

# Norway Grants 2014-2021

## CZ-ENVIRONMENT

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# Environment, Ecosystems and Climate Change

## Areas of support / Outcomes

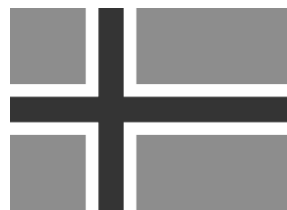
- Improvement of Environmental Status in **Ecosystems**
- Reduction of Adverse Human Activities on **Air** Quality
- Reduction of Adverse Human Activities on **Water** Quality
- **Climate Change** Mitigation and Adaptation
- Allocation: **32.32 mil. EUR** (+ national co-financing → 38.02 mil. EUR)
- **10 Calls** for proposals (6 Open Calls, 4 SGS Calls), all closed
- Not many projects tackle Circular Economy, but it is a topic we want to **explore and collaborate in the future**



# Current focus

- Finishing projects in time
  - **168 projects** in total (65 completed, rest under implementation)
- Communication activities
  - Presenting our projects on social media and other channels
  - Communicating examples of „**good practice**“
  - Plans for **Expert conference** in June 2024
- Bilateral activities
  - **Green HUB** – evaluation and sharing results from the event
  - Cooperation between Czech and Norwegian municipalities – intensive planning, implementation through 2024





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# EEA-GRANTS 2014-2021

## Programme: GR-Water Management

Seminar

“Applying Circular Economy Principles to the Construction Sector”

18 & 19<sup>th</sup> of October 2023, Lisbon





# GR-Water management Programme

## PROGRAMME OPERATOR



MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



SPECIAL SERVICE "EXECUTIVE AUTHORITY  
OF THE PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT"

# GR-Water management

**Programme Grant: € 6.500.000**  
(with the allocation of the reserve)



**EEA Contribution:  
€ 5.200.000**

**GR Contribution:  
€ 1.300.000**

**Additional € 100.000 is allocated for bilateral initiatives**



# GR-Water management

The Water Management Programme addresses the **water management needs** of particularly **vulnerable continental** areas and islands with projects aiming at **water saving and desalination**



The actions taken, in the context of the Programme, focus on the application of **innovative technologies and renewable energy solutions**



The Programme contains, also, a **Small Grant Scheme** targeting to civil society, including NGOs



Priority is given to **bilateral partnerships** offering added value.





# GR-Water management

What does  
it cover?

## ➤ Water Saving, Innovative Green Technologies

There is a need for sustainable water solutions to address water scarcity and outdated infrastructure. This includes constructing **water reservoirs**, installing **desalination systems** and preventing **water leakages**. Funding is essential to support permanent water supply improvements and align with the EU Water Framework Directive goals.

## ➤ Research and Water Bodies

The research aims to enhance **water bodies** and **management** through data-driven solutions. It emphasizes innovation and allocates funding for monitoring and research to better understand water-based ecosystems.

## ➤ Small Grand Scheme

Small Grant Scheme for an awareness raising campaign in **schools** and **target groups** about sustainable use and protection of the water

# GR-Water management

Water management solutions implemented

**Two open calls issued** with total budget 5.500.000€

- Eight projects in progress, consisting of:
  - **Three** constructions of new **desalination units**
  - **Five** procurements and installations of new **telemetry systems**

**Bilateral relations:**

- Three projects are implemented with partners from Donor States
- Two projects include bilateral relations actions



# GR-Water management

## Specific measures related to Greece's Programme of Measures supported

***One open call*** issued with budget 600.000€

- **Three research projects** in progress implement **research measures of river basin management plans**

***Bilateral relations:***

- One project is implemented with partner from the Donor States





# GR-Water management



Knowledge of importance of water bodies attributed the qualification “Good Status” increased

- **One open call** issued with budget 100.000€
- **One project** where the Hellenic Center for Marine Research (HCMR) is identified as Project Promoter, which
  - ✓ implements an information and awareness campaign on the islands of Santorini, Ios, Leros, Kalymnos, Pserimos and Telendos about the increasing of knowledge on the Importance of Good Status of Water Bodies
  - ✓ develops guidelines for water saving in Greek islands

