

# EEA FINANCIAL MECHANISM THE NORWEGIAN FINANCIAL MECHANISM

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## New partnerships for cohesion

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*/ Solidarity / Opportunity / Cooperation /*

# The European Economic Area



# THE EEA ENLARGEMENT

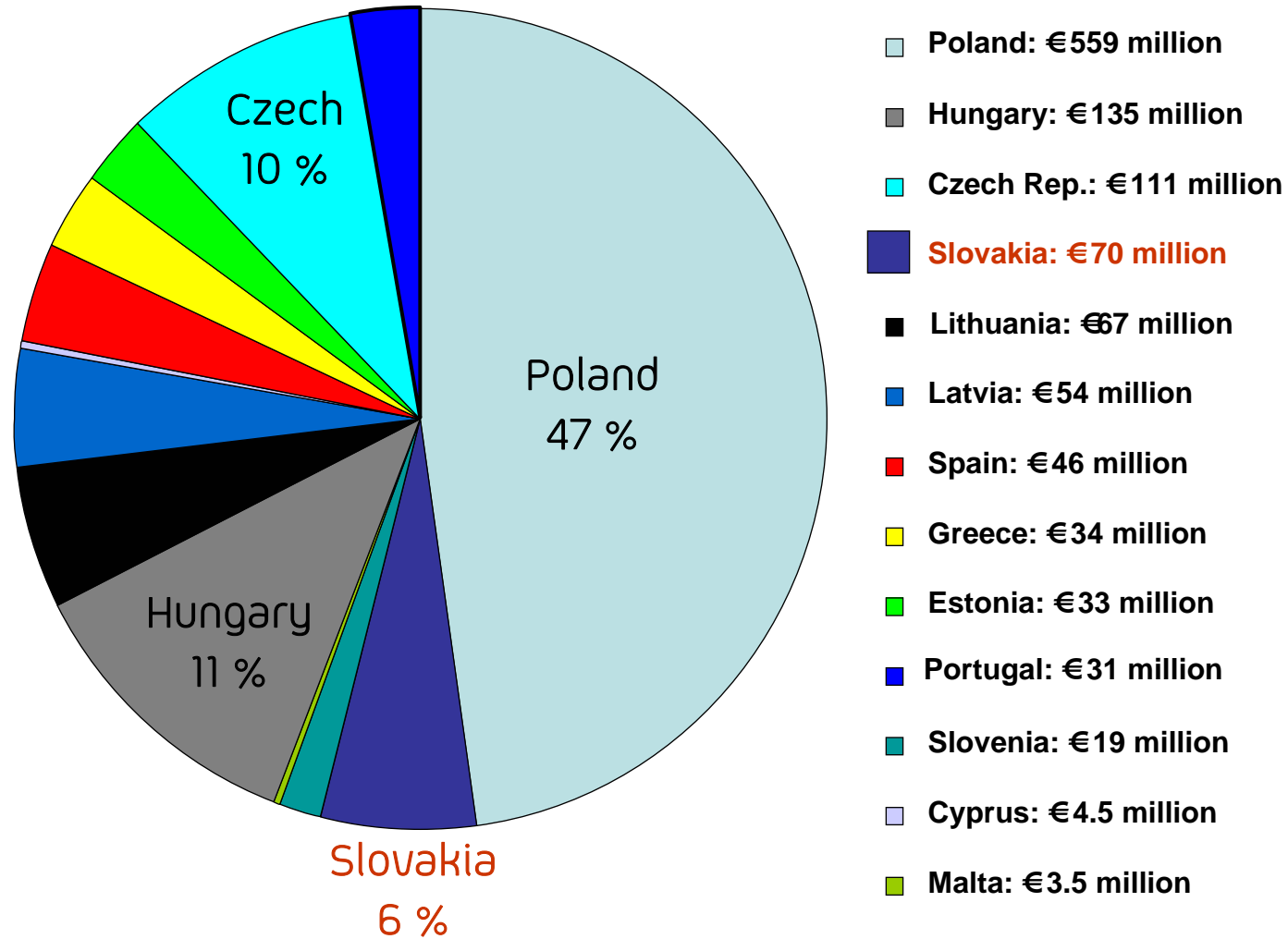
**SOLIDARITY** - reduce social and economic disparities

**OPPORTUNITY** - help new EU members integrate with the Internal Market

**COOPERATION** - strengthen political and economic ties

- Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway have a history of cohesion funding:
  - **The Financial Mechanism 1994-1998**  
€500 million in grants and interest rebates on €1.5 billion in EIB loans
  - **The Financial Instrument 1999-2003**  
€120 million in grants
  - **The Financial Mechanisms 2004-2009**  
€1.2 billion in grants
  - **Romania and Bulgaria 2007 – 2009**  
€72 million in grants via the EEA Financial Mechanism  
€68 million in bilateral grants via separate Norwegian cooperation programmes

