

# EEA GRANTS NORWAY GRANTS



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The aim of the EEA and Norway Grants is to reduce economic and social disparities in Europe. Over the period 2004-2009, the donor states Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway have awarded grants to 1200 projects, programmes and funds throughout Central and Southern Europe. Around one fourth of the project support has been allocated towards efforts to protect the environment and promote sustainable development. This booklet provides an overview of the green funding in each of the 15 beneficiary states.

### Supported projects, programmes and funds by priority sectors

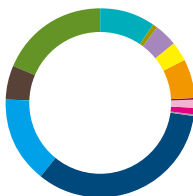
Sector	Projects	Grants
Academic research	94	€ 82 354 212
Conservation of European cultural heritage	225	€ 257 615 073
<b>Environment and sustainable development</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>€ 258 048 843</b>
Health and childcare	235	€ 166 881 415
Human resource development	159	€ 123 772 650
NGO funds	19	€ 85 347 695
Regional policy and cross-border activities	54	€ 42 722 042
Schengen and judiciary	55	€ 121 758 899
Seed money funds	6	€ 3 969 229
Acquis communautaire	7	€ 3 870 664
Technical assistance for grant management	14	€ 20 259 795
<b>Total</b>	<b>1 193</b>	<b>€ 1 166 238 693</b>

### Environmental projects, programmes and funds by country

	Projects	Grants
Bulgaria	10	€ 4 385 032
Cyprus	2	€ 1 196 082
Czech Republic	12	€ 5 867 577
Estonia	10	€ 6 805 853
Greece	22	€ 18 563 376
Hungary	21	€ 25 907 367
Latvia	16	€ 9 059 653
Lithuania	3	€ 1 941 093
Malta	2	€ 1 435 728
Poland	163	€ 118 834 625
Portugal	14	€ 15 793 091
Romania	7	€ 8 697 803
Slovakia	28	€ 16 683 591
Slovenia	7	€ 4 221 609
Spain	8	€ 18 656 363
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>€ 258 048 843</b>

Projects with an environmental focus are also found within other priority sectors, such as academic research and health and childcare.

## Types of environmental projects



<b>Agriculture and forestry</b> € 24 605 991 21 projects	<b>Noise reduction</b> € 3 067 029 1 project
<b>Air pollution reduction</b> € 1 979 144 3 projects	<b>Protection of environment - general</b> € 755 845 2 projects
<b>Biodiversity</b> € 10 621 642 23 projects	<b>Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases</b> € 86 343 521 129 projects
<b>Education</b> € 8 090 466 11 projects	<b>Sustainable development</b> € 38 571 418 34 projects
<b>Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems</b> € 17 489 122 23 projects	<b>Waste management</b> € 14 742 675 19 projects
<b>Hazardous substances</b> € 249 999 1 project	<b>Water pollution reduction and water management</b> € 47 670 953 52 projects
<b>Integrated pollution prevention and control</b> € 3 861 038 6 projects	

## Environmental funds

Beneficiary States	Title	Total Grant
Czech Republic	Recovery Programmes for Endangered Species	€ 500 000
Hungary	Lake Balaton - Environmental Protection Fund	€ 1 367 327
Hungary	Jász-Nagykun-Szolnok - Environmental conscious education fund	€ 1 954 599
Latvia	Environment Policy Integration	€ 3 481 412
Slovakia	Street lighting fund	€ 2 638 920

## Green partnerships

number of partnerships with a clear environmental focus within all priority sectors

	Iceland	Norway
Bulgaria	1	4
Czech Republic		11
Estonia		4
Greece		7
Hungary		7
Latvia		4
Lithuania		2
Poland	1	43
Portugal		7
Romania		3
Slovakia		5
Slovenia		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>98</b>

The statistics are based on categorisation of projects, programmes and funds made by the Financial Mechanism Office. Data from October 2009.