The project includes bilateral relations actions

# GR-Water management

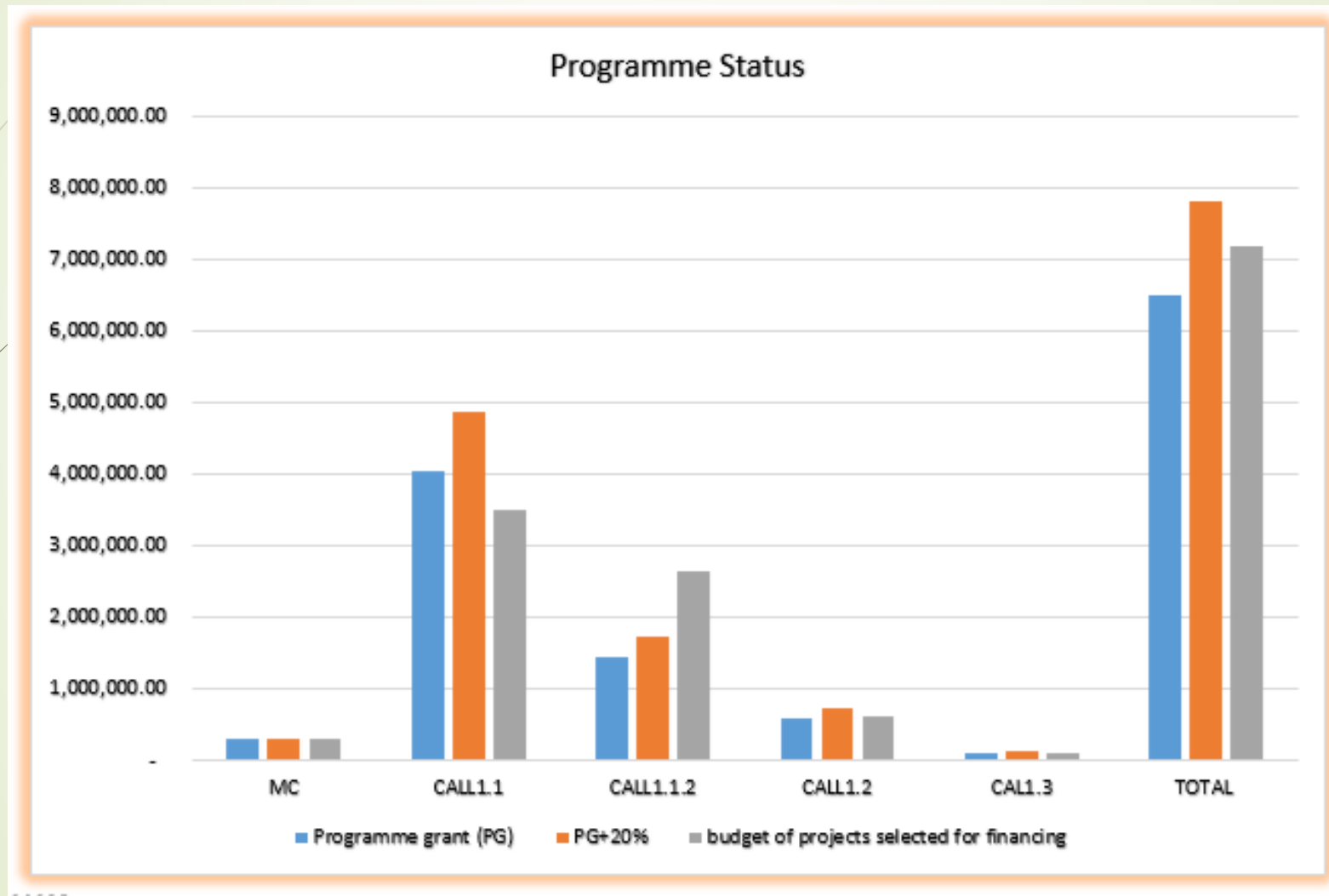
The “Water Management” programme has allocated 100.000€ to three (3) Projects out of 12 projects regarding bilateral initiatives, with five (5) donor state entities:

- ✓ The University of Iceland
- ✓ The Norwegian Institute for Energy Technology (IFE)
- ✓ The Norwegian University of Life Sciences
- ✓ The Water Supply Company of Oslo
- ✓ The Inland Norway University of Applied Sciences





# GR-Water management



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<http://www.eysped.gr/en/Pages/EuropeanEconomicArea2014-2021.aspx>  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vwcAkUjcEks>



The project “GR- Water Management” benefits from a € 5.200.000 funding from the EEA Grants (funding period 2014-2021), which represent the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway towards a green, competitive, and inclusive Europe and national funding.