# ALLOCATIONS



# PRIORITY SECTORS



## CROSS-CUTTING ISSUES

Sustainable development  
Gender equality

Good governance  
Bilateral cooperation

# ENVIRONMENT AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT IN SLOVAKIA

## SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT:

- promotion of renewable energy sources
- improvement of municipal street lighting for energy saving
- reconstruction of heat distributions and central sources of heat operated by public enterprises for energy saving
- promotion of the use of bio fuels and alternative energy resources as secondary sources of energy at municipality and regional level
- promotion of food safety
- environment education and mainstreaming on all levels of public administration including support to environmental information activities
- traffic administration and safety

## ENVIRONMENT:

- improvement and development of infrastructure for water protection and management
- improvement of air quality and greenhouse gas reduction in Slovakia
- improvement of waste management at municipality level
- reduction and safe management of old environmental burdens
- reduce the loss of biodiversity and preserve natural habitats

# TYPES OF PROJECT ASSISTANCE

- There are several forms of assistance under the financial mechanisms:
    1. **Individual Projects** – normally grants of €250,000 or more
    2. **Programmes** – ‘groups of projects’
    3. **Block grants** – funds for NGO, scholarships, research, etc.
    4. **Seed money** – supporting development of promising ideas
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- More than €800 million will be distributed as Individual Projects
  - Close to €200 million will be distributed via block grants (incl. seed money)

# SLOVAKIA – STATE OF PLAY

## Slovak projects and funds:

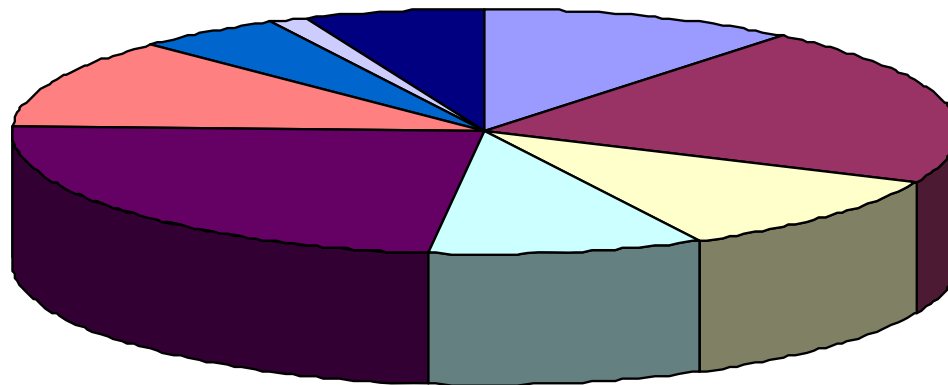
- 51 individual projects and funds forwarded to FMO
- 6 individual projects and 1 fund within the energy sector

## Approved funds (block grants)

- €1.5 million NGO Fund to support human rights
- €1.5 million NGO Fund to support social inclusion
- €2 million NGO Fund to support sustainable development
- €0.8 million Research Fund
  - **sustainable development**
  - **renewable energy sources**
- €1.3 million Scholarship Fund
- €0.3 million Seed Money Fund

# SLOVAKIA – APPROVED PROJECTS

Committed funds per priority area - October 2007



- Academic research (5) €2.3 mln
- Cultural heritage (8) €4.4 mln
- Health and childcare (6) €2.3 mln
- Human resources dev. (3) €2 mln
- NGO fund (3) €5 mln
- Environment (5) €2.5 mln
- Regional policy (3) €1.9 mln
- Seed money facility (1) €0.3 mln
- Technical assistance (1) €1.2 mln

