

Norwegian Cooperation Programme – Roles, responsibilities and procedures

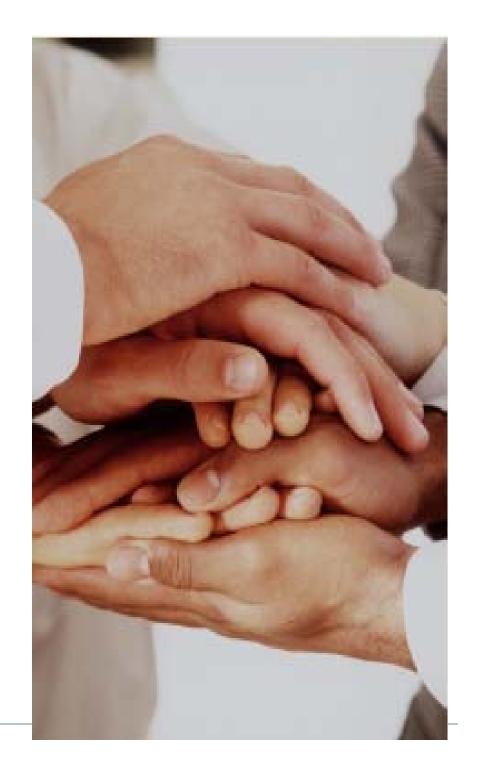
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Create partnerships for

- > Sustainable development
- > Gender equality
- **➤** Good governance





Available project funding



Financial frame

- > € 20 million
- Grants for co-financing

Types of project funding

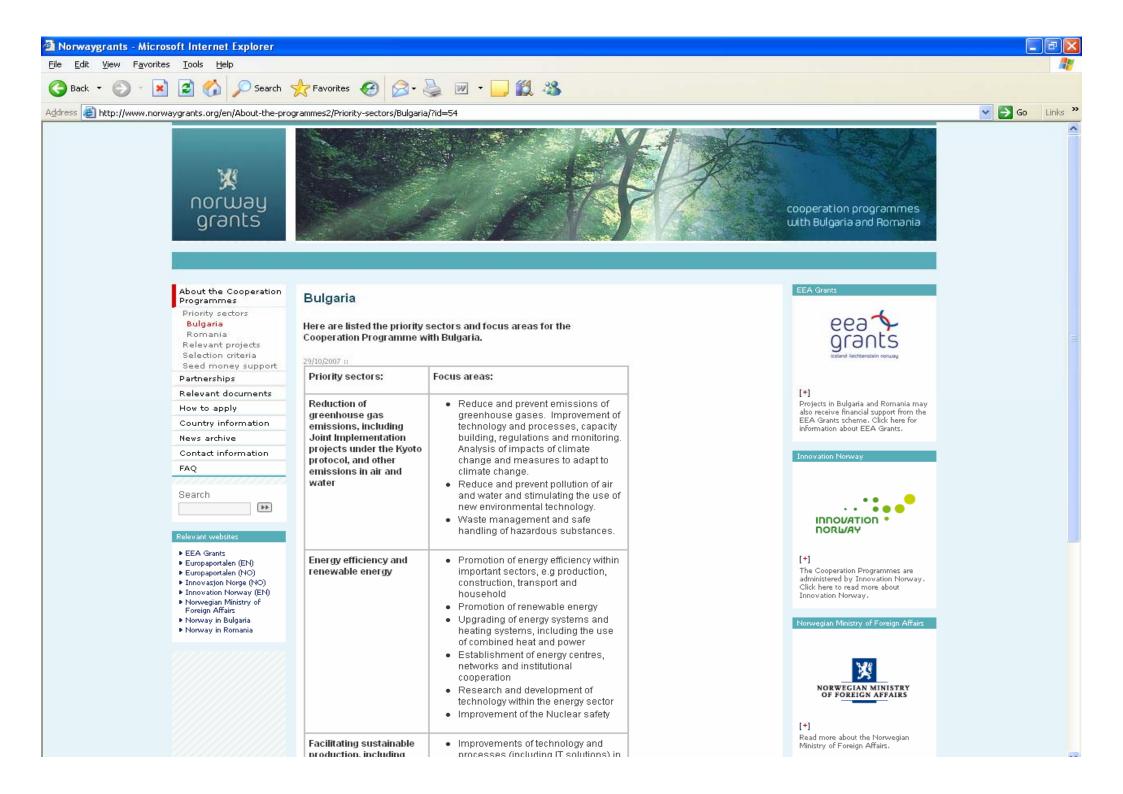
- Individual projects
- Seed money facility
 - Travel support for NGO's and social partners



>>> Priority sectors

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





>>> 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)



>> Your responsibilities

- > Ensure the full financing of your project
- > State aid intensity thresholds shall not be exceeded
- > Public procurement rules will apply
- > Other legal issues



>>> When can I apply?

Launched in November 2007

- > Ope open call Applications can be submitted continously
- > Deadline for submission of 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



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



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



>> Application procedure

- >Application forms for individual projects
 - >Send in function: www.norwaygrants.org

Seed money application form

Send in function: www.norwaygrants.org

No application form for travel support scheme

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
- > Monitoring, control and evaluation



>> For more information

www.norwaygrants.org

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