# Bulgaria

## Environmental projects

10 projects - € 4 385 032 in grants

**One quarter of the projects receiving support in is within the sectors for the environment and sustainable development.**

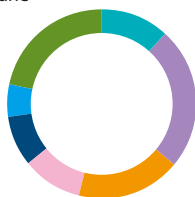
The environmental projects in Bulgaria will contribute to safeguarding biodiversity, reducing water pollution and improving water management, as well as developing monitoring and geographical information systems. The majority of projects are of a soft nature, targeting conservation of biodiversity, development of information and management systems, and training.

One quarter of the environmental funding is dedicated to three **biodiversity projects**. They concern the development of a national biodiversity monitoring system, a study on the European Chestnut tree forests in the Bulgarian part of Balssitsa Mountain, and long-term monitoring on glacial relict plants in Bulgaria.

A mobile laboratory has been purchased to improve **air quality monitoring and management** in Bourgas. A significant share of the environmental funding in Bulgaria will be used to improve **wastewater treatment** in Stambolovo municipality. The new sewage system is expected to improve public health and surface and ground water ecology in the municipality.

Small grants are also provided to environmental projects under the **NGO fund**.

The ten environmental projects are promoted by four national authorities, three local authorities, two educational / research institutions, and one NGO. Five projects have partners from Norway and one has a partner from Iceland.



## Types of projects

### Agriculture and forestry

€ 517 863  
1 project

### Biodiversity

€ 1 068 871  
3 projects

### Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems

€ 781 691  
2 projects

### Integrated pollution prevention and control

€ 455 739  
1 project

### Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases

€ 369 467  
1 project

### Sustainable development

€ 245 523  
1 project

### Water pollution reduction and water management

€ 945 878  
1 project



# Cyprus

## Environmental projects

2 projects - € 1 196 082 in grants

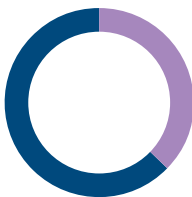
Of the five individual projects receiving support in Cyprus, two are within the sector for environment, representing more than **40 percent of the total allocation to individual projects**.

The projects, awarded €1.2 million in grants, focus on creating a **management plan for the Pafos forest** and building a **prototype zero CO<sub>2</sub> emission power generator**. In addition, one of the projects under the cultural heritage sector aims at establishing an education centre for the development of activities focused on environmental protection and sustainable development.

The two environmental projects are promoted by one university and one national authority.

## Types of projects

- Biodiversity**  
€ 447 226  
1 project
- Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases**  
€ 748 856  
1 project





# Czech Republic

## Environmental projects

12 projects - € 5 867 577 in grants

In the Czech Republic, 12 of the 144 projects, programmes and funds receiving support amounting to €5.9 million in grants are within the sectors for environment and sustainable development. The environmental projects include both soft and infrastructure elements.

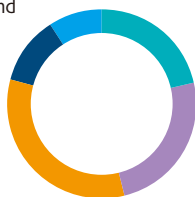
One third of the environmental funding is awarded to three projects concerning **environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**. The Region of South Bohemia will extend its flood protection through a more effective monitoring system, an information system will be implemented in Hradce Králové to support decision-making processes in water management, and a Czech-Norwegian research project is being implemented to improve knowledge and monitoring of transborder air pollution.

The four **biodiversity projects** in the Czech Republic account for one quarter of the environmental funding, and include large-scale monitoring of the Bohemian Switzerland National Park and a specific programme for the recovery of endangered species.

Projects within '**agriculture and forestry**' amount to one fifth of the funding, and an example of the activities supported is a project on the bio-geo-chemical exploration of Czech forests.

Small grants are also provided to environmental projects under the **NGO Fund**.

The twelve environmental projects are promoted by one educational / research institution, three local authorities, one national authority, one NGO, three regional authorities and three are listed as "other". Four projects have partners from Norway.



