



# Norwegian Cooperation Programme – Roles, responsibilities and procedures

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## Create partnerships for

- Sustainable development
- Gender equality
- Good governance





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[www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org)

# Available project funding



## Financial frame

- € 20 million
- Grants for co-financing

## Types of project funding

- Individual projects
- Seed money facility
- Travel support for NGO's and social partners

## ❖ Priority sectors

- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions (environment)
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy
- Sustainable production, incl. certification and verification
- Schengen acquis

## ❖ Environment

- 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.
- Reduce and prevent pollution of air and water and stimulating the use of new environmental technology.
- Waste management and safe handling of hazardous substances.

## ❖ Energy efficiency and renewable energy

- Promotion of energy efficiency within important sectors, e.g production, construction, transport and household.
- Promotion of renewable energy.
- Upgrading of energy systems and heating systems, including the use of combined heat and power.
- Establishment of energy centres, networks and institutional cooperation.
- Research and development of technology within the energy sector.
- Improvement of the Nuclear safety

# ❖ Sustainable production, including certification and verification

- Improvements of technology and processes (including IT solutions) in all sectors.
- Organizational development, risk management, certification/verification (quality, health and safety, environment)
- Systems for strengthening competences and capacity building within maritime sector.
- Activities promoting the environment within tourism.

## ❖ Schengen acquis

- Development of an integrated communication system for the Ministry of Interior.
- Competence building and strengthening police cooperation



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- Relevant websites
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## Bulgaria

Here are listed the priority sectors and focus areas for the Cooperation Programme with Bulgaria.

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Priority sectors:	Focus areas:
<b>Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, including Joint Implementation projects under the Kyoto protocol, and other emissions in air and water</b>	<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>
<b>Energy efficiency and renewable energy</b>	<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>
<b>Facilitating sustainable production, including</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Improvements of technology and processes (including IT solutions) in</li> </ul>

### EEA Grants



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 Projects in Bulgaria and Romania may also receive financial support from the EEA Grants scheme. Click here for information about EEA Grants.

### Innovation Norway



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 The Cooperation Programmes are administered by Innovation Norway. Click here to read more about Innovation Norway.

### Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs



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 Read more about the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

# ❖ Coordinating bodies

## **Joint Committee**

- Policy and supervision of implementation

## **Innovation Norway**

- Fund manager and administrator

## **Ministry of Finance Bulgaria**

- Coordination on the Bulgarian side

## **Consultation Committee**

- Regular meetings – discuss implementation

## Who can apply ?

### Partnerships between Bulgarian and Norwegian entities

#### This includes;

- Private and public companies
- Private and public institutions
- Public - central, regional or local authorities
- Non governmental organisations
- Social partners

### One Project Promoter (Bulgarian or Norwegian)

## ❖ Highly important issues

- to secure the full financing of your project
- where state aid applies – the grant ceilings might go down
- public procurement rules applies
- maturity of project
- other legal issues

# ❖ When can I apply ?

## **Launched in November 2007**

- One open call – Applications can be submitted continuously
- Deadline for submission of Seed Money Applications is 31 May 2008 and deadline for Individual Project Applications is 31 December 2008