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(Lithuania)



## The scope of the Programme

7 predefined projects:

- ✓ 5 projects - environmental area;
- ✓ 1 project – energy area;
- ✓ 1 project – climate change area.

Value of signed project contracts – 12,83 mln. Eur (from 0,2 mln. Eur to 7,47 mln. Eur).

## The status of the Programme

2 projects completed (all planned results achieved);  
5 projects in progress.

Funds used – 3,94 mln. Eur (~30% of all signed project contracts).



# Main results achieved

## PDP1

- ✓ Methodological guideline for marine litter (including microliter) monitoring was prepared;
- ✓ Research on marine litter in the Baltic Sea and Lithuanian inland waters were carried out.

## PDP2

- ✓ The creation of a remote data processing system (from the satellite Sentinel-2) for monitoring of the ecological status of marine and inland water in Lithuania is under implementation (~80% activities implemented).

## Main results achieved

### PDP3

- ✓ The unified methodology for identification of hazardous waste (Methodology) was prepared;
- ✓ The e-tool how to use the Methodology was created.

### PDP4

- ✓ Investigations and studies for selection of potential region for disposal of nuclear waste from Ignalina Nuclear Plant is under implementation (~80% activities implemented).

## Main results achieved

### PDP5

- ✓ Heating and cooling network in Lithuanian municipalities was estimated. Heating and cooling potential in Lithuania up to 2050 was evaluated.
- ✓ The creation of interactive heating and cooling network data platform is under implementation (~70% activity implemented).

### PDP6

- ✓ The analysis of different climate change scenarios, vulnerability and risk assessments in Lithuania municipalities up to 2100 was finished;
- ✓ A pilot Climate change adaptation plan and Emergency situation management plan for one municipality was prepared.

## Main results achieved

### PDP7

#### (Preparation for a possible accident at the Belarus nuclear power plant)

- ✓ The creation of IT system for evaluation of the nuclear accident and prognosis of possible radioactive release into the environment is under implementation;
- ✓ The installation of early warning sirens network near Belarusian border is under implementation;
- ✓ A civil protection exercise for Lithuanian institutions was implemented;
- ✓ A training and education programme for residents is under implementation.



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# Circular Economy in Environment, Energy and Climate Change Programme in Poland

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# WHO WE ARE?

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The programme is run by the **Ministry of Climate and Environment** with the support of the **National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management**

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One of the **biggest green programmes** in this perspective with funding amounts to **€171 million** (including co-financing and programme management)

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4 Programme areas:

- **Climate change adaptation and mitigation in urban areas**
- Environment and ecosystems
- Improving energy efficiency
- Increased energy production from renewable sources



# Strengthened implementation of Circular Economy



projects of an innovative and easily replicable nature



activities related to sustainable industrial production, sustainable consumption and the bioeconomy



activities related to the reduction of the consumption of raw materials, reduction of waste production and reuse



compulsory education and promotion activities of CE

**Total amount of allocation:  
€ 3 567 921,00**

# Pilot call divided in 2 stages

## I stage

- 47 concept notes
- Assessed by Evaluation Team for project concept notes appointed by the Minister for Climate and Environment
- Recommended 16 concept notes and 1 reserve project

## II stage

- 15 projects submitted
- Assessed by independent external experts

## RESULTS

- **5 projects received funding**
- 4 of them are conducted with Norwegian or Icelandic partnership

# SZTUM CIRCULAR ECONOMY - RESPOND TO THE CONTEMPORARY CLIMATE CHALLENGES



**Project Promoter:** City and Commune of Sztum  
**Partnerships:** International Development Norway AS,  
Gdansk University of Technology, Association of Polish  
Municipalities Euroregion Baltic  
**Cost of project:** 1 169 798,17 EUR

The aim of the project is to create among others Point for Selective Collection of Municipal Waste and a repair, storage and exhibition hall for community usage.

The project also undertakes activities to raise awareness of circular economy principles and climate change by among others releasing educational and promotional publications for the youngest and organizing climate-oriented workshops for students.