## Types of projects

### Agriculture and forestry

€ 1 259 596

3 projects

### Biodiversity

€ 1 461 438

4 projects

### Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems

€ 1 924 456

3 projects

### Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases

€ 691 307

1 project

### Sustainable development

€ 530 780

1 project



# Estonia

## Environmental projects

10 projects - € 6 805 853 in grants

Of Estonia's portfolio of 35 projects, ten projects are within the sectors for environment and sustainable development. The majority of the Estonian environmental projects, receiving a total of €6.8 million in grants, can be characterised as soft projects.

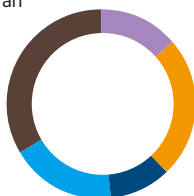
**More than half of the environmental funding** in Estonia is allocated to two projects on **waste management**. One of the two involves co-processing – using waste as fuel – at a cement factory. The cement industry is globally a major source of greenhouse gases, and the expected cuts in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions at the plant in Kunda will represent up to 70 000 tonnes per year. The other waste management project aims at reducing pollution by making the waste (battery) recycling process in Sillamäe more efficient and environmentally friendly.

Next in size come projects on **environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**. These absorb 16 percent of the environmental funding. The systems to be set up include a groundwater monitoring system, management plans for riverine habitats, and an Estonian biodiversity database.

Other projects include implementation of **Natura 2000 areas** in Estonian marine areas and the **modernisation of heating networks and facilities**.

Small grants are also provided to environmental projects under the **NGO Fund**.

The ten environmental projects are promoted by two educational / research institutions, three national authorities, one publicly-owned enterprise, three privately-owned enterprises, and an NGO. Three projects have partners from Norway.



## Types of projects

### Biodiversity

€ 940 075

2 projects

### Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems

€ 1 648 920

3 projects

### Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases

€ 702 724

2 projects

### Sustainable development

€ 1 245 297

1 project

### Waste management

€ 2 268 837

2 projects



# Greece

## Environmental projects

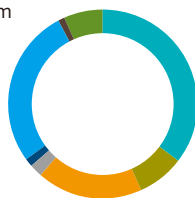
22 projects - € 18 563 376 in grants

**Close to 60 percent of the funding in Greece** goes to environment and sustainable development projects, the largest proportion of any beneficiary state. The 22 individual projects have been awarded €18.6 million in grants. The largest share of these projects concern 'agriculture and forestry' along with 'environmental monitoring and geographic information systems'. About 45 percent of these projects have an element of infrastructure development, as well as a soft component in terms of developing studies or training staff. Another 45 percent are infrastructure projects, and the remaining 10 percent are soft projects.

More than one third of the environmental funding is allocated to seven projects on **agriculture and forestry**, making this the largest sub-sector. The projects vary from reforestation of approximately 740 hectares and setting up systems for **forest fire prevention**, to projects involving awareness-raising and research activities.

Four projects, amounting to 18 percent of the environmental grants, are on environmental monitoring and geographic information systems. The systems to be set up will **monitor water resources and supply, as well as the marine environment**. In addition to the above, projects involving the desalination of sea water, sustainable supply of water for irrigation, processing of organic waste and awareness-raising receive support.

The 22 environmental projects are promoted by two educational / research institutions, six local authorities, three national authorities, seven publicly-owned enterprises and four regional authorities. Seven projects have partners from Norway.



## Types of projects

### Agriculture and forestry

€ 6 592 104

7 projects

### Air pollution reduction

€ 1 458 426

1 project

### Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems

€ 3 373 356

4 projects

### Protection of environment

- general

€ 397 943

1 project

### Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases

€ 255 500

1 project

### Sustainable development

€ 5 068 472

6 projects

### Waste management

€ 217 575

1 project

### Water pollution reduction and water management

€ 1 200 000

1 project



# Hungary

## Environmental projects

21 projects - € 25 907 367 in grants

In Hungary, 20 percent of the available grants have been awarded to environmental projects. **19 individual projects and two funds** are supported within the sectors for environment and sustainable development. The combined grants amount to €25.9 million. All of the individual projects are infrastructure development projects, and the two small grant schemes have a considerable focus on soft projects.

