

# EEA/ Norway Grants The Baltic Research Programme

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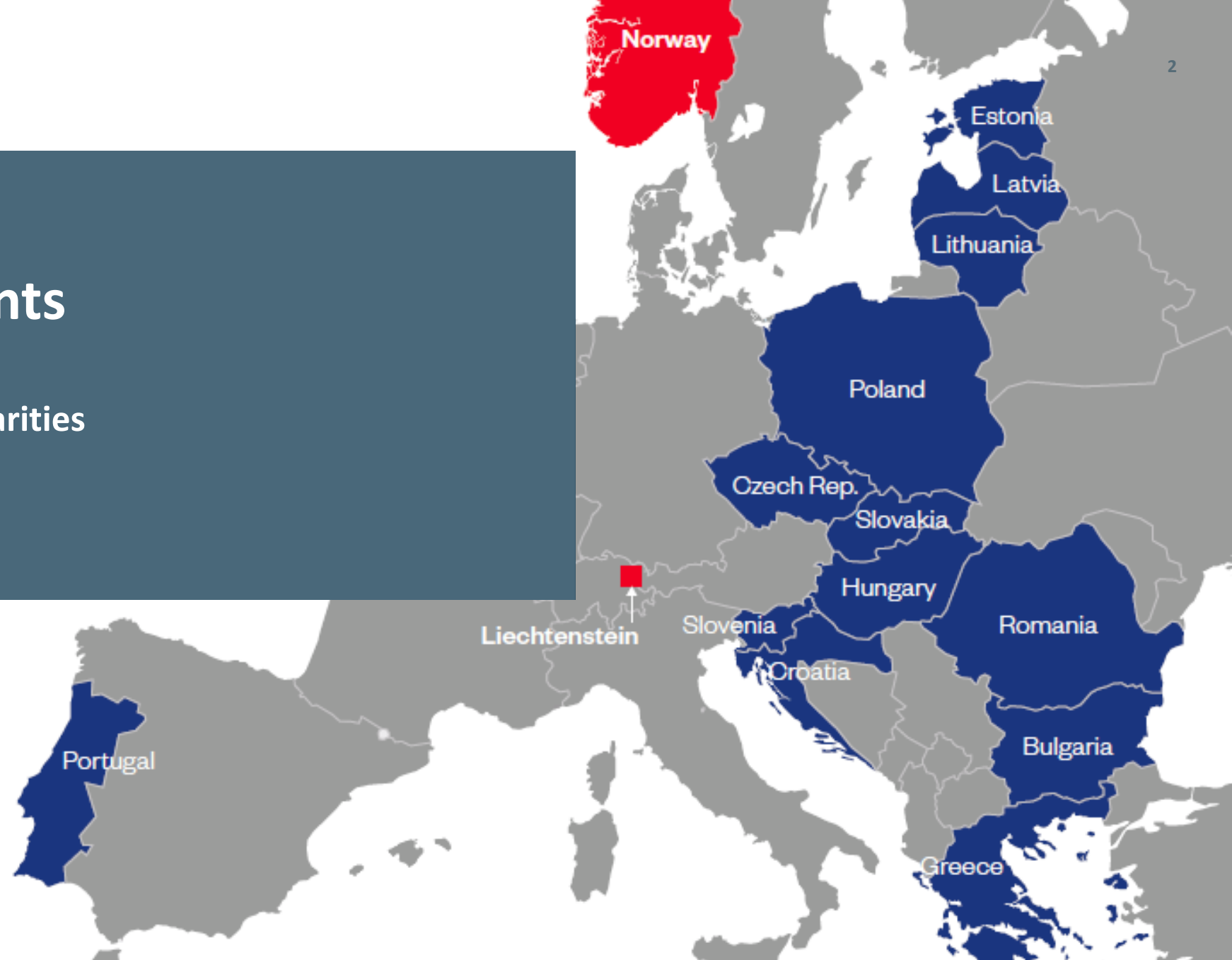
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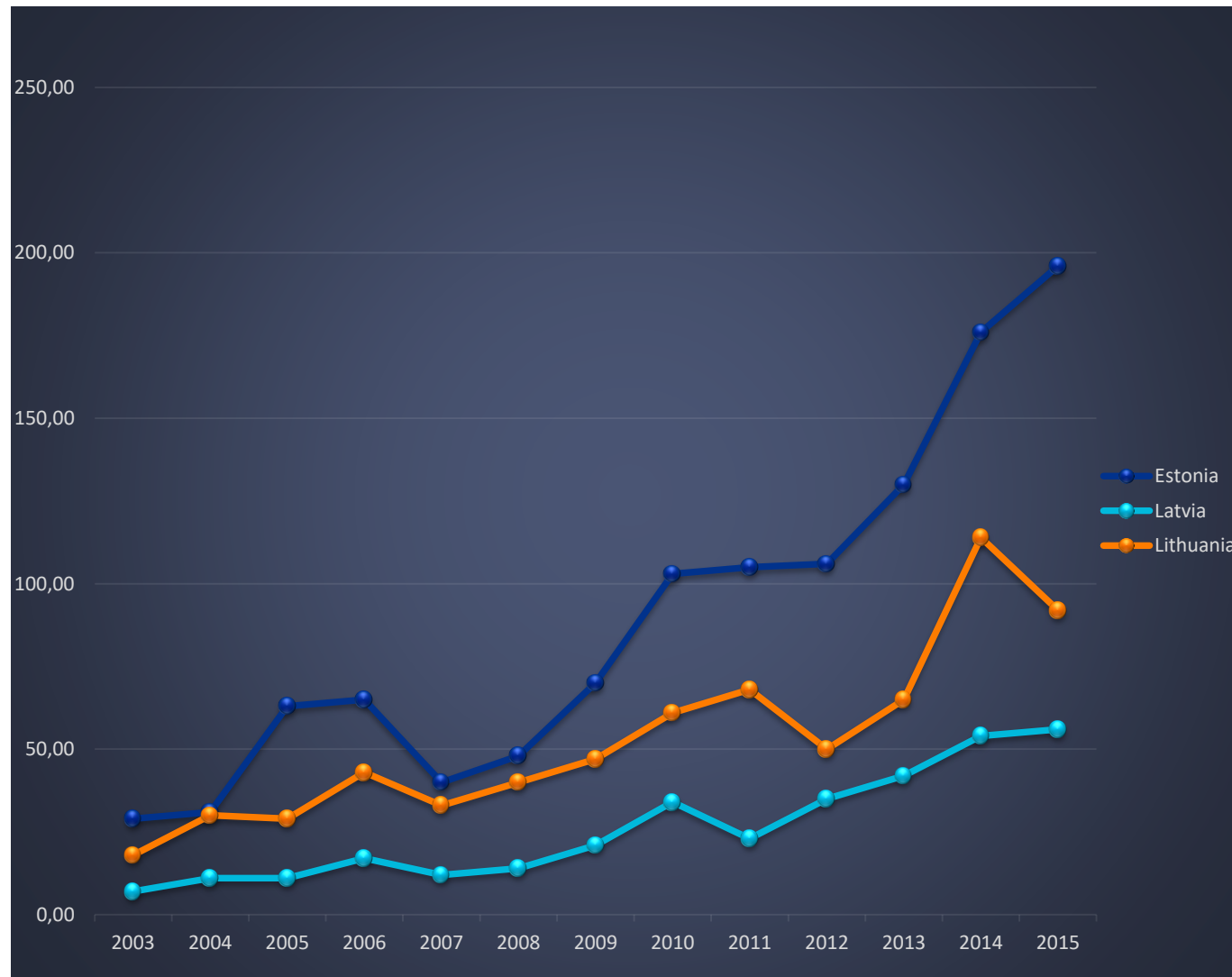




