

# NFP Workshop – Bilateral cooperation

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## **Bilateral cooperation**

- 1. Status for MOU negotiations**
- 2. Overall objectives for the bilateral work**  
**(FMO ; details and specifics)**



# EEA/Norway Grants 2014 – 2021.

## Status MOU negotiations

- Ongoing MOU negotiations

Poland

Slovenia

Latvia

Hungary

Cyprus

Greece

Lithuania

Croatia

- MOUs signed

Romania  
13/10/16

Slovakia  
28/11/16

Bulgaria  
09/12/16

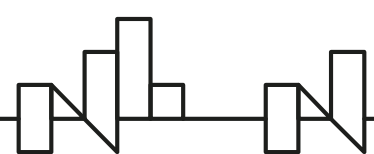
Malta  
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Estonia  
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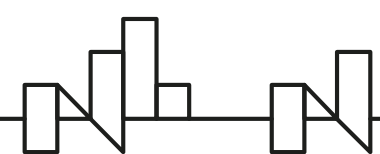
Ambition; all MOU negotiations concluded before by end of 2017



# Bilateral objectives

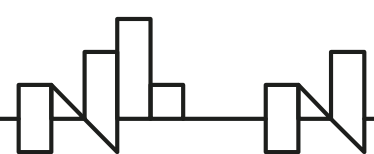
MOU-text (EU-Donor countries) :

- ***.....with the aim of stimulating and developing long-term cooperation within all areas***
  - *(in all programme areas)*
- ***..... at political level and European level in areas of common interest***
  - *(and beyond the program areas)*



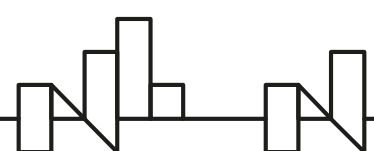
# WHY bilateral objectives

- *Common challenges, common goals*
- *Increase mutual understanding*
- *Best results if working together – Long term relationships*
  
- *And 2009-2014 have shown such good results*
- *Want to build and expand on this*
- *Ambition to have increased focus on quality over quantity*



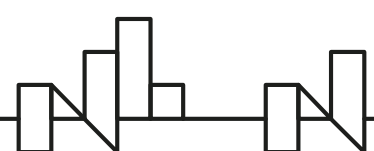
# How to further develop the cooperation

- The programme model remains
- Less bureaucratic - easier procedures
- Need the different partners to work together and facilitate partnerships
- No need for extraordinary rules and procedures; local laws and EEA regulations is sufficient.  
> NFP as facilitators!
- Partnership guide coming soon



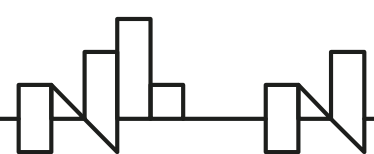
# Bilateral funds - What can be financed?

- **A) Bilateral activities within the programmes.** some already in the MoU (appr 25 – 35 % of the total fund)
- **B) Activities, projects Outside the programmes**  
ex; EU presidency, conferences etc partnerships,  
cooperation within other programme areas than defined  
in the MOU
- - Open calls, pre-defined projects possible



# How?

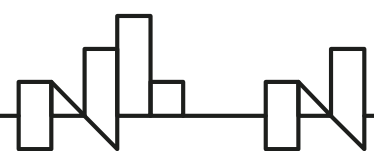
- Programme financing- first allocation in the MoU
- Any further financing; apply to the JCBF (not automatic!)
- Different solutions in different countries.





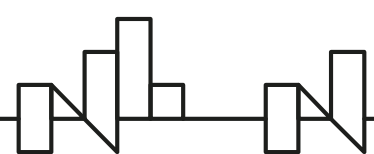
# Work and role of the JCBF

- JCBF important; Propose and decide on allocations.  
Participants;
  - NFP
  - Embassies
  - MFAs
- Cooperation and flexibility!
- *All need to work **together** to achieve the bilateral objectives!*



# Financing – Donor’s “share”

- Allocations with a view to proportionality
- Donors coordinate (FMC) and discuss any suggestions for deviation from approximate countrywise proportionality
  - The example of the Czech Republic



# Bilateral cooperation

Remember; programmes run until 2024,  
bilateral cost eligible until 2025;  
– do not spend it all the first years!

*Thank you for your attention!*

