

Annex 1

Eligible programme areas

EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014

The overall objectives of the EEA Financial Mechanism 2009-2014 are to contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area through financial contributions in the priority sectors listed below, and to strengthen bilateral relations between the Donor States and the Beneficiary States.

For each **Priority sector**, Programme areas are identified (see table below). In the Regulation the Programme area is defined as a thematic field within a priority sector, with a specific objective and specific measurable outcomes.

For each **Programme area**, one objective and several expected outcomes are defined. This definition of objectives is intended to increase the impact and focus of the Mechanism as well as facilitating the measurement and aggregation of results both within and across sectors and Beneficiary States.

Each programme must be in accordance with these objectives and expected outcomes.

<i>Priority Sector</i>	<i>Programme area / Objective</i>	<i>Expected outcomes</i>
Environmental Protection and Management	<p>Programme area: Integrated Marine and Inland Water Management</p> <p>Objective: Good environmental status in European marine and inland waters</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • More integrated management of marine and inland water resources • Established environmental targets and management plans for marine and inland waters • Improved water management infrastructure • Improved monitoring on marine waters • Increased capacity for assessing and predicting environmental status in marine and inland waters • Increased awareness of and education in integrated marine and inland water management
	<p>Programme area: Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services</p> <p>Objective: Halt loss of biodiversity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased capacity to manage and monitor Natura 2000 sites effectively • Avoided fragmentation of ecosystems • Increased protection of Natura 2000 sites against external disruptive influences through the establishment of buffer zones • Increased protection of native ecosystems against invasive alien species • Increased awareness of and education in biodiversity and ecosystem services, including awareness of and education in the linkage between biodiversity and climate change, and economic valuation of ecosystems • Improved integration of biodiversity considerations in sectoral policies and legislation • Increased capacity within environmental NGOs promoting biodiversity
	<p>Programme area: Environmental Monitoring and Integrated</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened capacity of environmental authorities in relation to integrated planning and control

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	Planning and Control Objective: Improved compliance with environmental legislation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved environmental information on impact, status and trends Increased exchange of information on environmental impact, status and trends between Beneficiary States and other EU Member States Increased awareness of and education in environmental monitoring and integrated planning and control
	Programme area: Reduction of Hazardous Substances Objective: Prevent injury and adverse environmental effects caused by chemicals and hazardous waste	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strengthened capacity to enforce and implement EU chemicals and hazardous waste legislation Increased industry compliance with EU chemicals and hazardous waste legislation Developed strategies for authorities' management of hazardous waste Improved monitoring of hazardous substances in the environment Hazardous waste managed in an environmentally sound manner Increased awareness of and education in hazardous substances
Climate Change and Renewable Energy	Programme area: Energy Efficiency Objective: Reduced emissions of greenhouse gases and air pollutants	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved energy efficiency in buildings Increased energy efficiency in industry and the transport sector Increased utilisation of excess heat Improved capacity at national, regional and local level to undertake energy-efficiency measures Increased awareness of and education in energy efficiency
	Programme area: Renewable Energy Objective: Increased share of renewable energy in energy use	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A less carbon-dependent economy Increased renewable energy production Increased use of renewable energy in the transport sector Increased feed-in of renewable energy to existing energy infrastructures Developed strategies to improve the use of green investment schemes Improved capacity at national, regional and local level on renewable energy solutions Increased awareness of and education in renewable energy solutions
	Programme area: Adaptation to Climate Change Objective: Reduced human and ecosystem vulnerability to climate change	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Developed systems for information exchange on climate change adaptation Developed strategies and measures for adapting to a changing climate Increased capacity to assess vulnerability to climate change Increased awareness of and education in climate change adaptation
	Programme area: Maritime Sector Objective: Reduced emissions of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Measures taken to reduce greenhouse gas emissions in the shipping sector

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	greenhouse gases and air pollutants from the maritime sector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened capacity of relevant authorities to implement climate change-related policy elements • Increased awareness of and education in how to reduce emissions from ships
Climate Change and Renewable Energy	<p>Programme area: Environmental and Climate Change-related Research and Technology Objective: Strengthened knowledge base on the environment and climate change and increased application of environmental technology</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased national and international knowledge base of the EEA programme areas on environment and climate change • Increased development and application of technology that benefits the environment
Civil Society	<p>Programme area: Funds for Non-Governmental Organisations Objective: Strengthened civil society development and enhanced contribution to social justice, democracy and sustainable development</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Active citizenship fostered • Increased involvement of NGOs in decision-making processes with local, regional and national governments • Cross-sectoral partnerships developed, particularly with government organisations at local, regional and / or national level • Democratic values, including human rights, promoted • Advocacy and watchdog role developed • Developed networks and coalitions of NGOs working in partnership • Strengthened capacity of NGOs and an enabling environment for the sector promoted • Increased contribution to sustainable development achieved • Provision of welfare and basic services to defined target groups increased • Empowerment of vulnerable groups
Human and Social Development	<p>Programme area: Children and Youth at Risk Objective: Improved well-being of children and young people at risk</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laws, policies and measures in the field of children's and youth rights as enshrined in relevant international instruments effectively implemented • Quality of child welfare systems and protection measures effectively improved, relaying the views of relevant stakeholders and society at large through high quality and participatory debate • Effective and efficient measures addressing vulnerable groups of children and youth facing particular risks implemented • Instances of violence, abuse and exploitation against children and youth prevented and tackled through high-impact implemented measures • Policies and standards of intervention in the field of juvenile justice developed and implemented in view to ensuring protection

