Bilateral cooperation under the EEA Grants and NGO Fund

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The Norwegian Helsinki Committee











Why is NHC involved?

- The purpose of the NGO Funds corresponds with the working fundament of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee:
 - Empowerment of civil society
 - Support of democratic processes
 - Promotion of human rights





Role of the Helsinki Committe

- Facilitate bilateral partnership
- Distribute information
- www.ngonorway.org
- NGO Fund launches
- Arrange seminars, workshops etc.
- Voice interests and needs of Norwegian civil society





Norwegian Civil Society

- 115 000 NGOs
- 80 % of Norwegians are members of one or more organisations(s)







Volunteerism and professionalism combined

- Professional staff + active members who do voluntary work
- Half of the population participates in voluntary work annually
- Contribution of Norwegian volunteers = 115 000 full time employees





Financial overview and funding

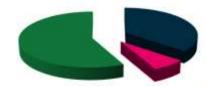
60 000 organisations have annual budgets below € 6250

Paradox: Many NGOs rely on state and government funding, but are also the most critical to the government

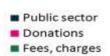
Central and local governments: 36 %

Private donors: 7 %

Membership fees and sales:



57 %





A Nordic Paradigm?





Role of civil society organisations

- Channels of political influence
- Evaluate and criticise the government
- Interest representation
- Education
- Schools of democracy
- Provide a wide range of services





Invitasjon til høring - NOU 2011:20 Ungdom, makt og medvirkning

Saksoversikt | Høringsbrev | Høringsinstanser | Høringsuttalelser

Barne- og ungdomsorganisasjoner i Norge Departementene Kommunene Ungdomsråd/barn og unges kommunestyrer o.l. i kommunene Fvlkeskommuner

Fylkesmenn Politiske partier

Sametinget Sametingets ungdomsutvalg

Sysselmannen på Svalbard Longyearbyen Lokalstyre Fylkesvise barne- og ungdomsråd (BUR)

Barneombudet

Likestillings- og diskrimineringsombudet Forbrukerombudet

Barne-, ungdoms- og familiedirektoratet Politidirektoratet

Helsedirektoratet

Integrerings- og mangfoldsdirektoratet (IMDI) Arbeids- og velferdsdirektoratet Utdanningsdirektoratet

Universitet og høgskoler

Det kriminalitetsforebyggende råd

Foreldreutvalget for grunnopplæringen Statens råd for likestilling av funksjonshemmede

Kontaktutvalget mellom innvandrere og myndighetene (KIM)

Forum for barnekonvensjonen v/sekretariatet

Redd Barna

Norges Røde Kors

Antirasistisk senter Frivillighet Norge

Norges idrettsforbund og olympiske og paralympiske komité

Fagforbundet

Handel og Kontor Den norske kirke

Ungdommens kulturmønstring (UKM)

Voksne for Barn

Actis – Rusfeltets samarbeidsorgan

Rusmisbrukernes Interesseorganisasjon – RIO Ung IOGT i Norge Plan Norge

Fellesorganisasjonen Kirkens bymisjon

Funksjonshemmedes fellesorganisasjon

Landsforeningen for oppsøkende sosialt ungdomsarbeid (LOSU)

Ungdom mot Vold Pøbelprosjektet

Fosterhiemsforeningen



Norges offentlige utredninger 2011:20

Ungdom, makt og medvirkning





Define your interest

- Why do you want to get involved?
- What is your capacity?
- What are your strenghts and weaknesses?
- What would you like to learn?
- What can you offer?
- Are you compatible with the partner?





Establishing contact with a partner

- Good information about your project
- Specification of what kind of competence you are looking
- What kind of partner you want
- Clear and specified project idea
- Partner's role and contribution to the project





Experiences from 2004-2009

- Large numbers of partnership requests
- Voluntary work dedicated to project development
- 30% of projects in Slovenia had partners
- Role of Norwegian partners:
 - Provide expertise and training
 - Mutual competence building
 - Exchange of experiences





Challenges

- Language issues
- Norway is an expensive country
- Different administrative and bureaucratic cultures
- Capacity-challenge: 3 donor countries, 15 beneficiary countries





Key elements for success

- Common values
- Common understanding of content and strategy
- Joint project development and planning
- Agreement on budget
- Sustainable relations
- Long-term perspective





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