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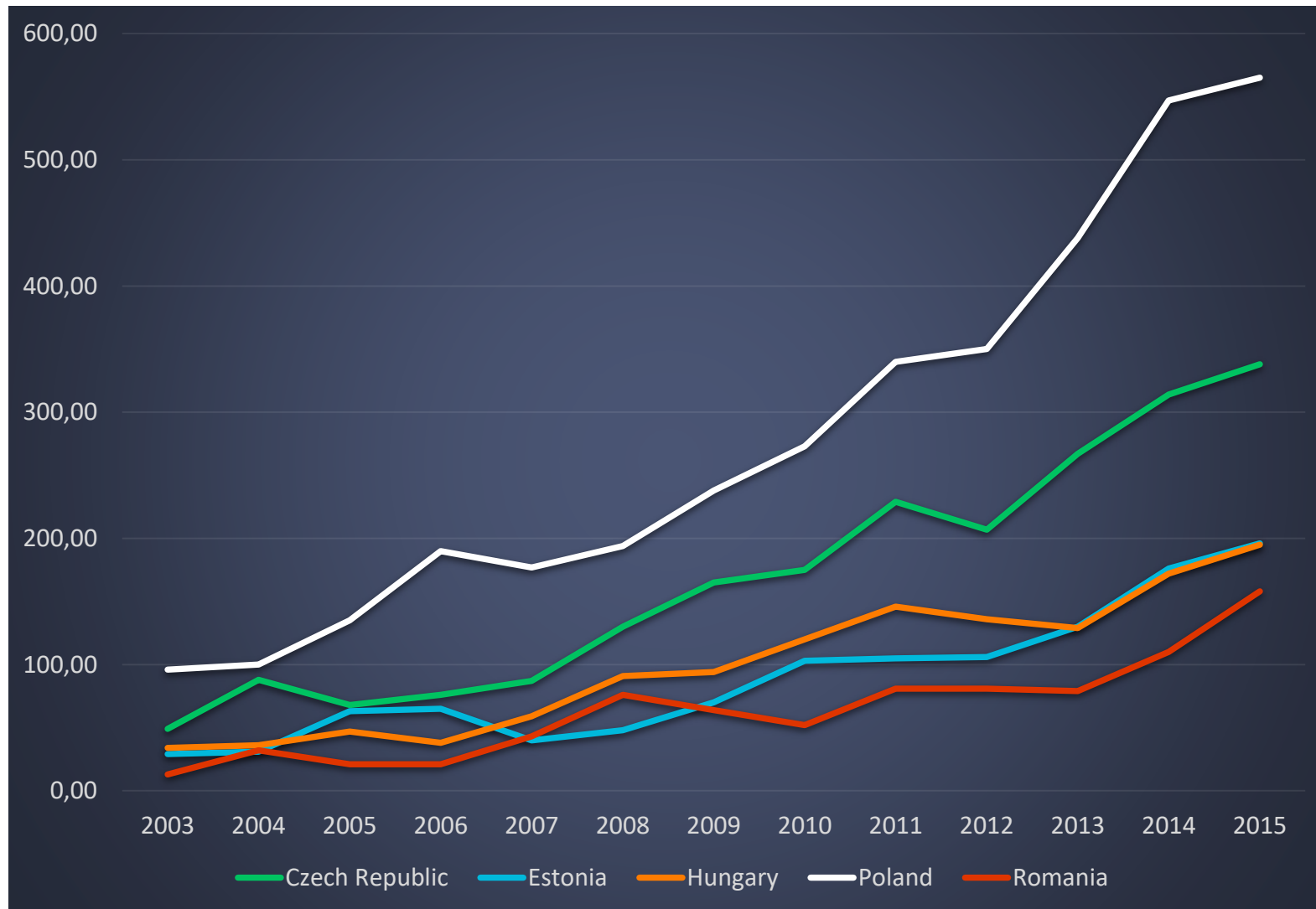
Reduce social and economic disparities  
Strengthen bilateral cooperation





