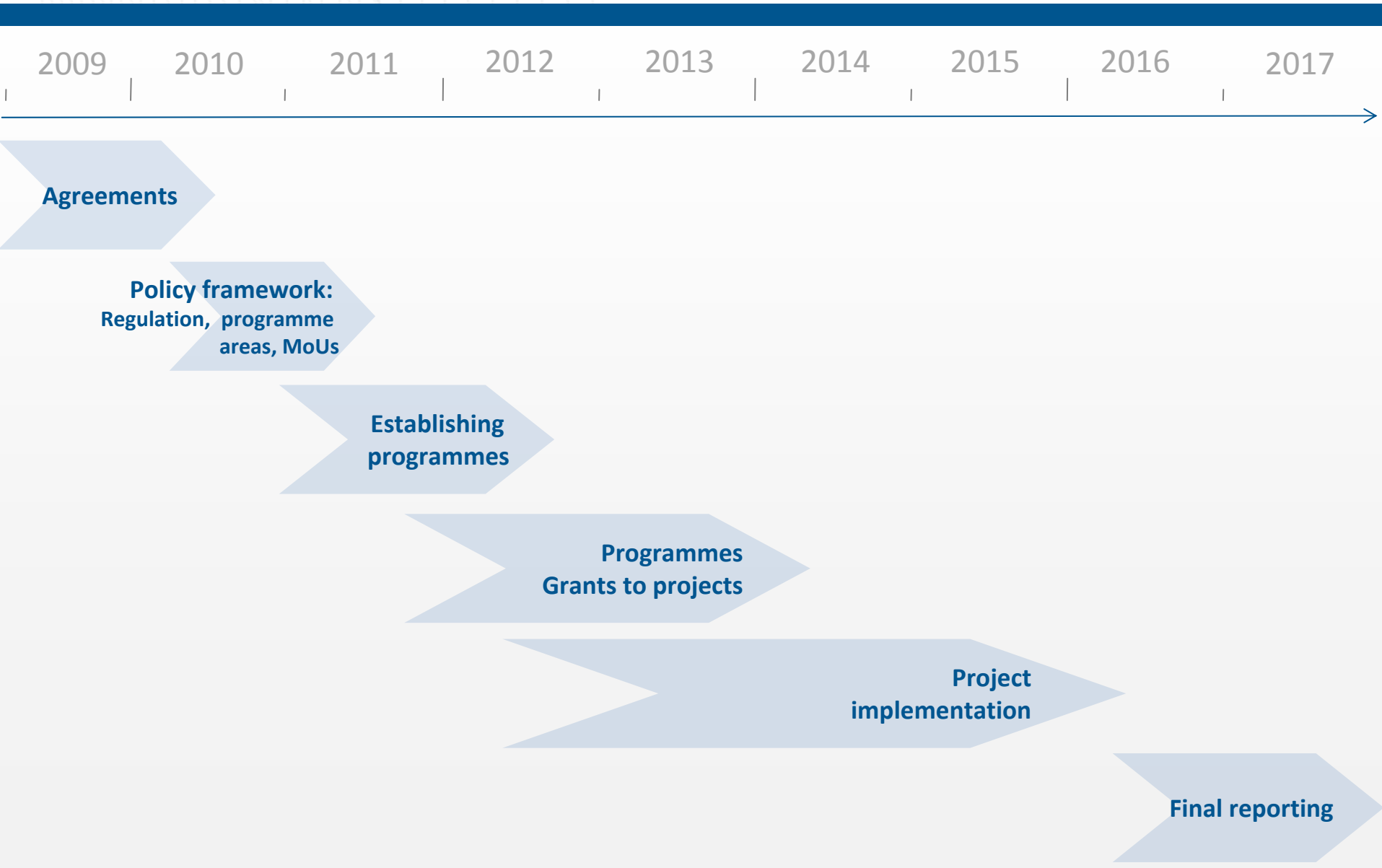
Priority sectors of the EEA GRANTS 2009-14

- a) Environmental Protection and Management
Minimum 30% of the allocation per BS in combination with b)
- b) Climate Change and Renewable Energy
Minimum 30% of the allocation per BS in combination with a)
- c) Civil Society
Minimum 10% per BS
- d) Human and Social Development
- e) Protecting Cultural Heritage
- f) Research and Scholarship

Priority sectors of the **NORWAY GRANTS** 2009-14

- a) Carbon Capture and Storage
Minimum 20% of the total allocation
- b) Green Industry Innovation
- c) Research and Scholarship
- d) Human and Social Development
- e) Justice and Home Affairs
- f) Promotion of Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue
1% of the allocation per BS

Timeline



Features relevant to NGOs

- Specific civil society priority sector
 - Programmes to support NGOs (10% EEA Grants)
- Projects
 - NGOs eligible under other Programme areas
 - Projects > 1,000,000 EUR, not less than 250,000 EUR
 - Lower threshold allowed for NGO Programmes
- Small grant schemes
 - Relevant for some Programme areas
 - Grant rate between 5,000 EUR and 250,000 EUR
 - Normally managed by the PO, but may be sub-contracted
 - Relevant for smaller NGOs

Priority sector CIVIL SOCIETY

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- Areas of Support
 - Democracy
 - Human Rights
 - Good Governance and Transparency
 - Combat racism and xenophobia
 - Anti-discrimination
 - Social inequalities, poverty and exclusion
 - Gender Equality
 - Gender-based violence

- If not covered by other Programmes
 - Environmental protection and climate change
 - Provision of welfare and basic services



At least 10% for children and youth-driven organisations and or activities

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- Activities
 - Fostering active citizenship and democracy
 - Advocacy, watchdog and monitoring
 - Awareness raising
 - Multicultural dialogue
 - Participation in decision-making processes
 - Capacity building and strengthening of NGOs
 - Networking and coalition building
 - Mutual learning and dissemination



NGO Programmes - responding to key recommendations and lessons learned

Taking on board evaluation recommendations and learning

- Learning process and Consultation
- Need for clearer and flexible focus and framework
- Independence of NGO Programme management
- Stakeholder dialogue and consultation

Current proposed actions

- NGO consultation, meeting and online forum
- Providing specific NGO guidelines
- Ensuring direct links with NGO Operators

Next steps

- Launched 6 week consultation process ending 22.10.2010
 - Web consultation with civil society on future support to the sector
 - Web: www.eeagrants.org/ngoconsultation
 - E-mail: ngoconsultation@efta.int

- Memorandum of Understanding - talks launched in the autumn

- Draft guidelines mid October

- Key questions
 - Proposed set-up
 - Programme areas to be supported
 - Relevant expected outcomes
 - Key areas of support
 - Any other comments