

Communication Guidelines – Implementation of Projects

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

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1. Introduction

Communication is an integral part of the implementation of the funding made available from Iceland, Liechtenstein and/or Norway through the EEA and Norway Grants. All information and communication measures undertaken by Project Promoters and entities acting as partners in the implementation of the EEA and Norway Grants shall bring to the attention of the general public of the European Economic Area the contribution of the grants to the overall objectives:

- (a) contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area; and
- (b) strengthen bilateral relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and/or Norway and the Beneficiary States.

Information and Communication Requirements of all stakeholders under the EEA and Norway Grants are included in the [Regulations on the implementation of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021](#), (Article 1.7 and Chapter 3).

[More specific requirements to be met by Project Promoters are contained in the Information and Communication Requirements EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021](#) (Annex 3, Art. 2.3).

The following can be regarded as a preliminary orientation regarding these requirements, and, where they are more detailed, as their specification at the level of programme.

During the Application Phase

A communication plan is mandatory for all projects. The plan shall be prepared by the Applicant (and partner) and be included as an attachment to the Application Form, in line with the template for the communication plan. The communication plan should include a brief description of communication activities, aims and target groups, implementation measures and methods, budget including any subcontracting and responsibility for publicity activities.

Costs related to the information and publicity measures must be included in the project budget, including any subcontracting for professional photographers to document the project results.

Important: Applicants should select only those measures that are suited to their project.

The Project Promoter and Project Partners shall provide information on the project to the widest possible audience at the appropriate national, regional and/or local levels, including relevant stakeholders. The Project Promoter and partners shall develop and implement a Communication Plan as part of the application for grants. The Project Promoter shall report to the Programme Operator on information and communication obligations. Project publicity

measures should be carried out by Project Promoters and their partners in accordance with the Project Contract.

2. Project Information and Publicity Measures

Official Names of the Grant Schemes

The official names of the grant schemes are the EEA Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism. You will see one of these formal names used in all legal documents on the grant schemes, including the contracts for your project.

Whenever you as Project Promoter or Partner communicate the grants, you should use the brand names: EEA Grants instead of EEA Financial Mechanism and Norway Grants instead of Norwegian Financial Mechanism. This could be, for instance, communication through your website, presentations, social media, videos, brochures, conferences, press, etc.

Information and publicity measures should include clear acknowledgment of the assistance received from the Programme. This includes all event invitations, related documentation as well as any promotional and publicity materials.

Organisers of trainings receiving support by the EEA and Norway Grants should in addition inform the trainees verbally about the training being funded by the Programme.

Innovation Norway shall be informed well in advance of projects launching events and other events organised in connection with significant phases of project implementation to enable Innovation Norway representatives, or other officials from the Donor States or from the Beneficiary State, to participate.

Information material

Publications (e.g. leaflets, newsletters) about a project shall contain a clear indication of the Programme as well as its logos on the title page or last page, either on its own or alongside any national or regional logo/emblem used.

Both the applicable EEA / Norway Grants logo and the Innovation Norway logo should always be included in any information material, with the exception of commemorative plaques as stated below. The applicable EEA / Norway Grants logo may stand alone in all publications, materials, press releases, etc., while the Innovation Norway logo shall only be used together with the EEA Grants logo.

In the case of information made available by electronic means (e.g. websites) or as audio-visual material, the principles set out above shall apply.

All information and publicity measures taken shall acknowledge support by the Programme by minimum using the following wording:

EEA Grants, In English:

Supported by a grant from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway through the EEA Grants [country] 2014-2021, in the frame of the [insert programme title – e.g. SME Growth Programme Romania].

Norway Grants, In English:

Supported by the Norway Grants 2014-2021, in the frame of the [insert programme title – e.g. Business Programme Bulgaria].

The acknowledgement must also be translated into the language of the beneficiary country – see Annex 2 for wordings.

Events

Organisers of events such as press/media involvement, conferences, seminars, relating to implementation of projects co-financed by the Programme shall explicitly mention the participation of the Programme.

Visual documentation

The results of the project shall be documented with videos, pictures and/or interviews. The documentation should show the situation before and after the project. Visual documentation may be subcontracted to professionals and the subcontracting is an eligible cost. The documentation of results should include the results of bilateral cooperation with the partner from a Donor State, if any.

Project launch and other significant phases of project implementation

Innovation Norway shall be informed well in advance of all project inaugurations or other events organised in relation to significant phases of project implementation to enable Innovation Norway to organise the appropriate participation if deemed necessary.

Commemorative plaque

Where larger, physical objects have been financed by the project, a permanent commemorative plaque shall be placed at sites where it is naturally exposed to the public. The commemorative plaque shall bear the EEA Grants logo or Norway Grants logo and a reference to the Programme's co-financing of the project.

Websites

The projects must be made visible on the company webpage / website of the Project Promoter.

Additional measures

The implementation of measures in addition to plans as initially approved shall be governed by the rules laid down under Annex 3 (Information and Publicity Requirements) to the Regulations on the Implementation of the EEA Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021, as applicable.

Recommendations

You can compose your publicity text if the reference to the Programme is done in a correct way (use best judgement depending on the type of information material/event and/or space available in the document).

Annex 1 – Logos

Please use the following logos as applicable to your project's funding scheme:

EEA Grants Logo



<https://eeagrants.org/resources/eea-grants-logo-package> (last retrieved 23.08.2021)

Norway Grants Logo



<https://eeagrants.org/resources/norway-grants-logo-package> (last retrieved 23.08.2021)

Innovation Norway



<https://design.innovasjon Norge.no/document/2> (last retrieved 06.09.2021)

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Annex 2 – Acknowledgement for Funding – Other Languages

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