# OPEN CALLS IN SLOVAKIA

## Closed calls:

2005: €8.6 mln open call for public and third sector

September 2007: €50,000 seed money call

## Coming calls:

November 2007: €10 mln private sector call

Early 2008: €32 mln public and third sector call

Additional calls to be launched within

- NGO Fund (sustainable development) – October 07
- Research Fund – winter 07

# APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Applications



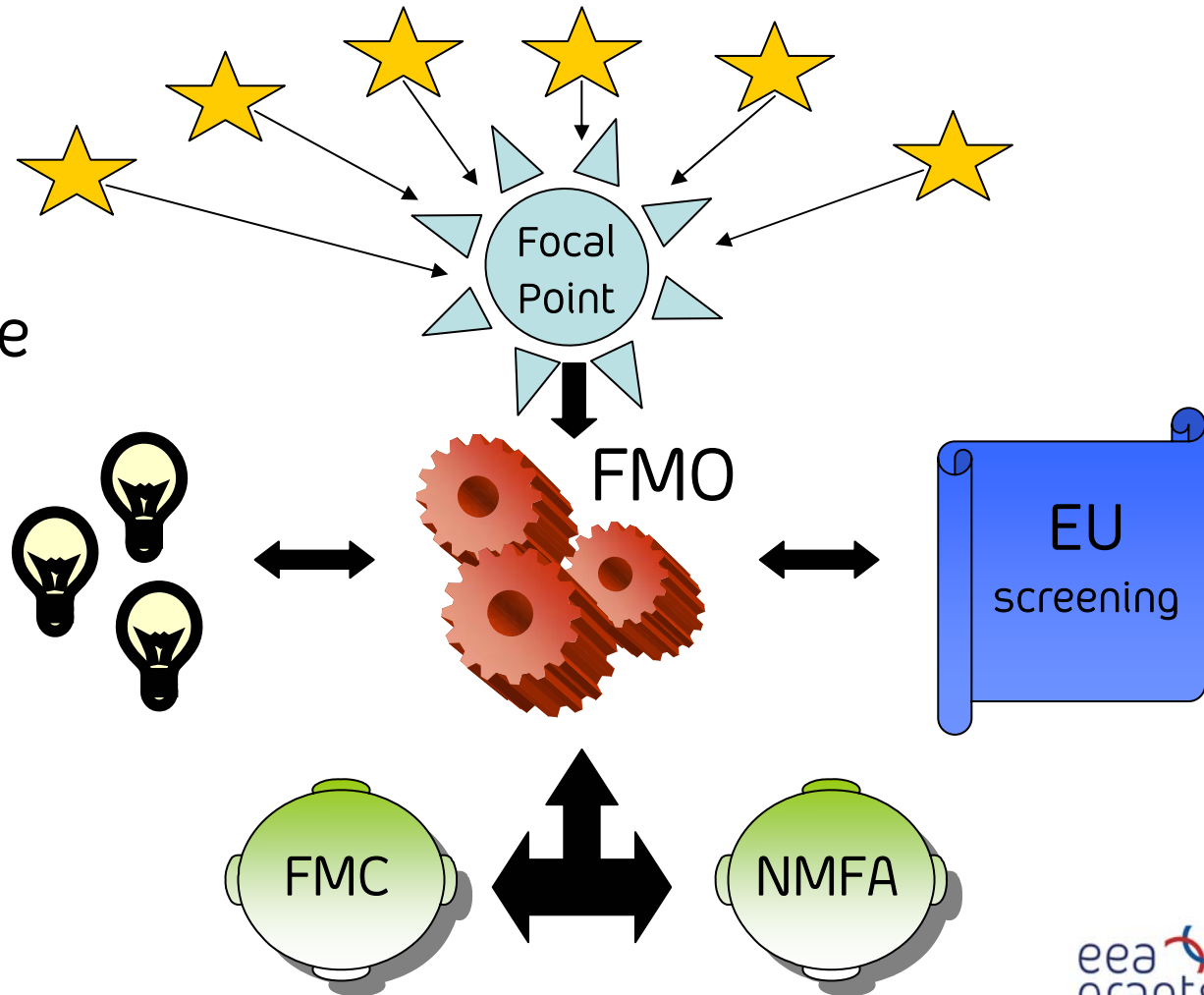
Beneficiary state



Appraisal



Decision



# ADVICE FOR FINDING PARTNERS

1. Provide potential donor state partners with **sufficiently detailed information about your project proposal**, including a short project description that clarifies the overall aim and purpose of the project and details the specific activities that will be carried out as part of its implementation (1-3 pages).
2. Specify to the extent possible **the kind of experience and competence that you seek** from a potential Norwegian partner, including the specific role and responsibility/ies of a potential Norwegian partner in the implementation of the project.
3. Provide potential Norwegian partners with a **short presentation of your own organisation**, including a description of its general objectives and main activities.
4. As **EU and national rules on public procurement** must be complied with whenever applicable, it is important that applicants and their potential donor state partners take this into consideration at an early stage of the application process.