## Results so far in publications

Joint publications between Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania respectively, and Norway from 2003 – 2015 (Source: Scopus)



**Results so far in  
publications...  
more countries**

Joint international  
publications involving  
Norwegian co-author(s)  
(Source: Scopus)



Norwegian Ministry  
of Foreign Affairs  
[www.mfa.no/eeanorwaygrants](http://www.mfa.no/eeanorwaygrants)

## 2014-2021 EEA and Norway Grants

### *Working Together for a Green, Competitive and Inclusive Europe*

The EEA Agreement is the mainstay of the cooperation between Norway and the EU. The Agreement includes a common goal to work together to reduce social and economic disparities in Europe. Norway contributes to this through the EEA and Norway Grants.

For the period 2014-2021, Norway will provide approximately EUR 2.8 billion in support to 15 EU member states. The Grants are allocated to sectors that are crucial for development in the beneficiary country, and where there is potential for, and interest in, cooperation with Norway. The five areas identified for funding under the Grants both supplement and complement the areas supported by the EU Cohesion Fund:

- #1 Innovation, Research, Education and Competitiveness**
- #2 Social inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction**
- #3 Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy**
- #4 Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights**
- #5 Justice and Home Affairs**

#### Beneficiary states (amounts received in million EUR)

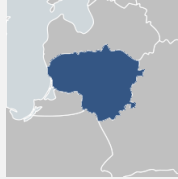
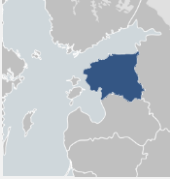
Poland	809.3	Croatia	103.4
Romania	502.5	Portugal	102.7
Hungary	214.6	Latvia	102.1
Bulgaria	210.1	Estonia	68.0
Czech Republic	184.5	Slovenia	37.7
Lithuania	117.6	Cyprus	11.5
Greece	116.7	Malta	8.0
Slovakia	113.1		

#### Regional funds (size of funds in million EUR)



## The programmes in 2018-2024

EEA/ Norway Grants: 2,8 billion EUR in total  
15 countries involved in all programmes  
Different programme portfolios per country  
200 million EUR to research programmes



## Joint Baltic Programme for Estonia, Latvia and Lithuania

21 million EUR available for research cooperation projects involving research partners from all Baltic States and Norway.

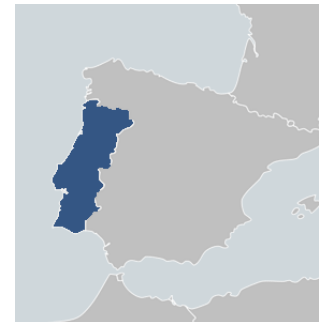
Calls scheduled to open 2018, 2019, and 2020.



### Romania

40 mill EUR for research cooperation on energy, environment, health, society, humanities, ICT, biotechnology, CCS

