



# Bilateral cooperation

## under the EEA Grants and NGO Fund

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# The Norwegian Helsinki Committee



# Why is NHC involved?

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- 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

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- Facilitate bilateral partnership
- Distribute information
- [www.ngonorway.org](http://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

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- 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 %



■ Public sector  
■ Donations  
■ Fees, charges



# A Nordic Paradigm?





# Role of civil society organisations

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



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Barne- og ungdomsorganisasjoner i Norge  
Departementene  
Kommunene  
Ungdomsråd/barn og unges kommunestyre o.l. i kommunene  
Fylkeskommuner  
Fylkesmenn  
Politiske partier  
Sametinget  
Sametingets ungdomsutvalg  
Sysselembuden 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 høyskoler  
KS  
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  
LO  
Handel og Kontor  
Den norske kirke  
Ungdommens kulturmonstring (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  
Fosterhjemforeningen



# Define your interest

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- 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

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- 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

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- 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

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



# Key elements for success

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- 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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### Welcome to the NGO Partnership Portal

- Your guide to successful partnerships in Europe

The EEA Grants and Norway Grants is the contribution of Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reducing economic and social disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe. There are 32 programme areas within different sectors ranging from environmental protection and climate change to civil society and research. The NGO Partnership Portal focuses on civil society and the NGO Programmes. The portal provides you with information on the funds, how to apply for grants and how to search for potential project partners.

#### How to apply

Want to apply? Get tips and advice on how to apply for grants under the NGO Programmes [here](#).

#### Bilateral partnerships

Strengthening of bilateral relations with the 15 beneficiary states in Central and Southern Europe is a key goal of the EEA Grants and Norway 2009-2014. [Read more about becoming a partner here.](#)

#### Launching conference of the NGO Fund in Hungary

WEDNESDAY, 16 JANUARY 2011 11:38

The NGO Fund in Hungary will be launched in Budapest on 12th of February. Norwegian NGOs that are interested in attending can send an email for more information. The main priorities of the NGO Fund are: Human rights & democracy, local community & organisational development, women & equal opportunities, youth programmes, environment & sustainable development, Roma integration and social & welfare services. [Read more about the NGO Fund in Hungary here.](#)



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