

Norway Grants 2009-2014
PL-18 Green Industry Innovation Programme Poland
Fund for Bilateral Relations – Guidelines
Call for Travel Support

Introduction

These guidelines will give you a short description of the Bilateral Relations Fund and the ruling criteria for **this CALL** under the Green Industry Innovation Programme Poland.

Objective of the Fund for Bilateral Relations

This CALL shall help the Programme to achieve the objective of strengthening the bilateral relations between Poland and Norway.

What we offer in this CALL

Travel Support in the form of a lump sum of EUR 1,200 per Polish entity in order to meet and discuss with Norwegian entities innovative and green bilateral **partnership projects** and enable preparing project applications for ongoing or future calls in the frame European programmes like i.a.;

- **Eureka/Eurostars** for these thematic areas:
 - o Environmental technologies
 - o Climate Change and energy efficiency
 - o Renewable energies <https://www.eurostars-eureka.eu/>

- **Horizon 2020:**
 - o Societal Challenge 3: Secure, clean and efficient energy
 - o Societal Challenge 5: Climate action, environment, resource efficiency and raw materials
 - o Societal Challenge 4: Smart, green and integrated transport
 - o PPP-EeB – Energy efficient buildings
 - o PPP-SPIRE – Sustainable Process Industries
 - o The SME-instrument o Fast Track to Innovation
 - <https://ec.europa.eu/research/participants/portal/desktop/en/home.html>

- **Other relevant European programmes.**

Total budget for this CALL

The Programme Operator, Innovation Norway, has set aside EUR 50,000 for this travel grant facility.

Who can apply?

The entities eligible for financial support under this CALL are Polish private small and medium size enterprises, constituted as legal entities in Poland according to Polish legislation.

Eligible activities and expenditures

To be eligible for funding from this CALL, project ideas must be within the scope of PL-18 Green Industry Innovation Programme Poland. (For details see the PL-18 GII Call text, <http://www.norwaygrants->

greeninnovation.no/Global/Icons/PL18%20Call%20text%20final%20220520141.pdf) and they need to be relevant with the main line of business of the applying entity.

Subject to approval from Innovation Norway are travel costs for applicant and/or Norwegian partners. Eligible as partners in the projects are enterprises, research institutes and organizations constituted as legal entities in Norway.

The eligibility period for the expenses starts with the date of which the grant is approved in writing by Innovation Norway. The final date of eligibility of cost is 30 September 2017.

How to apply?

The application language is **English**

Applicants need to submit an application via e-mail to Innovation Norway, poland@norwaygrants-greeninnovation.no and NorwayGrants.Poland@innovasjon Norge.no.

No specific form is required, but the **e-mail application must include the following information:**

- company name, contact person, telephone, e-mail, web-site,
- the entity's registration number,
- main line of business / economic sector,
- short description of the project idea
- purpose and expected outcome of visit to Norway/Poland and the role of the partner in the project,
- meeting agenda in Norway/Poland (list the entities you are going to meet).

To the e-mail application **the following documents shall be attached:**

- excerpt from the KRS or from the CEIDG register, and a self-declaration stating the SME status of the applying entity,
- completed *de minimis* aid declaration for the applying entity (from the GII Poland Programme website).

Innovation Norway will send you a reply by e-mail to accept or reject your application.

Deadline for applications

Applications for Travel Support will be assessed on a continuous basis from the date of the announcement of the Call until 31 July 2017. The Travel Support facility has a limited budget, hence applications will be handled until the funding lasts.

Grant amounts

For travel support, a lump sum of EUR 1,200 per entity is awarded as *de minimis* support in line with the EEA and EU Commission regulations

http://ec.europa.eu/competition/state_aid/legislation/de_minimis_regulation_en.pdf

Disbursement of funds and reporting

Reimbursement principle (you pay first and ask for reimbursement from Innovation Norway after the travel). Please use the report template (together with proof of travel) from the GII Poland Programme website.