Second Call for research cooperation in 2019  
@UEFISCDI



### Portugal

38 mill EUR for Blue Growth – programme for innovation, research and education

Programme under development @DGPM



### Poland

110 million EUR for research cooperation

Programme under development  
@NCN/NCRD



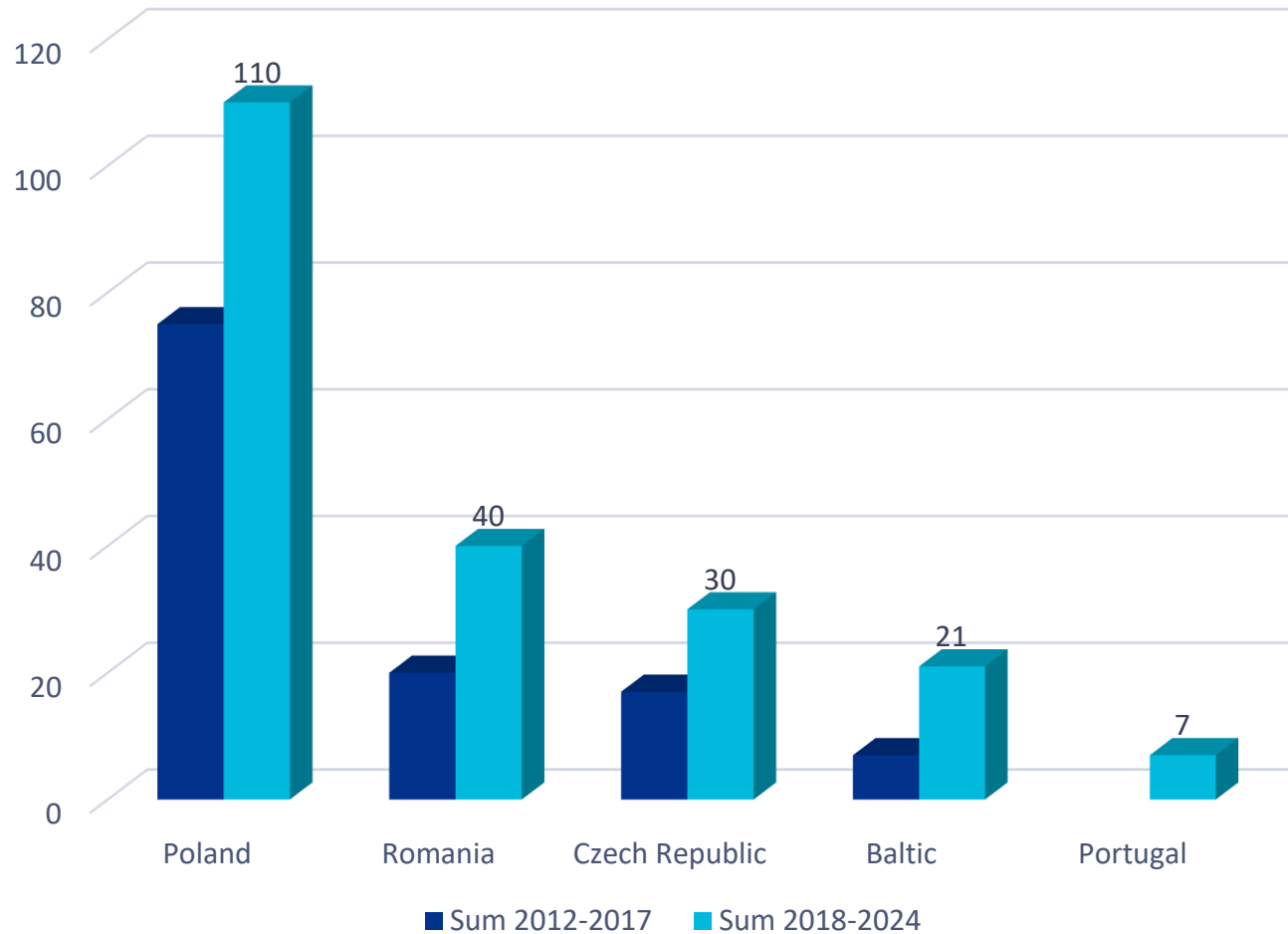
### Czech Republic

30 mill EUR for applied research incl.CCS

Programme under development  
@Technology Agency of the Czech Republic



Million EUR



## Allocations to research in EEA and Norway Grants

- Strong increase in funding available for research cooperation from 2012 to 2018.
- 145 research projects funded in 2012-2017



## *Regulations of the EEA/ Norway Grants*

### Regulation on the implementation of the European Economic Area (EEA) Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

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Adopted by the EEA Financial Mechanism Committee  
pursuant to Article 10.5 of Protocol 38c to the EEA Agreement on 8 September 2016  
and confirmed by the Standing Committee of the EFTA States on 23 September 2016

## *Special rules for the Research Programmes*

### **Guideline for Research Programmes**

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**Rules for the establishment and implementation of  
programmes falling under the Programme Area "Research"**

**EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Financial  
Mechanisms 2014 – 2021**

**The beauty of the research programmes – in  
line with the EU framework programme H2020**





# The Baltic Research Programme 2018 – 2024

- Agreements (MoUs)
- Aim of strengthening performance of Baltic research internationally
- Total budget EUR 22 000 000
- 3 calls for proposals
- Call 2018 with deadline by 31 January 2019
  - Estonian project coordinator
  - Norwegian project partner mandatory
  - At least one partner from Latvia and/ or Lithuania
  - Funding all partners (except for 3. countries)
  - One Joint Programme Committee





# Strategic Direction of the Baltic Research Programme



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# Shared challenges in the Baltic region

- Council of Baltic States (CBSS): societal security, sustainability, innovation, education, and human trafficking
- EUSBSR with three key challenges: Save the Sea; Connect the Region; Increase Prosperity
- Strengthen Nordic-Baltic cooperation
- EEA Grants provides instruments for Baltic cooperation in research projects with Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein







# The Role of the Joint Programme Committee

- Supports and advises Programme Operator on **scientific quality and relevance** of projects and activities
- Forms the programme's **strategic direction**
- Recommends to Programme Operator proposals for **funding**
- **Reviews the progress** towards achieving the objective(s) of the research programme
- **Monitors** the implementation of programme made by the the Programme Operator
- Reviews **reporting** of projects and programme







## Ambitions

- Strengthen **multilateral** relations and stimulate strong and **sustainable** collaboration, where researchers jointly can profit from **complementarity**, and build **capacity** and competence together
- Support projects of regional Baltic **added value** in prioritised areas
- Strengthen human resources in research by involving **PhD students and postdocs**
- Provide a step for future collaborative research projects on **EU** and regional level







# Multilateral cooperation in the research projects

- Cooperation between **research institutions**
- One Norwegian/Icelandic/Liechtenstein partner is mandatory
- From **36 to 48** months
- Grants from **€300 000 to 800 000** per project when 2 Baltic states are involved
- Up to **€1 000 000** per project when all 3 Baltic states are involved
- **€6 million** in the first call 2018







