



Norway Grants 2014-2021 Innovation programme impact assessment

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SECTOR	Green Industry Innovation	Information and Communication Technology	Welfare Technology
AIM	Reduce carbon emissions and energy consumption through innovative technological solutions.	Enhance Performance in Economic Sectors and Society	Develop IT solutions in healthcare to improve patient care and optimize health data management.
GENERAL OBJECTIVE	Support sustainable business development across three key sectors. Boost annual revenue and profits of beneficiaries while creating new jobs. Reduce carbon emissions and energy consumption. Foster cooperation between Estonian and Norwegian companies.		

OVERVIEW	56	new product, service or process	21,5 mln €	TOTAL SUPPORT GRANTED
	470	new jobs created	18,3 mln €	INCL. NORWEGIAN FUNDING
	140 981	tons of CO2 emissions reduced	44 mln €	TOTAL PROJECT VOLUME

„If funding is given for such initiatives, it means they believe in us, and it makes us believe in ourselves even more.“ Beneficiary

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TO FOSTERING COLLABORATION
BETWEEN ESTONIAN AND
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RECOMMENDATIONS

Use of funds



Improve the selection process of grant applicants and better assess their capacity to implement projects. Introduce more flexible mechanisms for budget and project management. Continue to define focus areas.

Indicators



Improve guidance and standardise the methodology for calculating output indicators to reduce the impact of input errors and different interpretations. To create a flexible framework to adapt the metrics to the specific objectives of the project.

Partnerships with Norwegian companies



Promote strategic and long-term cooperation with Norwegian companies and focus on areas where cooperation offers the greatest innovation and market potential.

Impact of the programme



Continue the programme in the next programming period. Simplify administrative mechanisms and offer more flexible funding conditions to encourage ambitious projects.

"For long projects of a few years or more, flexibility is crucial. Especially for innovation projects where there is a lot of uncertainty."
Beneficiary

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