# Expanding the existing bus wash building in accordance with the principles of the circular economy

**Project Promoter:** Municipal Transport Company  
in Rzeszów

**Partnership:** International Development Norway AS

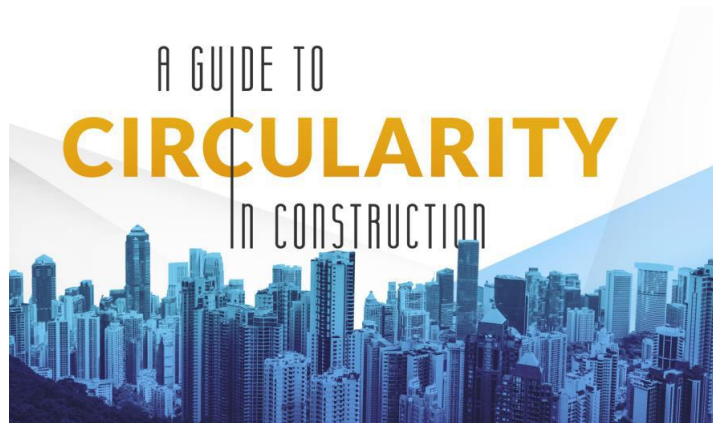
**Cost of project:** 622 296,24 EUR

The project will extend the bus wash building to include a second wash bay with a closed water circulation system.

Under the project, the water usage will be reduced up to 85% as well as electricity consumption and the amount of wastewater by using recirculated process water.



# CIRCON- The circular economy in construction: eco-design of circular buildings



**Project Promoter:** Polish Green Building Council  
**Partnership:** Green Building Council Iceland (GBCI), Silesian University of Technology  
**Cost of project:** 425 202,47 EUR

The aims of the project are:

- ▶ strengthening the implementation of the circular economy in the construction sector
- ▶ developing a guidebook on designing buildings in accordance with circular economy principles
- ▶ dissemination of knowledge on circular building design among key stakeholders in the construction industry through training.



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# Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation Programme in Slovenia

Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development

Lisbon, 19 October, 2023



# Basic programme information

Programme Operator:



REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA  
**MINISTRY OF COHESION  
AND REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT**

Donor Programme Partner:



Norwegian  
Environment  
Agency

## PROJECTS

More than  
**16 M**  
of allocated  
funds

**17**  
projects

**15**  
projects with  
DPPs

## F O C U S

Increased renewable energy production

**3 projects**

Enhanced sustainable mobility management

**5 projects**

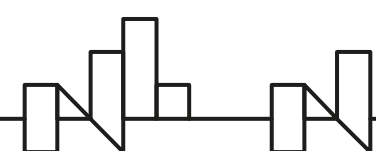
Capacity for circular economy strengthened

**6 projects**

Improved management of ecosystems under climate change pressure

**3 projects**

Enhanced collaboration between Slovene and Donor state institutions involved in the programme



# Increased application of circular economy principles projects

- ❑ Programme output: Measures for Circular Economy implemented
- ❑ Partnership: 6 projects, 5 with partners from Norway
- ❑ Budget: 3.7 million EUR, project grant: 350,000 – 800,000 EUR
- ❑ Project duration: May/October 2022 – April 2024
- ❑ The main programme outcomes/outputs indicators:

**5 %**

of targeted population self-report better understanding of Circular Economy

**12**

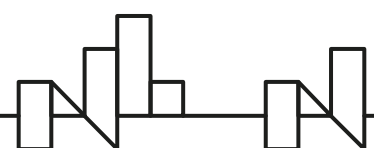
innovative green  
technologies/processes/solutions  
applied

**19**

Circular Economy  
demonstrations/pilot projects  
implemented

**9**

intervention areas related to Low carbon  
circular economy objectives of Slovenia  
Development Strategy 2030 addressed





# Projects



**StudioKroG:** The first demonstration center of the circular economy in Slovenia on the example of used shipping containers



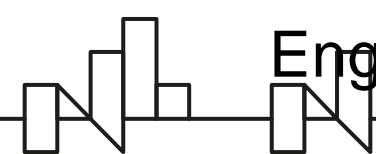
**CIRCI:** partners visited Štore Steel, Knof Circular Lab and our partner TECOS, as part of the study visit in Slovenia in March 2023



**LFIA-REC:** Research work at the Faculty of Mechanical Engineering connected with recycling of rapid Antigen LFIA Tests



**NoviKroG:** Didactic toys made of recycled plastic





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