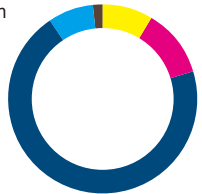
The largest share of the green funding –70 percent– has been awarded to projects on renewable energy, energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gases. Of these 15 projects, the majority involve **production of renewable energy and thermo-insulation of buildings**. One example is the zero emissions conference facility of the Regional Environment Centre of Central and Eastern Europe in Szentendre aiming to promote environmentally friendly technologies.

Other notable sub-sectors are **'noise reduction' and 'education'**, amounting to twelve and nine percent of the environmental funding respectively.

Two environmental funds receive support in Hungary. Szolnok County aims to **increase its inhabitants' environmental awareness**, by providing grants for teachers for training courses on environmental education and support for infrastructure projects, such as waste collection systems and promotion of recycling. The second fund concerns measures by civil society to **protect the environment surrounding Lake Balaton**, Central-Europe's largest fresh water lake.

In addition, **two NGO funds**, of which one has been set up to involve civil society organisations in environmental protection, provide small grants to environmental projects.

The 21 environmental projects are promoted by ten local authorities, four educational / research institutions, a privately-owned enterprise, a regional authority, three NGOs and two are listed as "other". Five projects have partners from Norway.



## Types of projects

**Education**  
€ 2 246 903  
2 projects

**Noise reduction**  
€ 3 067 029  
1 project

**Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases**  
€ 18 149 828  
15 projects

**Sustainable development**  
€ 2 082 369  
2 projects

**Waste management**  
€ 361 238  
1 project



# Latvia

## Environmental projects

16 projects - € 9 059 653 in grants

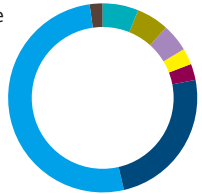
**One fifth of the total funding in Latvia** is dedicated to environment and sustainable development projects. 16 individual projects receive support amounting to €9 million in grants. The main emphasis within the green portfolio is on 'sustainable development' together with 'renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases'. Seven of the projects are infrastructure development projects, while there are also nine soft projects involving development of nature resource plans, as well as training and education on different levels.

More than half of the environmental funding concerns **sustainable development**, split between one fund (78 percent) and three individual projects (22 percent), making this the largest sub-sector. The three individual projects focus on nature park management

The sustainable development fund is dedicated to the **integration of environment policies at a national level**, and provides support to strengthen interdisciplinary research and policy analysis. It promotes multi-stakeholder involvement and sustainable solutions in order to promote sustainable development in Latvia by reinforcing the institutional capacity for environmental policy integration.

The 12 projects on **renewable energy, energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gases** have been awarded nearly one quarter of the environmental grants. Combined, these projects are expected to reduce emissions of CO<sub>2</sub> by more than 10 000 tonnes annually.

The 16 environmental projects are promoted by four local authorities, seven national authorities, three privately-owned enterprises, a regional authority and an NGO. Five projects have partners from Norway.



## Types of projects

- **Agriculture and forestry**  
€ 560 527  
1 project
- **Air pollution reduction**  
€ 520 718  
2 projects
- **Biodiversity**  
€ 417 555  
1 project
- **Education**  
€ 256 831  
1 project
- **Hazardous substances**  
€ 249 999  
1 project
- **Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases**  
€ 2 205 714  
5 projects
- **Sustainable development**  
€ 4 650 112  
4 projects
- **Waste management**  
€ 198 197  
1 project



# Lithuania

## Environmental projects

3 projects - € 1 941 093 in grants

In Lithuania, three projects are within the sectors for the environment and sustainable development. The projects amount to €1.9 million in grants. Two projects concern **environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**, making this the largest sub-sector. All three projects are soft projects with development of reports, plans and training.

A Norwegian-Lithuanian project team has been awarded a grant to collect data to ensure sustainable use of Lithuanian marine areas. Improved information about the 90 km long Lithuanian coastline and its local ecosystem will enable Lithuania to make informed decisions regarding further coastal development and environmental management. A second monitoring project is carried out to relay information on extreme weather conditions and monitoring of marine resources of the Baltic Sea.

