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## Norway Grants 2014-2021 - basic information

Norway Grants are the non-refundable financial aid from Norway to new EU countries. The Norway Grants have their basis in the EEA Agreement. Under this agreement, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway are part of the European internal market. Currently third edition of Norway Grants is preparing to be implemented – for the 2014-2021 period.

The overall objectives of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to strengthen bilateral relations between Norway and the Beneficiary States.

The basis of implementation Norway Grants in Poland is Memorandum of Understanding on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021. The document was signed between The Kingdom of Norway and Republic of Poland on 20th December 2017.

Amount allocated for Poland in this edition is EUR 809,3 m. Ministry of Interior and Administration with support of European Projects Implementation Centre is a Programme Operator for a Programme Home Affairs. There is earmarked EUR 20 m for the Programme.

On September 12, 2019, the Programme Agreement was signed by the Minister of Investment and Development, Jerzy Kwieciński and Olav Myklebust, Ambassador of the Kingdom of Norway in Poland.

## Programme Areas

Under the umbrella of Home Affairs Programme 3 Programme Areas are distinguished:

1. PA 18: Asylum and Migration;
2. PA 20: International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime;
3. PA 23: Disaster Prevention and Preparedness

## Support recipients

Eligible applicants in an open call procedures are institutions from the public finance sector, including local government and NGOs or international organizations engaged in relevant PA issues.

## Predefined projects

**PDP I - Protect minors, including unaccompanied minor asylum seekers, from abuse** - Project promoter: Office for Foreigners, project partners: Empowering Children Foundation, Polish Border Guard, duration: 24 months, maximum project grant amount: € 461,000. The aim of the project is to improve children safety in centres for foreigners (supervised by Office for Foreigners and by Border Guard), as well as reducing violence against children committed by their parents, peers and employees of the centres, cooperating institutions and institutions being in contact with minors.



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**PDP II - Improving the process of gathering, analysis and estimation of evidence in the area of fight against cross-border cybercrime with use of IT labs network of the Polish Police -**

Project promoter: Commander-in-Chief of the Police, donor project partner: Norwegian Police University College, duration: 36 months, maximum project grant amount: € 4,424,625. The goal of the project is improvement of specialist knowledge in fields covered by planned trainings and thanks to employment of experts from private sector and purchase of specialized equipment (for Central Forensic Laboratory of the Police and voivodship laboratories).

**PDP III - Police and non-police international cooperation in the search for the most dangerous criminals in Europe -** Project promoter: Centre for Missing People at the National Police Headquarters, donor project partner: Norwegian National Crime Investigation Service (KRIPOS), duration: 24 months, maximum project grant amount: € 262,000. The goal of the project is improvement of qualification of the police officers responsible for searching the most dangerous fugitives.

**PDP IV - Documents - Safety and Control, including Tactical ID-control -** Project promoter: Warsaw Metropolitan Police, donor project partner: Norwegian ID Centre, other project partners: National Police Headquarters, Polish Security Printing Works, duration: 18 months, maximum project grant amount: € 776,629. As a result of the project, its participants will upgrade their ability to recognition false documents, cooperation between countries will be strengthened, and trainees will be equipped with devices enabling effective documents control, the knowledge of police officers in the field of tactical ID-control will be increased and the ability to detect imposters will be enhanced.

**PDP V - Strengthening of the EU borders protection through the development of cynological training activities, infrastructure expansion, redevelopment and upgrading -** Project promoter: Commander of the Border Guard Centre for Specialized Training, other project partners: Cynological Centre of the State Border Guard Service of Ukraine in Velyki Mosty, State Border Guard Service of the Republic of Lithuania, duration: 30 months, maximum project grant amount: € 535,030. The project's implementation will help to increase efficiency of patrol, guard, tracking and special tasks dogs. Also the efficiency of new dogs assessment will be raised. The training will equip more officers with specialised knowledge about dog training and maintaining their skills. Better trained dogs will improve the standards of protection on the EU's external border.

**PDP VI - The Process of Coordination and Standardisation in the Field of CBRNE as an Element of Prevention, Preparedness and Response -** Project promoter: Internal Security Agency, donor project partners: Norwegian Defence Research Establishment, Norwegian Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning, duration: 48 months, maximum project grant amount: € 7,250,000. The main goal of this project is to improve the security of the state and it's citizens through preventing and combating CBRNE threats.

## Fund for Bilateral Relations

DEF as a "Home Affairs" Programme Operator in Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021 is responsible for fund for bilateral relations. An allocation for the bilateral fund is 250 000 EUR. The aim of planned initiative is improvement of road safety in Poland.

National Police Headquarters of Poland is responsible for conducting the initiative under the name: "POL-NOR II - Cooperation for road safety - exchange of experience and best practice". Partner from Norwegian side is Norwegian Police (Norwegian National Road Policing Service).

## Open calls

Programme Operator has planned to conduct two open call procedures - one for PA18 and one for PA20. For open call under Programme Area Asylum and Migration around EUR 3,2 m will be available. For open call under Programme Area International Police Cooperation and Combating Crime around EUR 4,7 m will be available.

Cost of the project chose in the open call procedure cannot be lower than 200 000 EUR and higher than 1 500 000 EUR.

Detailed information concerning open calls will be published later.

More information regarding Norway Grants in Poland, other programmes under the current edition and all of the relevant documents can be found on [www.eog.gov.pl](http://www.eog.gov.pl)

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