

## EEA and Norway Grants Estonia

The purpose of the financial mechanisms is to reduce social and economic inequalities in the European Union and the European Economic Area and to strengthen bilateral relations between Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein and the beneficiary countries. It is currently the third period of EEA and Norway Grants since 2004 and the third period, 2014-2021, enables Estonia to receive approximately 63 million euros in foreign aid. Estonian part of the EEA grants is 29 877 500 euros and the Norway grants 33 022 500 euros

In the period 2014-2021, **four programmes and the Bilateral Fund** will be implemented by the Estonian state (National Focal Point and the Ministries) and two by the Financial Mechanism Office (FMO).

89 open call projects  
2 predefined projects  
21 projects with donor partners



**Green ICT programme**

18 open call projects  
2 predefined projects  
20 projects with donor partners



**Baltic Research Programme**

	Disbursement	Commitment	Allocation
30 June 2020	930 744	2 718 955	27 058 824
31 May 2021	2 570 511	23 723 855	27 058 824
31 May 2022	8 066 282	25 276 433	27 058 824

	Disbursement	Commitment	Allocation
30 June 2020	3 676 816	7 528 819	8 352 941
31 May 2021	4 479 359	7 951 583	8 352 941
31 May 2022	5 178 147	8 174 545	8 352 941

36 open call projects  
8 predefined projects  
17 projects with donor partners



**Local Development and Poverty Reduction**

12 open call projects  
1 predefined project  
9 projects with donor partners



**Climate Change Mitigation and Adaption**

	Disbursement	Commitment	Allocation
30 June 2020	167 568	10 670 213	21 176 470
31 May 2021	1 313 327	16 617 065	21 176 470
31 May 2022	4 117 270	157 568	21 176 470

	Disbursement	Commitment	Allocation
30 June 2020	73 888	705 824	7 058 824
31 May 2021	107 500	705 824	7 058 824
31 May 2022	426 985	2 805 069	7 058 824

Total allocation  
6 063 00



**Active Citizens Fund**

One example of FMO-operated programme

Commitment rate  
nearly 100%

Total allocation  
1 360 000 euros



**Bilateral Fund**

**Call 1** 17 projects selected **Call 2** 15 projects selected  
**Call 3** 20 projects selected **Call 4** 13 projects selected  
**Call 5** 5 projects selected

Pre-defined project: Future Leaders of Estonian Civil Society Organisation

12 national level initiatives approved, including initiative to mitigate the refugee crisis in Estonia "Creating a comprehensive trauma training programme for Estonia with special attention on the war in Ukraine and its refugee crisis".

All programmes foresee to fully utilise their bilateral fund allocations.

The **Systems Audit of the National Structure in Estonia** for the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021 on request of the FMO conducted by the BDO LLP was finalised in September 2021 and the audit report confirmed the adequacy of the MCS.

NFP carried out the **performance analysis of the functioning of the system** in the beginning of 2022. As a result of the analysis NFP can confirm that **overall the system is functioning well**.

The **bilateral activities** are intensifying with great speed both at national and at programme level. The commitment rate is nearly 100% and previously postponed activities are now undergoing.

The **main risks in programmes** are related to the consequences of the war in Ukraine and COVID-19. Communication between all relevant parties is crucial in mitigating risks and can be considered overall **very good**.

On a scale of 1-4 **overall risk level of programmes** is considered **2**.

**By the end of 2022** NFP foresees the commitment rate to be around 95% and the disbursement to projects to be around 44%.

**The years 2022, 2023, 2024** are foreseen to be the most active implementing years.

Regarding audits carried out the total projected error rate lies **below tolerable error rate of 2%**



**Total**

	Disbursement	Commitment	Allocation
30 June 2020	5 336 740	23 205 302	66 027 059
31 May 2021	9 153 223	50 716 024	66 027 059
31 May 2022	18 712 132	59 138 023	66 027 059

Includes four programmes, Bilateral Fund and Technical Assistance and does not include FMO operated programmes  
Disbursement = Disbursements to projects

Data presented is as of May 31, 2022