

**NORWEGIAN COOPERATION PROGRAMME – BULGARIA Annex III**

	PRIORITY AREAS	FOCUS AREAS
1.	<p><b>Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including Joint Implementation projects under the Kyoto protocol, and other emissions in air and water.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Reduce and prevent emissions of greenhouse gases. Improvement of technology and processes, capacity building, regulations and monitoring. Analysis of impacts of climate change and measures to adapt to climate change.</li> <li>○ Reduce and prevent pollution of air and water and stimulating the use of new environmental technology.</li> <li>○ Waste management and safe handling of hazardous substances.</li> </ul>
2.	<p><b>Energy efficiency and renewable energy.</b></p> <p>(Priority should be given to projects developed and coordinated with the following programmes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ EU framework programme for competitiveness and innovation (CIP) in the period 2007-2013 (Intelligent Energy Europe II)</li> <li>○ EU's 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> framework programme for research</li> <li>○ The Norwegian Research Council's "Renergi" programme).</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Promotion of energy efficiency within important sectors, e.g production, construction, transport and household.</li> <li>○ Promotion of renewable energy.</li> <li>○ Upgrading of energy systems and heating systems, including the use of combined heat and power.</li> <li>○ Establishment of energy centres, networks and institutional cooperation.</li> <li>○ Research and development of technology within the energy sector.</li> <li>○ Improvement of the Nuclear safety.</li> </ul>
3.	<p><b>Facilitating sustainable production, including certification and verification.</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improvements of technology and processes (including IT solutions) in all sectors. Organizational development, risk management, certification/verification (quality, health and safety, environment)</li> <li>○ Systems for strengthening competences and capacity building within maritime sector.</li> <li>○ Activities promoting the environment within tourism.</li> </ul>

4.	<b>Implementation of Schengen acquis, support of national Schengen Plans as well as strengthening the judiciary.</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Development of an integrated communication system for the Ministry of Interior.</li> <li>○ Competence building and strengthening police cooperation.</li> </ul>

**Of the total amount referred to in Article 2 of the Cooperation Agreement at least 5% should be allocated to NGO-related activities within the priority sectors.**

**Of the total amount referred to in Article 2 of the Cooperation Agreement at least 1% should be allocated to a seed money facility related to the priority sectors.**

**Of the total amount referred to in Article 2 of the Cooperation Programme up to 1.5% may be allocated to technical assistance for the Focal Point.**