

NORWEGIAN FUNDS

European Economical Area (EEA) countries (Iceland and Liechtenstein)
and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021

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Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy

TOPICS & PROGRAMMES

Environment and Ecosystems

Environmental protection does not only mean providing a better environment for animals and plants. Our quality of life, economic competitiveness, employment and security all rely on our ecosystems.

Energy

Secure, affordable and climate-friendly energy is key for a sustainable future.

Climate Change

Climate change is one of the largest threats faced by the world today. Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway support climate change mitigation and adaptation in ten beneficiary states.

LITHUANIA – AREAS OF SUPPORT

PA 11: Environment and Ecosystems:

- Environmental monitoring and modelling;
- Management and control of hazardous substances;
- Compliance with environmental legislation.

PA 12: Renewable Energy, Energy Efficiency, Energy Security:

- Energy efficiency in production, distribution and/or end use;
- Renewable energy production and/or distribution;
- Recovery of energy from waste or hazardous waste;
- Renewable energy policies in all relevant sectors.

PA 13: Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation:

- Strategies, action plans and/or contingency plans;
- Climate change-related extreme weather preparedness and risk management.

PA 23: Disaster Prevention and Preparedness Risk and vulnerability competence and capacity;

- Prevention and reduction of existing and new risks and vulnerability.

Pre-defined projects

- Monitoring of marine litter
- Improving mapping and monitoring of the ecological status of marine and inland water
- HAZ –IDENT:to improve capacity of environmental authorities and economic entities to identify and classify hazardous waste properly.
- Safety Enhancement of Ignalina NPP Radioactive Waste management
- Creation of an interactive platform for efficient and balanced energy generation planning
- ClimAdapt-LT: support local authorities in climate change adaptation planning
- Development of an early warning system on nuclear emergency of Lithuania

On 23 April 2019, an agreement has been signed between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Norway and the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Latvia on the implementation of the Norway Grants programme “Climate Change Mitigation, Adaptation and Environment” (hereinafter the Programme) in Latvia.

By the spring of 2024, the Programme will contribute to addressing climate and environmental issues. The main objective of the Programme is to mitigate climate change and reduce the vulnerability to climate change.

The Programme consists of three outcomes:

- **Outcome 1** “Improved climate change policy developed and implemented at all levels”. The outcome will be implemented by way of a pre-defined project (PDP-1).
- **Outcome 2** “National soil data for climate change policy planning updated”. The outcome will be implemented by way of a pre-defined project (PDP-2).
- **Outcome 3** “Reduced risk of pollution from polluted sites” is dedicated to an open call for proposals on remediation of polluted sites.

The Ministry of Environmental Protection and Regional Development will implement the project “Improved climate change policy developed and implemented at all levels”, which envisages the development and implementation of various tools for integrating climate change policies into sectoral and regional policies. Within the framework of the project, a regional data collection and reporting system, an electronic database on ozone-depleting substances and F-gases will be developed, the national alert system will be improved, the latest data on Latvian coastal erosion will be developed, as well as other results will be achieved. The project will be implemented in cooperation with the Central Statistical Bureau of the Republic of Latvia, the Latvian Environment, Geology and Meteorology Centre and the Norwegian Environment Agency.

The Ministry of Agriculture will implement the project “National soil data for climate change policy planning updated”, which aims to improve climate policy planning by restoring data on national soil. This will contribute to sustainable land resource management and strengthen the capacity to adapt to climate change. The project will be implemented in cooperation with the University of Latvia, the State Plant Protection Service, State Forest Research Institute SILAVA and the Norwegian Institute of Bioeconomy Research.

An open call “Reduced risk of pollution from polluted sites” is intended to support the remediation of at least three historically polluted sites. The aim of remediation activities is to recover polluted sites, converting them to estates available for use and conserve land resources, to improve environmental conditions in the contaminated sites and around them, as well as to reduce the risk to humans and the environment.

Examples of projects



„Biologinei įvairovei ypač vertingų atvirų buveinių atkūrimas ir išsaugojimas „Natura 2000“ teritorijose“
EEE-LT03-AM-01-K-01-013

<http://www.gpf.lt/lt/darbai/rodyti/126>

„Tvaryų mechanizmų sukūrimas atvirų buveinių išsaugojimui įtraukiant vietos bendruomenes Gražutės ir Kurtuvėnų regioniniuose parkuose“
EEE-LT03-AM-01-K-01-009

<http://www.krpd.lt/puslapis/tvariu-mechanizmu-sukurimas-atviru-buveiniu-issaugojimui.289/>

Baltic Research programme

A novelty under the EEA and Norway Grants, the Baltic Research programme will support collaborative research projects between the Baltic countries and Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, with a view to building a regional research hub. Pooling resources will ensure stronger impact of the funding. The programme will stimulate strong and sustainable cooperation, complementarity, capacity and competence-building and to foster future research collaboration on EU and regional level. The funded projects will bring Baltic added value and involve PhD students and postdocs.

The Baltic Research programme shall strengthen multilateral relations with the aim of stimulating strong and sustainable collaboration, complementarity, capacity and competence-building and future collaborative research projects on EU and regional level.

The collaborative research projects between the three Baltic states and the donor countries – Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein – must be conducted until 30 April 2024 with a total budget of €22 million. Three open calls will be foreseen: one in Estonia (25.10.2018.-31.01.2019), another in Latvia (2019) and third one in Lithuania (2019/2020).

Ministry of Education and Science, Latvia

<https://www.izm.gov.lv/en/international-cooperation/eea-and-norway-grants/2014-2021-eea/baltic-research-programme>