## **Assessment of applications**

- Normally not more than 4 months

## **Commitment of funds**

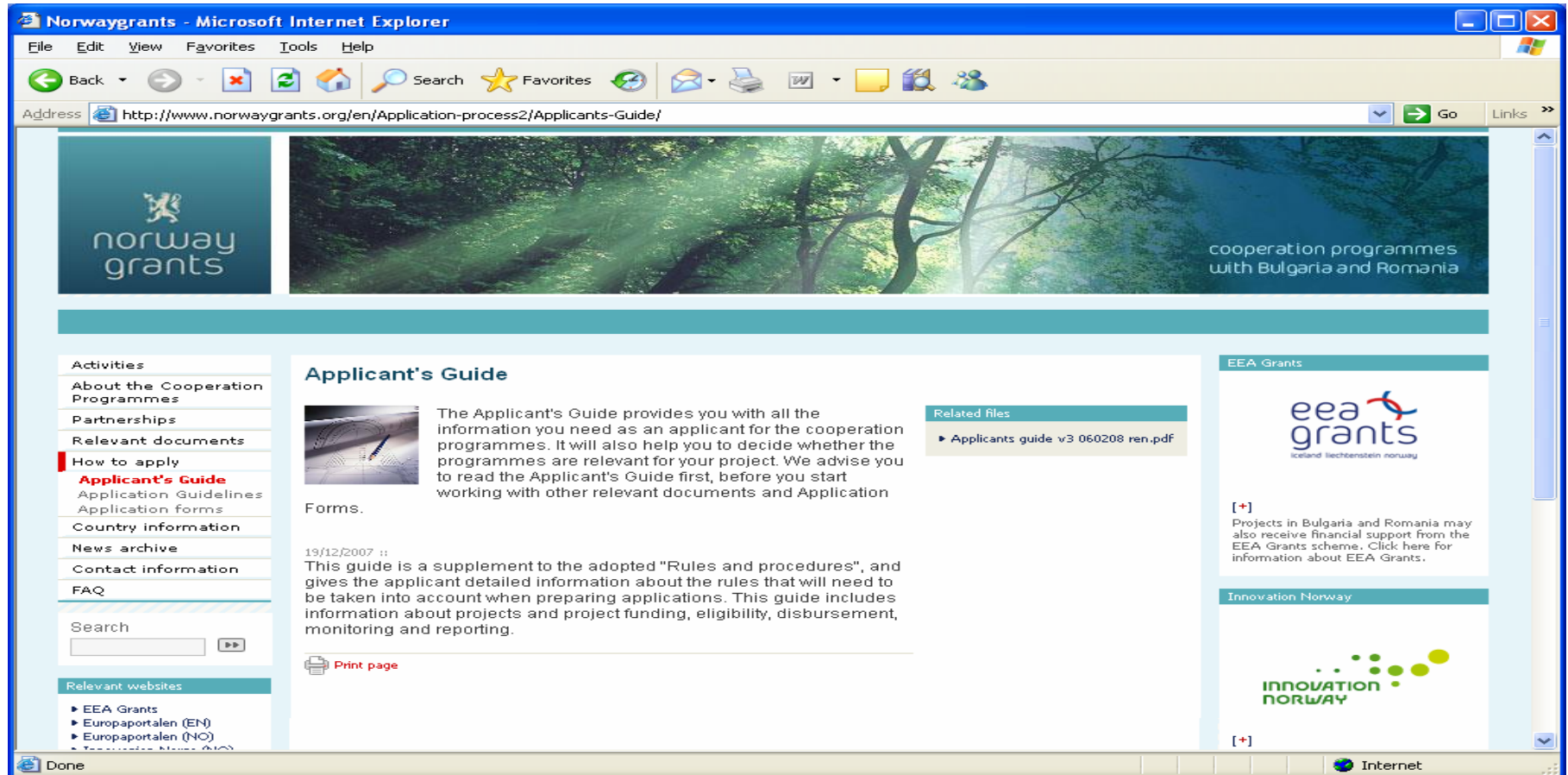
- Until 30 April 2009

## **Completion of projects / eligibility period**

- Until 30 April 2011

# Before you start working with other documents

## – read Applicant's Guide



The screenshot shows a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window displaying the Norwaygrants website. The address bar shows the URL: <http://www.norwaygrants.org/en/Application-process2/Applicants-Guide/>. The page features a header with the Norwaygrants logo and a banner image of a forest path with the text "cooperation programmes with Bulgaria and Romania".

The main content area is titled "Applicant's Guide" and includes a sub-section "Forms." with a date of "19/12/2007". The text reads: "This guide is a supplement to the adopted 'Rules and procedures', and gives the applicant detailed information about the rules that will need to be taken into account when preparing applications. This guide includes information about projects and project funding, eligibility, disbursement, monitoring and reporting." A "Print page" button is visible below the text.

On the left side, there is a navigation menu with the following items: Activities, About the Cooperation Programmes, Partnerships, Relevant documents, How to apply, **Applicant's Guide**, Application Guidelines, Application forms, Country information, News archive, Contact information, and FAQ. Below the menu is a search box and a "Relevant websites" section listing EEA Grants, Europaportalen (EN), and Europaportalen (NO).

On the right side, there is a "Related files" section with a link to "Applicants guide v3 060208 ren.pdf". Below that is the "EEA Grants" logo and a section titled "Innovation Norway" with a logo and a "[+]" expand/collapse button.

