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# EEA Grants / Norway Grants 2009-2014

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## EEA Norway Grants - background

- Based on the EEA agreement between Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein.
- Targeting primarily the countries entering EU from 2004
- Three programme periods: 2004-09, 2009-2014, 2014-2021

### General aims:

- Reduction of social and economic disparities in Europe
- Strengthening bilateral relations between donor and beneficiary countries
- Contribution to the development of the knowledge base and the enhancement of human capital
- **An important supplement** to EU programs for education and research



## EEA Norway Grants 2009-2014

Two agreements:

EEA Grants (15 countries)

Norway Grants (12 countries)

11 Scholarship Programmes

- approx. 42 million euro



# Objectives

- Knowledge exchange and building human capital
- Strengthening bilateral relations

## **All education levels - Higher education, Research, Schools**

- institutional projects:
  - Joint projects,
  - curriculum development,
  - mobility

# Donor Program Partners

National contact points for EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 - Scholarship Programmes

- Norway: Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Education ([SIU](#))
- Iceland: Icelandic Research Fund ([RANNIS](#))
- Liechtenstein: National Agency for International Education Affairs ([AIBA](#))

Role of DPPs:

- Information and promotion
- Facilitating partner search and contact
- Coordination and assistance
- Advice on the implementation of the program
- Monitoring, analysis, evaluation, and adjustments
- Representation in cooperation committees
- Program development together with PO



## Some results

<b>2000+</b>	Projects
<b>1600+</b>	Mobile staff
<b>600+</b>	Staff with increased skills and competences
<b>500+</b>	Joint products and services e.g. teaching materials etc.
<b>1100+</b>	Students that gained ECTS credits
<b>85%</b>	of projects with bilateral cooperation

## Some challenges

- Lack of history of collaboration between DS and BS
- Difficult to persuade students from DS to go on exchange
- Cultural differences between DS and BS
- Practical challenges – «bureaucracy»
- => late start up of programmes
- => mismatch with regard to formal requirements
- => different rules for each country



# Well on the way to contributing to long term outcomes

- Mainstreaming into current European policy and education/research programmes
- Enhancing internationalisation at institutions and higher quality education
- Contributing to consolidating and enhancing sustainable education milieus at institutions in BS
- Facilitating long lasting institutional bilateral cooperation between BS and DS
- Reducing discrepancies in access for all to education
- Increasing potential for impact on reducing socio-economic differences in Europe
- (Looking forward to the next programme period....)

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