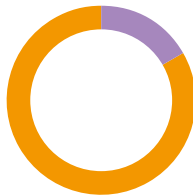
The remaining funding is allocated to a biodiversity project focusing on **protecting endangered bird species through improved agricultural practises**.

Small grants are provided to sustainable development projects under the **NGO Fund**.

The three environmental projects are promoted by a national authority, an educational / research institution and an NGO. One of the projects has a partner from Norway.

## Types of projects

- Biodiversity**  
€ 324 864  
1 project
- Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**  
€ 1 616 229  
2 projects





# Malta

## Environmental projects

2 projects - € 1 435 728 in grants

Two individual projects receiving support in Malta are in the sectors for environment and sustainable development. The projects have been awarded €1.4 million in support. No funds directly related to the environment have been set up.

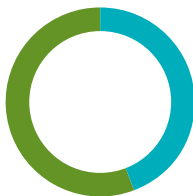
One of the projects concerns a **national containment and clean-up system for major oil spills**. So far there have been no substantial oil spills in Maltese waters, but along with increasing offshore traffic, the risk of spills is increasing. Oil accidents at sea could not only severely damage the coastal ecosystem, but also strike a severe blow to the local economy, which is heavily dependent on tourism and fishing. The project involves training of staff, development of an action plan and purchase of the equipment needed to contain an open-sea oil spill off Malta's shoreline until additional specialist assistance becomes available.

The second environmental project is classified under the sub-sector 'agriculture and forestry' and has the overall objective of **increasing the use of renewable energy, wastewater management and of safeguarding biodiversity**. The main activities involve setting up the necessary infrastructure and planting of trees, but there is an element of education in the project as well.

The two environmental projects are promoted by a national authority and an NGO.

## Types of projects

- Agriculture and forestry**  
€ 635 728  
1 project
- Water pollution reduction and water management**  
€ 800 000  
1 project





# Poland

## Environmental projects

163 projects - € 118 834 625 in grants

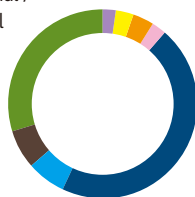
**Close to 40 percent of all projects** receiving support in Poland are within the sectors for environment and sustainable development. The 163 individual projects have been awarded €119 million in grants. Almost half of this funding was allocated towards projects on renewable energy, energy efficiency and the reduction of greenhouse gases, mainly focused on **improving the energy efficiency of public buildings**, such as schools and health care institutions.

The second most important focus area with an allocation of just under 30 percent is **'water pollution reduction and water management'**. Additionally, several environmental research projects receive support under the priority sector academic research.

The **highlights** of the environmental results of the EEA and Norway Grants in Poland include improved energy efficiency in more than 300 public buildings, reduced CO<sub>2</sub> emissions by over 57 000 tonnes/year, more than 300 km of sewer lines constructed, provision of wastewater treatment for more than 100 000 person equivalents, and 24 km of renovated or constructed district heating lines.

In addition to the individual projects, the protection of the Polish environment is targeted through **two funds**. The environmental component of the NGO fund in Poland has been awarded €12.5 million. The Polish-Norwegian Research Fund, awarded a €21.4 million grant, focuses on two sectors, one of which is environmental research.

Local authorities make up the largest group of beneficiaries. A large number of projects are implemented by educational / research institutions, NGOs, and regional authorities. 17 projects have partners from Norway and one has a partner from Iceland.



## Types of projects

- **Biodiversity**  
€ 2 655 397  
5 projects
- **Education**  
€ 3 817 292  
5 projects
- **Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**  
€ 4 155 565  
5 projects
- **Integrated pollution prevention and control**  
€ 3 095 669  
4 projects
- **Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases**  
€ 54 180 363  
89 projects
- **Sustainable development**  
€ 7 749 389  
7 projects
- **Waste management**  
€ 8 164 764  
10 projects
- **Water pollution reduction and water management**  
€ 35 016 186  
38 projects



# Portugal

## Environmental projects

14 projects - € 15 793 091 in grants

Taken together, environment and sustainable development make up the largest priority sector in Portugal. 14 individual projects are supported with €15.8 million in grants. In addition, two academic research projects concern the environment.

