

# **Slovakia – program on Climate Change Mitigation and Adaptation – funded by EEA- and Norway Grants**

## **Background:**

The EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021 represent funding from Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway to reduce economic and social disparities and strengthen cooperation with 15 EU countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. For the period 2014-2021, a total contribution of €2.8 billion has been agreed. In the Memorandums of Understanding (MoU) with the individual countries, the actual allocation is determined. In the MoU it is also determined which Norwegian authorities will be the donor program partner (adviser) for the countries' respective programs.

In Slovakia NVE is donor program partner for a program covering climate change mitigation and adaptation. Being a donor program partner means to provide advisory services in all phases of program and project developments and implementation.

Strengthening relations between Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway and the beneficiary countries is the other of the two main objectives of the EEA and Norway Grants. On program level: public institutions and government agencies from the beneficiary states and Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway cooperate in the design of the program (concept note) and share knowledge and experience during the implementation stage. On project level under the program: private businesses, research groups, municipalities, and NGOs from the donor and the beneficiary countries are encouraged to enter into cooperation to implement joint projects. NVE as a donor program partner will assist in facilitating such project cooperation.

## **Activities:**

The work in the first part was mostly related to preparatory activities in connection with developing a concept note for the program. The program agreement is going to be signed early 2019. The open calls for project applicants will be gradually launched from early summer 2019.

The program is divided into 3 areas:

- a) Action plans for mitigation and adaptation implemented by local authorities in urban areas.
- b) Awareness raising activities on climate change mitigation and adaptation.
- c) Restoration of degraded ecosystems.

## **Overall data for the energy program in Slovakia**

NVE Mandate: NVE is Donor Program Partner (DPP) to the Program Operator in Slovakia, the Slovakian Ministry of Environment.

Program budget from the EEA- and Norway Grants of euro 16,000,000. This is 82,4 percent of the total budget, which is euro 18.824.000 – the rest comes from national co-financing).

NVE's expenditures as DPP are covered by a separate contract with FMO (Financial Mechanism Office).

Program period: Projects can be awarded until 2021, and must be completed by 2024.

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