## Expected results

- Research cooperation between the Baltic States and Norway, Iceland, and/ or Liechtenstein
- **Joint** applications for further funding (eg. EU framework programme)
- **Joint** articles published in peer-reviewed publications
- **Jointly** registered applications for Intellectual Property Protection





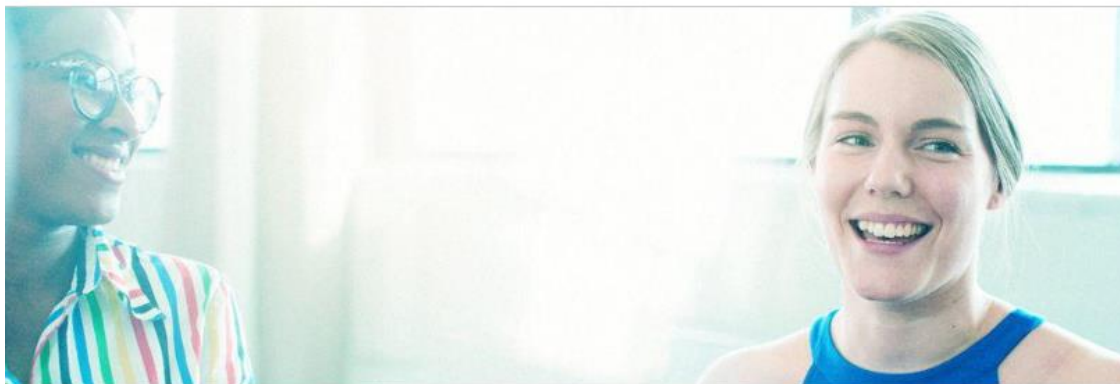


## The Call in 2018

- Public health; translational medicine; health technologies
- Migration; social inclusion
- Regional cyber-security; public security
- Environmentally friendly solutions
- Regional economic development; employment; social policy and labour market regulations
- More effective use of resources







## The Norwegian research landscape

In 2013, Norway's total R&D expenditure amounted to nearly NOK 51 billion. Of this, trade and industry accounted for 44 per cent, the higher education sector for 32 per cent, and the research institute sector for 24 per cent. More than 68 000 people were employed in R&D-related activities in 2013, of which 48 000 were scientists. Of these scientists, 36 per cent were women. R&D expenditure for 2014 amounted to 1.71 per cent of GDP. Forty-six per cent of this expenditure came from public funding.

## Escalation of the long-term plan

The Government has set a target for R&D expenditure of three per cent of GDP by 2030. Public allocations to R&D activity will be increased beyond GDP growth each quarter in the upcoming period until they equal one per cent of GDP. The Government is aiming to reach this target by 2019–2020.

HOW IS THE NORWEGIAN RESEARCH SYSTEM ORGANISED?

WHAT ARE THE MAIN ELEMENTS OF NORWEGIAN RESEARCH POLICY?

HOW ARE R&D ACTIVITIES FUNDED IN NORWAY?

# Who performs R&D in Norway?


[www.euraxess.no](http://www.euraxess.no)


- Higher education institutions
  - universities and university colleges
  - universities have responsibility for basic research and researcher training
- Research institutes
  - research in cooperation with trade and industry
- Regional health authorities
  - university hospitals are research intensive
- Public institutions
  - Museums, libraries and archives
- Business sector
  - Large companies
  - SMEs



# Finding partners

- The matchmaking
- Bilateral funding for partnership development
- Database: [open for registration](#)

 **Forskningrådet**

Søk i alt innhold 

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## Partner Search Database for EEA and Norway Grants

Tools and advice for finding partners for cooperation within the EEA and Norway Grants research programmes.

**How to register**

The **EEA and Norway Grants Research Partner Database** is now receiving submissions. Research institutions, industry and individual researchers are invited to submit basic data and areas of expertise and interests:

[Please register here](#)

The aim of this database is to register interested parties and provide a resource for researchers looking for partners for research cooperation, in view of the upcoming calls for projects under the EEA Grants and Norway Grants research programmes.

We will also use this database to notify potential applicants of upcoming calls and matchmaking events.

The information you provide will be made publicly available in the form of an Excel workbook posted on this page. The database/workbook will remain public until all calls under this funding period have expired, at the latest in 2024.

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