# Our grant assistance – individual projects



## Grant rate ceilings

- General rule: up to 60 per cent of eligible project costs
- If co-financing from other government budget in Bulgaria: up to 85 per cent of eligible project costs
- For NGOs and social partners: up to 90 per cent of eligible project costs

## Grant amount

- Minimum € 250.000
  - Projects promoted by NGOs / social partners excepted
- Maximum € 5.000.000

## ❖ Individual project

- Min. € 250,000 for – Max. € 5,000,000 for activities involving:
  - Innovative approaches
  - Human resource-development
  - Networking
  - Capacity-building
  - Technology and/or competence transfer
  - Research & Development
  
- "Individual Project Application Form User Guide"



# Our grant assistance – seed money facility

## Rules for grant rate

- Same grant rate ceilings as for individual projects

## Grant amount for seed money

- Maximum € 25,000

## Deadline for seed money applications

- 31 May 2008

## Travel support scheme for NGOs / social partners

- Maximum € 2,000 for relevant project preparations

## ❖ Seed Money Facility

- Max. € 25,000 for:
  - developing the partnership
  - preparation and design of an individual project
- "Seed Money Application Form User Guide"
- Deadline: 31 May 2008

## ❖ Application procedure

### ➤ Application forms for individual projects

- Send in function: [www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org)

### Seed money application form

- Send in function: [www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org)

### No application form for travel support scheme

- Detailed information at [www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org)
- Fixed sum to be reimbursed

## Decision-making process

- Application (by Applicant)
- Pre-assessment (by Innovation Norway)
- Discussion in Consultation Committee (all)
- Consensus or objection (by Ministry of Finance)
- Full assessment (by Innovation Norway)
- Project decision (by Innovation Norway)
- Implementation (by Applicant)
- Monitoring, control and evaluation (internal/external)



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# Applications by promoters



## ➤ Bulgarian:

- Private: **7**
- Public: **6**
- NGOs/trade unions: **3**

## ➤ Norwegian:

- Private: **12**
- Public: **4**
- NGOs / trade unions: **1**

## ❖ Applications by priority

- Environment: 7
- Energy efficiency and renewable energy: 13
- Sustainable production: 11
- Schengen aquis: 2

## ❖ Applications by regions

- North East: 4
- North West: 1
- Central North: 3
- South West: 6
- South East: 0
- Central South: 2
- All regions / not defined: 17

## ❖❖ NGOs and social partners

- Travel Support Scheme
- Seed Money
- Individual Projects
  
- 5 per cent of total grant allocated for this target group – for projects within the priority sectors
  
- Same rules and procedures as other applicants, but no lower limit for project size
- [www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org) –Partnerships - Finding a partner

# NGO Norway Information Portal

The screenshot shows the NGO Norway Information Portal website in a Microsoft Internet Explorer browser window. The browser title is "NGONorway.org - Frontpage - Microsoft Internet Explorer". The address bar shows "http://www.ngonorway.org/index.php".

The website header features the logo "NGO Norway INFORMATION PORTAL" with the tagline "NEW PARTNERSHIPS FOR COOPERATION IN EUROPE". The background of the header is a blue image of a globe.

The main content area is divided into three columns:

- Donor Countries:** A list of countries including Norway and Other Donor Countries.
- Beneficiary Countries:** A list of countries including Bulgaria, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Estonia, Greece, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Malta, Poland, Portugal, Romania, Slovakia, Slovenia, and Spain.
- Welcome to the NGO Norway Information Portal!**
  - EEA Grants and Civil Society:** Tuesday, 04 March 2008. The conference "EEA Grants and Civil Society - Experiences and Visions" was held in Oslo last week. Intermediaries from all the beneficiary countries were present sharing their experiences and ... [Read more...](#)
  - Norwegian-Polish Partnership Forum:** Tuesday, 04 March 2008. Over 120 participants were attending the Norwegian-Polish Partnership Forum in Warsaw last week. The conference was a golden opportunity for partners from Norway and Poland to meet and discuss opportunities and ... [Read more...](#)
  - Two upcoming conferences in Oslo:** Thursday, 21 February 2008. Two conferences will be held in Oslo in the near future regarding the EEA Grants. [Read more...](#)
- Welcome:** A list of links including Home, About, News, Reports, Search, Finding Partners, Registration, Open Calls, and Approved Projects.
- Norwegian IIGOs:** A list of categories including Environment and sustainable development, Democracy and civil society, Minorities and social inclusion, Regional and local development, Equal opportunities and anti-racism, and Human Resources Development.

The browser status bar at the bottom shows "Internet".

## ❖ For more information

[www.norwaygrants.org](http://www.norwaygrants.org)

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