

Energy Programme in Romania

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

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Fund Operator:

- [Innovation Norway](#), a state-owned company under the Norwegian Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries and the Norwegian County Municipalities. Innovation Norway is the Norwegian Government's main instrument for innovation and development of Norwegian enterprises and industry, both in Norway and abroad.

Donor Programme Partners:

- [National Energy Authority \(OS\)](#), Iceland
- [Norwegian Water Resources and Energy Directorate \(NVE\)](#), Norway

Beneficiary State Programme Partners:

- [Ministry of Energy](#), Romania
- [Ministry of Environment](#), Romania

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Objective: Less carbon intensive energy and increased security of supply

Focus areas & Outcomes:

- **Renewable Energy** - *Outcome 1*: Increased Renewable Energy production
- **Energy Efficiency** - *Outcome 2*: Increased energy efficiency and reduced emissions in all sectors
- **Training and awareness** - *Outcome 3*: Increased knowledge on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security in all sectors of society
- **Research and development** - *Outcome 4*: Enhanced research and development capacity on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security
- **Electrification of households** - *Outcome 5*: Increased access to electricity for households in areas where connection to the electricity network is not feasible

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General objectives of EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021:

- Reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area (EEA)
- Strengthening [bilateral relations](#) between the EEA States and the Beneficiary States

Target group/ Eligible applicants:

- Any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organizations, established as a legal person **in Romania** (*NB: specific provisions are detailed in each Call for Proposals*)

Project Partnerships:

- Not mandatory, but [Donor Partnership Projects](#) are strongly encouraged and will be awarded extra points during the project assessment process.

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Programme Budget:

- **EUR 62.826.500** (EEA Grants: EUR 29,8 mill., Norway Grants: EUR 32,9 mill.)

Modalities:

- **Open calls - competition**

Open Calls:

(as per November 2018)

- **Renewable energy** Focus Area (Hydropower, Geothermal, Other RES - Renewable Energy Sources)
- **Travel Support** (identification of partners, creation of bilateral project partnerships)

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Grant rate and co-financing:

- **Financial contribution** determined on a case-by-case basis
- Applicable rules on **public procurement** and on **state aid**, procedural and substantive, shall be complied with

Grant rate for **undertakings (economic operators)**:

- **Grant rate** will be determined based on the applicable provisions of **Commission Regulation 651/20142**

Grant rate for **non-economic operators**:

- For **public entities**, proposing projects which do not fall under state aid provisions (Regulation 651/2014) the grant rate will be maximum 85% of the total eligible expenses for the project, without exceeding the maximum amount that may be granted to a project.
- For **NGOs**, proposing projects which do not fall under state aid provisions (Regulation 651/2014) the grant rate will be maximum 90% of the total eligible expenses for the project. For **NGOs** proposing investment projects related to economic activity, the grant rate will be less than 90%.

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Min. and max. grant amounts for each project:

For all **Individual Project Schemes**:

- Minimum amount of grant assistance applied for shall be EUR 200.000
- Maximum amount of grant assistance applied for shall be EUR 2.000.000

Open Call – Travel Support

- Objective: Facilitate bilateral partnerships between entities in the Donor States and in Romania with the intent to prepare joint project applications for upcoming call(s) under the Programme;
- Travel grant: **EUR 1.500** for Iceland / Romania, Romania / Iceland;
- **Approval from Fund Operator required** before travel;
- Simplified application procedure / first come – first served;

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Open calls – Focus Area – Renewable Energy

- Increased capacity to deliver renewable energy - Hydropower – EUR 7,5 mill.

Refurbishment of existing HPP – increased power generation capacity and production efficiency;

Renewal of hydro power facilities for combined solutions (VRE – Variable Renewable Energy);

Constuction of New Small Scale HPP (up to 10 MW).

Open calls – Focus Area – Renewable Energy

- Increased capacity to deliver renewable energy - Geothermal – EUR 6,6 mill.

Development/investment in geothermal energy supplying public buildings, industrial sites, malls etc. (heating);

Renewal of geothermal utilisation facilities;

Activities to increase production capacities for geothermal energy.

Training as secondary activity.

Bilateral Project Partnerships

- **Applicant from Beneficiary State;**
- **One or more partners from Donor States;**
- **Entities are independent from each other;**
- **Actively involved in preparation and implementation – shared results;**
 - Exchange of experiences and best practice
 - Sector related knowledge
 - Engineering – adjustment of technology
 - R&D partner
 - Paving the way for broader future cooperation.

Energy Programme in Greece

- Programme budget: EUR 10 mill.
- Operator: Centre for Renewable Energy Sources and Saving (CRESS);
- Innovative solutions to increase renewable energy production and efficiency;
- No Donor Programme Partners;
- Possible synergies with the Programme «Business Development, Innovation and SMEs in Greece» operated by Innovation Norway.



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