

Innovation Norway Programmes in Romania

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Programmes managed by Innovation Norway in Romania

- Energy Programme
- SMEs Growth Romania Programme
- Social Dialogue Decent Work Programme

Objectives of the EEA and Norway Grants

- Contributing to reducing economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area
- Strengthening relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and the beneficiary countries



SMEs Growth Romania

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SMEs Growth Romania

Fund Operator: Innovation Norway

Programme Operator:

- Financial Mechanism Office (secretariat office for Donor States)

Programme budget:

- € 45,000,000 awarded in accordance with state aid EC Regulation 651/2014 and EC Regulation 1407/2013)

Webpage:

- www.innovationnorway.no/smesgrowthromania

Main target group

- SMEs – private sector

SMEs Growth Romania

Programme Objective:

- Increase of value creation and sustainable growth

Focus areas

➤ Green Industry Innovation

- Development, implementation and investment in innovative environmentally friendly technologies
- Development of green products and services
- Development and implementation of “greener production processes”

➤ Blue Growth

- Innovative solutions based on resources from seas, coasts, rivers and lakes

➤ Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

- Development of ICT products/processes/solutions
- Development of products/processes



SMEs Growth Romania

Upcoming Calls:

- **2nd Call (Norway Grants)** – scheduled to open by the end of 2019

Only Individual Project Scheme (grants between EUR 200,000 and EUR 2,000,000)

Focus areas: Green Industry Innovation, ICT and Blue Growth

- **3rd Call (EEA Grants)** – scheduled to open during quarter 2 of 2020

Individual Project Scheme and Small Grants Scheme (EUR 50,000–EUR 200,000)

Focus areas: Green Industry Innovation, ICT and Blue Growth

Will comprise the unspent budget for Call 1.

- **Small Grants Scheme (EEA Grants)** under the component Boost to Romanian business sector – scheduled to open during quarter 3 of 2020

Closed Calls (projects under assessment procedure):

1st call of proposals (open in May 2018, closed in November 2018)

Energy Programme in Romania

Working together for a **green** and competitive Europe!

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Energy Programme in Romania

Fund Operator: Innovation Norway

Donor Programme Partners:

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

Beneficiary State Programme Partners:

- Ministry of Energy, Romania
- Ministry of Environment, Romania

Programme Budget: EUR 62.826.500 (EEA Grants: 29,8 MEur; Norway Grants: 32,9 MEur)



Energy Programme in Romania

Programme Objective:

- Less carbon intensive energy and increased security of supply

Focus areas & Outcomes:

- **Renewable Energy** - Increased Renewable Energy production
- **Energy Efficiency** - Increased energy efficiency and reduced emissions in all sectors
- **Training and awareness** - Increased knowledge on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security in all sectors of society
- **Research and development** - Enhanced research and development capacity on renewable energy, energy efficiency and energy security
- **Electrification of households** - Increased access to electricity for households in areas where connection to the electricity network is not feasible
- **Bilateral** - Enhanced collaboration between Romanian and Donor States (Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway) entities

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Eligible Project Promoters

- any entity, public or private, commercial or non-commercial and non-governmental organizations, established as a legal person in Romania

Eligible Project Partners

- any private or public entity, commercial or non-commercial, established as a legal person in Iceland, Liechtenstein, Norway or in Romania
- not mandatory, but **Donor Partnership Projects** are strongly encouraged and will be awarded extra points during the project assessment process

NB: specific provisions are detailed in each Call for Proposals

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Open Calls: <https://www.innovasjon Norge.no/RoEnergy>

- Energy Efficiency (deadline: 20 January 2020)
- Travel Support (creation of bilateral partnerships)

Upcoming Calls:

- Research and Development (tentative launch date: early 2020)
- Training and Awareness (tentative launch date: early 2020)

Closed Calls (projects under assessment procedure):

- Renewable energy (*Hydropower, Geothermal, Other RES - Renewable Energy Sources*)
- Energy Audits
- Electrification of households

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Min. and max. grant amounts for each project

Individual Project Schemes

- minimum grant amount: EUR 200.000.
- maximum grant amount: EUR 2.000.000.

Small Grants Scheme

- minimum grant amount: EUR 50.000.
- maximum grant amount: EUR 200.000.



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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%.

More about the call of proposals:

Energy Programme

<https://www.innovasjon Norge.no/RoEnergy>

SMEs Growth Programme

<https://www.innovasjon Norge.no/smesgrowthromania>



Advice for Applicants & Partners

1. **Be prepared** – know as much as possible about the programme
2. **Get to know your future partner** well before you sign a Partnership Agreement. You can apply for **travel support**
3. **Make sure you have the necessary resources (financial, technical, people, time)** required to take the project to a successful completion
4. Have a responsible approach towards **principles of good business practice**
5. **Consider presenting an innovative project** involving development and demonstration of new solutions, processes and products



Thank you for your attention!

