

Work Plan

FUND FOR BILATERAL RELATIONS

(In accordance with Article 2.4 of the Bilateral Fund Agreement and Article 4.2 of the Regulations on the implementation of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms 2014-2021)

[Country]

1. Background

Please refer briefly to any major fields of cooperation characterising the existing bilateral relations between the BS and the DS.

Were there any lessons learned from the work to strengthen bilateral relations under the Financial Mechanisms 09-14? Briefly refer to past experiences, highlighting successes that can be built on.

Are there any on-going initiatives or upcoming events of importance for bilateral relations to build on? Could initiatives be tied to major events in the Donor or Beneficiary States (state visits, international chairmanships, EU Presidencies, European Capital of Culture, etc.?)

How can the funds best be used to promote and facilitate partnership projects under the programmes?

2. Main objective

Enhanced cooperation and improved mutual knowledge and understanding between Donor and Beneficiary States.

Please outline the main aims and ambitions for the Fund for bilateral relations with reference to priority sectors, programmes and measures. Please include reference to any areas of common bilateral interest highlighted in the MoU that should be prioritised, as well as the areas identified by the Joint Committee for Bilateral Funds?

The modalities for allocating funds should be outlined, e.g. calls, pre-defined activities, activities carried out by the NFP, allocations to Programme Operators. Key issues and upcoming larger events should be included.

Please also shortly describe the management of Bilateral Funds, including the selection process.

3. Implementation system

Please include a brief description of the implementation system for the Fund for bilateral relations. The modalities for allocating funds should be outlined, e.g. calls, pre-defined activities, activities carried out by the NFP, allocations to Programme Operators. A more detailed description will be included in the detailed description of the management and control systems.

4. Bilateral Priority Programmes

| Programme number | DPP(s) | Funds allocated in MoU | JCBF Allocations | Total allocation | Comments |
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5. Major activities

Please outline major initiatives foreseen under the Fund for bilateral relations. Following the results-based management approach, please keep a results-focus, identifying outputs with relevant indicators.

The initiatives shall contribute to the common bilateral outcome: Enhanced cooperation between Beneficiary State and Donor State entities involved.

Initiative 1

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| Title |
| Implementing entity (<i>donor or beneficiary state entity</i>): |
| Partner(s) (<i>each initiative shall involve minimum one donor state entity and one beneficiary state entity</i>): |
| Allocation (<i>a detailed budget is not required</i>): |
| Short description: |

Planned results¹

| OUTPUT | INDICATOR | TARGET |
|---|---|--------------------|
| <i>Example: Joint project proposals developed</i> | <i>Example: Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner</i> | <i>Example: 10</i> |
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Initiative 2

¹ Please refer to the Results Guideline

Title

Implementing entity (*donor or beneficiary state entity*):

Partner(s) (*each initiative shall involve minimum one donor state entity and one beneficiary state entity*):

Allocation (*a detailed budget is not required*):

Short description:

Planned results²

| OUTPUT | INDICATOR | TARGET |
|---|---|--------------------|
| <i>Example: Joint project proposals developed</i> | <i>Example: Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner</i> | <i>Example: 10</i> |
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Initiative 3

² Please refer to the Results Guideline

Title

Implementing entity (*donor or beneficiary state entity*):

Partner(s) (*each initiative shall involve minimum one donor state entity and one beneficiary state entity*):

Allocation (*a detailed budget is not required*):

Short description:

Planned results³

| OUTPUT | INDICATOR | TARGET |
|---|---|--------------------|
| <i>Example: Joint project proposals developed</i> | <i>Example: Number of projects involving cooperation with a donor project partner</i> | <i>Example: 10</i> |
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6. Budget

Please note that this budget follows the structure of the IFR template.

³ Please refer to the Results Guideline

| Title | Budget | Comments |
|---|--------|----------|
| Activities carried out by the NFP | | |
| Call for proposals (<i>national level. In case several calls are foreseen, please add one line for each call</i>) | | |
| Pre-defined activities (<i>total budget for planned pre-defined activities at national level</i>) | | |
| Bilateral funds for programme [<i>no</i>] | | |
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| Funds still to be allocated | | |
| TOTAL | | |