

CYPRUS

Cyprus has received funding since entering the EU and EEA in 2004. For the period of 2009-2014, Cyprus has been allocated €7.9 million; up from €4.7 million over the previous five-year period. Projects may be implemented until 2016.

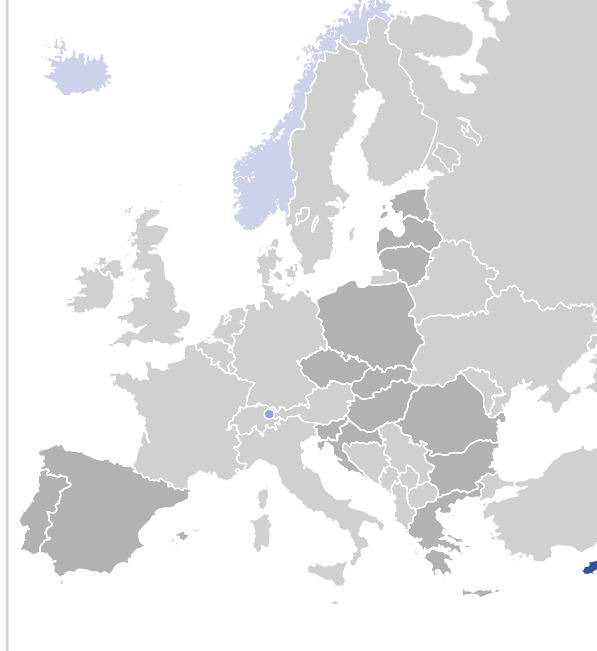
KEY AREAS OF SUPPORT

- › Strengthening civil society
- › Facilitating dialogue and bi-communal cooperation
- › Improving services for and protection of victims of domestic violence
- › Improving health diagnostics and capacity

BILATERAL COOPERATION

The Cypriot Association for the Prevention and Handling of Violence in the Family has partnered up with the Norwegian Secretariat of the Shelter Movement. Together, they will establish a new, modern shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence. This will improve services for this vulnerable group. The two organisations will share experience and knowledge to best facilitate the process of establishing a shelter of this kind.

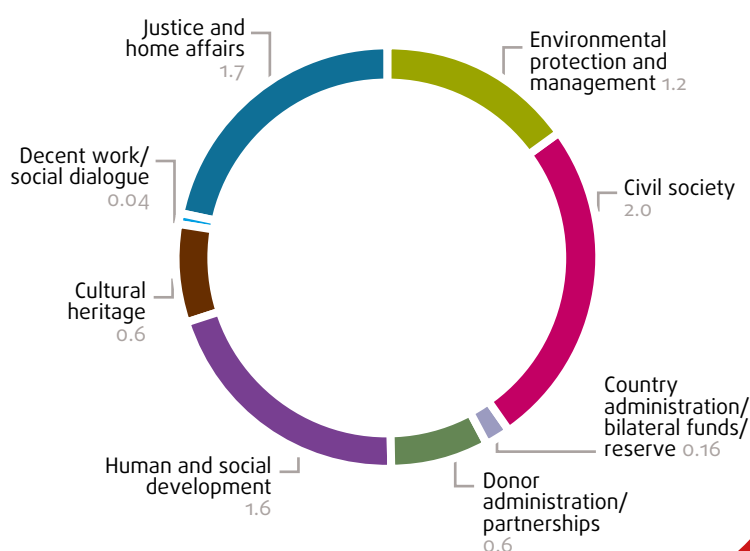
At a national level, funding is available through the bilateral funds to support networking and foster project partnerships.



	EEA GRANTS NORWAY GRANTS	€3.9 M €4.0 M	TOTAL FUNDING €7.9 M
			Cyprus EU-28
GDP per capita in PPS (EU=100)			89 100
Economic growth (% change on previous year)			-5.4 0.1
Unemployment rate (%)*			16.1 10.2
Youth unemployment rate (%)*			35.5 22.2
Public debt (% of GDP)			102.2 85.4
Gender pay gap (%)			15.8 16.4
At-risk-of-poverty rate (%)			27.8 24.5
Human development index			17 (EU-28 ranking)
Corruption perception index*			13 (EU-28 ranking)

Sources: Eurostat, UNDP, Transparency International
All data is from 2013 except where * indicates 2014

DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (€ MILLION)



The EEA and Norway Grants provide €1.8 billion in funding to 150 programmes in 16 beneficiary countries. EEA Grants €993.5 million (Norway 95.8%, Iceland 3.0%, Liechtenstein 1.2%). Norway Grants €804.6 million, financed by Norway alone.

IN FOCUS

NGO SUPPORT WITH BI-COMMUNAL FOCUS

The physical division of Cyprus influences the priorities of the Grants. Efforts focus on facilitating dialogue between the Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities. Close to one-third of the funding is earmarked for bi-communal projects.

The Grants continue to support the Home for Cooperation (H4C), a bi-communal activity centre in Nicosia. In particular, the Grants support the centre's bi-communal dialogue on history teaching as well as outreach activities at H4C. The Council of Europe is involved in this work.

Island-wide cooperation is further supported under the NGO Fund where bi-communal projects are prioritised. The NGO Fund also supports organisations working with environment and climate change, welfare and basic services and NGO capacity building.

Read more about all the programmes:
www.eeagrants.org/cyprus

IMPROVING PUBLIC HEALTH

Bi-communal aspects are integral to the public health initiatives. In the fight against leukaemia, the Grants strengthen the services of the Cyprus Bone Marrow Registry; the registry serves people from both sides of the divide and contains data from both Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities. The Grants will improve laboratory systems and equipment. A recruitment campaign proved to be a major hit. The total number of registered donors is around 140 000, making the registry the largest per capita bone marrow registry in the world. In addition, the registry will increase collaborative work with international donor registries.

In another health project, the Grants contribute to establishing new gene mapping facilities for Greek-Cypriot and Turkish-Cypriot communities at the Cyprus Institute of Neurology and Genetics. Being an island, Cyprus presents some unique features and mutations in diseases that are common in the Cypriot population. The new facility will make diagnoses easier and make it possible to adjust therapies, starting with the most common types of cancer.

Programme	Partner(s)	Grant (€ million)
NGO Fund		1.3
Civil society support	Council of Europe	0.7
Biodiversity and ecosystem services		1.2
Public health initiatives		1.2
Justice and home affairs		0.95
Domestic and gender-based violence	Norwegian Secretariat of the Shelter Movement	0.75
Children and youth at risk		0.4
Cultural and natural heritage		0.6
Decent work and tripartite dialogue	Innovation Norway*	0.04

■ EEA Grants

■ Norway Grants

*Programme Operator

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The Home for Cooperation is a bi-communal activity centre in the UN-controlled buffer-zone in Nicosia.