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The European Economic Area Financial Mechanism and the Norwegian Financial Mechanism

ENVIRONMENTAL SECTOR

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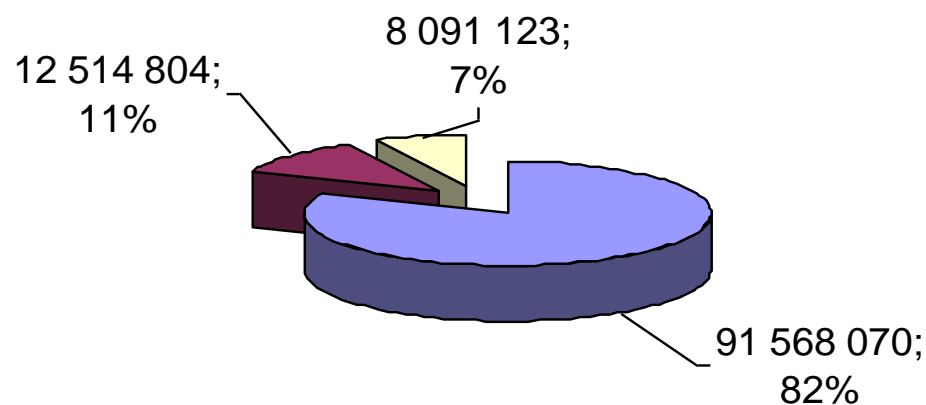
Poland received EUR 533.51 million for the years 2004-2009, including over EUR 133 million for the environment.

The final allocation dedicated to the implementation of three environmental priorities amounts to 112 173 997 Euro.

The number of projects to be implemented: 158



Final allocation divided by priorities



- 2.1 Protection of the environment including human environment through the reduction of pollution and promotion of renewable energy sources, among others
- 2.2 Promoting sustainable development through better utilisation and management of resources
- 2.8 Environment protection with the emphasis put on broadening administrative capabilities to implement the appropriate regulations essential for the implementation of the projects

Types of projects implemented:

- thermal insulation work of public utility buildings,
- construction, rebuilding or modernization of municipal waste water treatment plants and sewage pipeline systems,
- non-investment projects such as: education and promotion campaigns, elaboration of strategies, support for governmental and non-governmental institutions,
- partnership projects with the donor-states institutions are also implemented.



Until now thanks to the EEA/Norway Grants:

- 301 of public utility buildings were insulated,
- 23 waste water treatment plants constructed,
- 300 km of sewage pipeline systems were realized,
- 120 pumping-stations and 150 pumping-stations attached to a homestead were built.



Summary information of projects implementation (31.03.2010)

158	Number of positive financing decisions (GOL)
157	Number of contracts signed
112 173 997 Euro	Final allocation for 158 projects
111 989 335 Euro	Total value of grants contracted for 157 projects
99%	Contractation level
59 906 319 Euro	Total value of applications for payment accepted
53%	Level of absorption in relation to allocation available

Organisational structure for implementing environmental priorities within EEA/Norway Grants

- Financial Mechanisms Office, Brussels
- Focal Point - Ministry of Regional Development
- Intermediate Bodies - Ministry of the Environment (for priorities 2.1, 2.2, 2.8)
- Auxiliary Bodies - National Fund for Environmental Protection and Water Management (for priorities 2.1, 2.2, 2.8)
- Paying and Audit Institutions (Ministry of Finance)

Technical Assistance Fund

Within the sector of the environment the TA Fund is implemented by the Ministry of the Environment (Intermediate Body), but dedicated also for the Auxiliary Body

Examples of activities co-financed:

- employment of staff working in the institutions directly involved in the projects' realization within Financial Mechanisms,
- arrangement of meetings of the Steering Committees for projects' recommendation,
- monitoring and control of the realization of projects,
- various activities related to information and promotion of EEA and Norway Grants (organisation of seminars for beneficiaries, conferences, promotional brochures etc.)

Information and promotion of EEA and Norway Grants



International Conference

“Lessons learned and looking forward – EEA and Norway Grants in the environmental sector”

Warsaw, 14-16.10 2009



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- Climate Change
- Water Management
- Reduction of emissions of hazardous substances
- Biodiversity
- Environmental awareness and education



- Green Innovations – Green Jobs
- Environmental monitoring and integrated planning and control
- Importance of cooperation and cross-sectoral work
- Partnership with donor states – challenges and possibilities
- Financial and legal issues

Training seminar for beneficiaries of EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Mechanism

Warsaw, 7 - 8.12 2009

- eligibility of expenses for investment and non-investment projects,
- system of monitoring and control of the realization of projects,
- preparation of application for payment,
- reporting
- irregularities occurring in projects,
- public procurements.



Brochure

In 2010 Polish Ministry of the Environment is going to publish brochure with the summary of achievements of implementation EEA Financial Mechanism and Norwegian Mechanism in Poland for years 2004 – 2009.





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Thank You for your attention

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