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		<p>and securing full rights during detention and a wide range of opportunities for young offenders to re-integrate society created</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Health and social care services provided to ensure equal access for children and youth
	<p>Programme area: Local and Regional Initiatives to Reduce National Inequalities and to Promote Social Inclusion Objective: Strengthened social and economic cohesion at national, regional and local levels</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Regions and urban areas are cooperating in the fields of public and private services, and business development and innovation, to stimulate social and economic development • Regions are experiencing improvements particularly with respect to job creation and/or improvement of access to public services • Local and regional authorities, as well as private and civil society actors, are developing initiatives to strengthen anti-discriminatory measures for groups vulnerable to social and economic exclusion • Local and regional authorities are cooperating with private and civil society actors to strengthen participation in decision-making processes • Local and regional authorities are developing and modernising the public sector
	<p>Programme area: Public Health Initiatives Objective: Improved public health and reduced health inequalities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduced inequalities between user groups • Developed resources for all levels of health care • Improved governance in health care • Strengthened financing systems • National health registries and health information systems, data management and use improved • Improved access to and quality of health services including reproductive and preventive child health care • Improved access to and quality of health services for elderly people • Life-style related diseases prevented or reduced • Improved prevention and treatment of communicable diseases (including HIV/AIDS and TB) • Improved mental health services • Improved food safety and increased access to information about food safety and health for consumers, public authorities and industry
	<p>Programme area: Mainstreaming Gender Equality and Promoting Work-Life Balance Objective: Gender equality and work-life balance promoted</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender issues across policies and practices mainstreamed • Awareness raised and research on gender issues promoted • Successful national policies and best practices on gender equality exchanged • Balance between work, private and family life

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		<p>improved</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gender balance on company boards improved • Gender pay gap reduced • Gender equality ombudspersons / authorities established • Capacity of gender equality organisations and networks strengthened
	<p>Programme area: Institutional Framework in the Asylum and Migration Sector Objective: Ensure the existence of a functioning national migration management system, that safeguards the right to seek asylum and gives special attention to the situation for unaccompanied asylum seeking children (UASC)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strengthened institutional framework to ensure legal protection and care for the most vulnerable group of migrants, namely unaccompanied children • Well-functioning asylum system in place, enabling asylum-seekers to bring forward their claim for international protection, have their claim processed in due time and be offered accommodation during the processing of their case, or to return voluntary to their country of origin
	<p>Programme area: Scholarships Objective: Enhanced human capital and knowledge base in the Beneficiary States</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increased higher education student and staff mobility between Beneficiary and EEA EFTA States • Increased and strengthened institutional cooperation at all levels of the education sector (school education, higher education, vocational training/education and adult education) between Beneficiary and EEA EFTA States • Increased mobility of education sector staff at all levels of education between Beneficiary and EEA EFTA States
Protecting Cultural Heritage	<p>Programme area: Conservation and Revitalisation of Cultural and Natural Heritage Objective: Cultural and natural heritage for future generations safe-guarded and conserved and made publicly accessible</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural heritage restored, renovated and protected • Cultural history documented • Local communities further developed and economically sustainable livelihoods established through the revitalisation of cultural and natural heritage • Cultural heritage made accessible to the public
	<p>Programme area: Promotion of Diversity in Culture and Arts within European Cultural Heritage Objective: Cultural dialogue increased and European identity fostered through understanding of cultural diversity</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contemporary art and culture presented and reaching a broader audience • Awareness of cultural diversity raised and intercultural dialogue strengthened • Individual citizens' cultural identity strengthened • Cultural history documented

<i>Applicable to all priority sectors</i>	<i>Programme area / Objective</i>	<i>Expected outcomes</i>
Academic Research	Programme area: Research within Priority Sectors Objective: Enhanced research-based knowledge development in the Beneficiary States	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increased research cooperation between the EEA EFTA and Beneficiary States• Strengthened research capacity in the Beneficiary States• Strengthened research allocations in the Beneficiary States• Increased application of research results