More than 60 percent of the funding is allocated to large-scale **urban development efforts in areas of Lisbon and Porto**. The projects have strong sustainable development components, as their main aim is to combat social exclusion and initiate social change in deprived urban areas in Portugal. Two additional projects are scored as sustainable development, one concerning **cattle and heath-land management**, the other **operational oceanography and monitoring**.

The second largest sub-sector is 'agriculture and forestry', absorbing 13 percent of the funding for environmental projects. The funding is divided between three projects aimed at **forest fire prevention and sustainable farming in agro-forestry**.

An **environmental NGO fund** supports a variety of projects focusing on biodiversity, awareness raising and reducing energy consumption, while the scholarship fund provides small grants for education, research and innovation within the fields of biological, ocean, environmental and health sciences.

The 13 environmental projects are promoted by six educational / research institutions, two national authorities, two NGOs and a local authority. Seven projects have a Norwegian partner.



## Types of projects

### Agriculture and forestry

€ 2 074 315

3 projects

### Biodiversity

€ 1 125 168

2 projects

### Education

€ 900 507

1 project

### Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases

€ 658 814

1 project

### Sustainable development

€ 10 031 462

5 projects

### Water pollution reduction and water management

€ 1 002 825

2 projects



# Romania

## Environmental projects

7 projects - € 8 697 803 in grants

Seven individual projects are supported within the sector for environment. Combined, the projects have been awarded €8.7 million, 18 percent of all grants for projects and funds in Romania. The main focus of the environmental projects is water pollution reduction and water management, along with waste management.

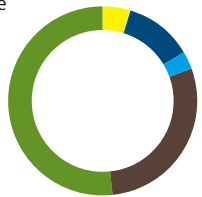
Half of the funding allocated to the sector for environment in Romania is spent on **water pollution reduction and water management**. Three projects make up this sub sector, focused on sustainable use of water resources and modernisation of sewage network and wastewater treatment.

Close to one third of the green funding is spent on one project on waste management, which will **protect the municipal landfill of Piatra Neamt city against flooding**. The remaining funding is split between three projects within the sub-sectors renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases, education, and sustainable development.

The seven environmental projects are promoted by three local authorities, two educational / research institutions and two NGOs. Three of the projects have a Norwegian partner.

In addition to these seven projects, **two academic research projects** focus on conservation of bio and geo-diversity and the development of decentralised energy systems.

One of the focus areas of the NGO fund in Romania is environment. €1 million has been made available through open calls to environmental projects. Ten medium or large projects and 28 smaller-scale projects have been awarded support.



## Types of projects

### Education

€ 420 103  
1 project

### Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases

€ 1 028 500  
1 project

### Sustainable development

€ 264 688  
1 project

### Waste management

€ 2 513 361  
1 project

### Water pollution reduction and water management

€ 4 471 151  
3 projects



# Slovakia

## Environmental projects

28 projects - € 16 683 591 in grants

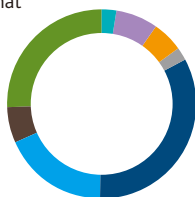
Approximately €21.5 million from the EEA and Norway Grants, **one third of the total available allocation for Slovakia**, is supporting environmental projects. 28 individual projects under the sectors for environment and sustainable development receive support with €16.7 million in grants, while three research projects have a clear environmental aspect. Three funds, the NGO fund (Sustainable development), the Research fund and the Modernisation of public lighting fund, provide support to an additional 67 environmental projects worth € 4.8 million.

One third of the support to individual projects is related to the area of 'renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases', spread between projects involving **energy efficiency investments in public buildings, research, as well as installation of renewable energy systems**. Together, this is expected to lead to over 25.2 MWh/year of energy production from renewable sources – 17 percent of the total target for all fifteen beneficiary states. In addition, over €3.5 million goes towards investments in energy-efficient public lighting.

