

EFTA/EEA Financial Mechanisms

The EFTA States shall contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area. The programmes will open for individual, bigger projects (infrastructure) as well as block grants and "seed money". The distribution key is agreed upon with the EU-commission.

PRIORITIES:

Among the numerous priority sectors listed in the agreements, the following priorities will have the highest focus from the point of view of the local and regional sector:

- Human resource development
- Regional policy and cross-border activities
- Health and childcare
- Environment and sustainable development
- Technical assistance related to implementation of acquis
- Cultural heritage.

AREA ELIGIBLE:

Beneficiary states are: Norway, Iceland, Austria, 10 new member countries and Greece, Ireland, Portugal, Spain.

FUNDS (LIMITS):

EEA financial mechanism (Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein): € 600 million (annual grants of € 120 million). Norwegian financial mechanism: €567 million (annual grants of € 113,4 million)

The minimum amount for the "bigger" projects is excepted to be 250 000 Euro. For the block grants there is not yet any fixed maximum or minimum amount. A priority from the Norwegian will be that the smaller applicants (e.g. NGO's and rural municipalities) should not be excluded.

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OPEN CALLS CALENDAR

Poland: Regional policy and cross-border policy Fund - third open call; DEADLINE 31 March 2010

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