# FINDING PARTNERS

## finding partners in norway



### Web portal 'Finding partners in Norway'

- information on Norwegian competence
- contact details to Norwegian Environmental Agencies and NGOs

Run a search for 'Finding partners in Norway' or type in the following address:

- <http://www.regjeringen.no/en/sub/Europaportalen/EEA-Grants/Finding-partners-in-Norway>

### Iceland's consul in Bratislava

Mr. Otto Halás  
Palisády 39, Bratislava  
slovgeoterm@stonline.sk

### Liechtenstein's portal:

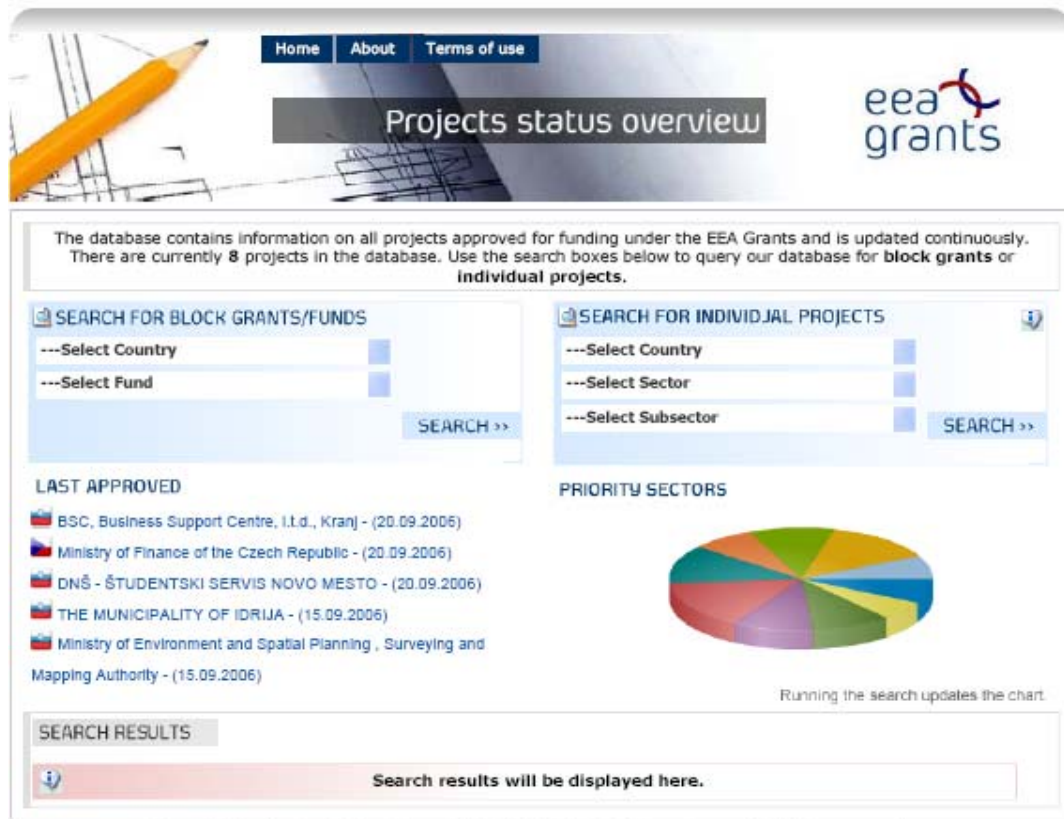
<http://www.liechtenstein.li/>

### Norwegian embassy in Bratislava:

<http://www.norway.sk/eea/partners>

# FURTHER INFORMATION

- background, status of implementation, projects -



The database contains information on all projects approved for funding under the EEA Grants and is updated continuously. There are currently 8 projects in the database. Use the search boxes below to query our database for **block grants** or **individual projects**.

**SEARCH FOR BLOCK GRANTS/FUNDS**

---Select Country  
---Select Fund  
SEARCH >>

**SEARCH FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS**

---Select Country  
---Select Sector  
---Select Subsector  
SEARCH >>

**LAST APPROVED**

- BSC, Business Support Centre, I.L.d., Kranj - (20.09.2006)
- Ministry of Finance of the Czech Republic - (20.09.2006)
- DNS - ŠTUDENTSKI SERVIS NOVO MESTO - (20.09.2006)
- THE MUNICIPALITY OF IDRJA - (15.09.2006)
- Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Surveying and Mapping Authority - (15.09.2006)

**PRIORITY SECTORS**

Running the search updates the chart.

**SEARCH RESULTS**

Search results will be displayed here.

- For information about the financial mechanisms:  
[www.eeagrants.org](http://www.eeagrants.org)
- For information about the financial mechanisms in Slovakia:  
[www.eeagrants.sk](http://www.eeagrants.sk)
- For specific information on Norway:  
[www.norway.info](http://www.norway.info)  
[www.europaportalen.no](http://www.europaportalen.no)