A further one quarter of the support goes towards investments supporting the area of 'water pollution reduction and water management', including three **flood protection infrastructure projects**.

There are also eleven 'soft' individual projects – whether research or educational – as well as 19 green projects under the **NGO fund**, receiving €4.4 million in grant support. A handful of individual projects are concerned with biodiversity issues of grasslands, meadows and wetlands used by water birds, and in Alpine environments.

Given the nature of the projects, it is not surprising that public authorities, especially local governments, are responsible for over half the projects being funded. Five of the environmental projects have partners from Norway.



## Types of projects

- **Agriculture and forestry**  
€ 445 974  
1 project
- **Biodiversity**  
€ 1 181 109  
3 projects
- **Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**  
€ 910 940  
2 projects
- **Protection of environment - general**  
€ 357 902  
1 project
- **Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases**  
€ 5 498 959  
10 projects
- **Sustainable development**  
€ 3 035 091  
2 projects
- **Waste management**  
€ 1 018 703  
3 projects
- **Water pollution reduction and water management**  
€ 4 234 913  
6 projects



# Slovenia

## Environmental projects

7 projects - € 4 221 609 in grants

Seven projects under the sectors environment and sustainable development are implemented in Slovenia with grants amounting to approximately € 4.2 million.

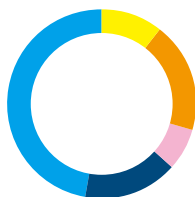
There is no specific focus in respect of any of the sub-sectors, and the areas covered are: **education, environmental monitoring and geographic information systems, integrated pollution prevention and control, renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases, and sustainable development.**

The majority of the projects have infrastructure components, such as setting up a water supply network. Several projects combine awareness-raising with infrastructure elements, while one project has the main aim of raising awareness of the need for environmental protection.

The largest environmental project involves setting up the Science Educational Centre for Sustainable Development at the University of Maribor, equipping two educational research laboratories in the field of molecular biology and environmental physics, an interdisciplinary environmental education centre, a GIS room and a computer centre.

Small grants are also provided to environmental projects under the **NGO Fund**.

The seven environmental projects are promoted by three local authorities, an educational / research institution, a national authority, a privately-owned enterprise and a publicly-owned enterprise. One project has a partner from Norway.



## Types of projects

■ **Education**  
€ 448 830  
1 project

■ **Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**  
€ 799 091  
1 project

■ **Integrated pollution prevention and control**  
€ 309 630  
1 project

■ **Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases**  
€ 672 466  
1 project

■ **Sustainable development**  
€ 1 991 592  
3 projects



# Spain

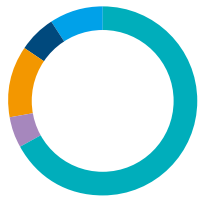
## Environmental projects

8 projects - € 18 656 363 in grants

Environment and sustainable development is the largest priority sector in Spain. Eight environmental projects receive support, and these amount to €18.6 million or just over **50 percent of the total allocation for individual projects**.

Almost 70 percent of the funding within the environmental sector is within the sub-sector 'agriculture and forestry'. The majority of these projects concern **prevention of forest fires and rehabilitation**. The other four sub-sectors supported are '**environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**' (12 percent of the funding); 'sustainable development (nine percent); 'renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases' (six percent); and 'biodiversity' (five percent), with one project in supported in each sub-sector.

The eight environmental projects are promoted by five regional authorities, a local authority, a national authority and an NGO.



## Types of projects

- Agriculture and forestry**  
€ 12 519 884  
4 projects
- Biodiversity**  
€ 999 939  
1 project
- Environmental monitoring and geographic information systems**  
€ 2 278 874  
1 project
- Renewable energy, energy efficiency and reduction of greenhouse gases**  
€ 1 181 023  
1 project
- Sustainable development**  
€ 1 676 643  
1 project





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