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**Norwegian regional development cooperation agreements in Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia**

Aid to Eastern Europe and the Western Balkans is integrated into Norwegian European policy. The aid is part of the European efforts for security and stability, good governance and economic and social development in the region.

Agreements managed by the Embassy in Belgrade.

1. **RER-19/0007 - Support to Migrants and local communities in SRB, MAK and MNE**

Partner: **Group 484** Total grant NOK: 23,730,000 Period: 2019-2023

Summary: Support to Migrants and Local Communities in Montengro, North Macedonia and Serbia. The project intends to provide comprehensive, well-planned and tailor-made sub granting support to a number of communities in Serbia, Montenegro and North Macedonia. In addition, it will include extensive and relevant capacity-building efforts as well as the evidence-based advocacy initiatives in the area of forced migration.

1. SRB-19/00013 - **Improving Safety of Women in Serbia and Montenegro**

Partner: **UN Women** Total grant NOK: 25,242,424 Period: 2019-2024

Summary: The long-term project goal is that women and girls in Serbia live in a society free from gender-based discrimination, stereotypes and violence. Project focus is to ensure safety of women and girls through strengthened capacities of relevant stakeholders, enhanced legislation, improved institutional and organizational framework, institutional responses, and awareness-raising.

Agreements managed by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

The Embassy maintains contact with partners, follows up the implementation and participates on events of the regional programs managed by the ministry,

1. RER-21/0016: **Judicial Reform Programme for the Western Balkans**

Partner: **Norwegian Court Administration** Total grant NOK: 101 015 240 Period: 2022-2027

Summary: [www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/judiciary\_westernbalkans/id2916584/](http://www.regjeringen.no/en/aktuelt/judiciary_westernbalkans/id2916584/) Support the relevant institutions in the Western Balkans countries in planning, designing and implementing judicial reform initiatives to make judiciaries more effective. [Western Balkans | Norges domstoler](https://www.domstol.no/en/domstoladministrasjonen/international-cooperation/west-balkan/)

1. RER-21/0015 **IOM Addressing Mixed Migration Flows in the Western Balkans**

Partner: **IOM** Total Grant NOK: 37,500,000 Period: 2021-2023

Summary: Vulnerable migrants in the Western Balkans are better protected and have access to safe and dignified return assistance.

1. RER-21/0008, 21/14102: **GIZ Illicit financial flows**

Partner: **GIZ** Total grant NOK: 60 000 000 Period: 2021-2024

Summary: Regional project with the aim of combating illegal capital flows in WB6 (Serbia, Montenegro, North Macedonia, Kosovo, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Albania) through prevention, training in financial investigation and return of assets. <https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/123900.html>

1. RER-21/0005, 21/2137: **Regional Program for Civil Society in the Western Balkans**

Partner: **Center for Civil Society Promotion** Total grant NOK: 180 000 000 Period: 2021-2025

Summary: <https://smartbalkansproject.org/> The aim of the program is to strengthen CSOs in the Western Balkans by providing support in the form of sub-grants, capacity building and networking/exchange of best practice. The thematic areas: 1. Security and stability; Combatting organized crime and preventing radicalization, including violent extremism, Reconciliation, including intercultural dialogue; 2. Governance; Reforms that support Euro-Atlantic integration, Human rights and gender equality, including gender-based/domestic violence, Freedom of expression and independent media.

1. RER-20/0004 (RER-18/0004), 20/6237: **Building Integrity in the Western Balkans**

Partner: **The Centre for Integrity in the Defence Sector (CIDS)** Total grant NOK: 56 500 000

Period: 2021-2025

Summary: The Centre seeks to promote and enhance professional integrity and good governance in the defence and security sectors. CIDS’ approach is comprehensive, and its dedicated team of experts applies a variety of tools in their efforts to build competence, raise awareness and reduce risks of corruption.

1. RER-20/0001: **EBRD - Norway Covid-19 response (Promoting sustainable investments**

**of SMEs in the Western Balkans)**

Partner: **EBRD** Total grant NOK: 60,000,000 Period: 2020-2022

Summary: Norway participates in a “SME Work Capital Facility” as Covid-19 response on the Western Balkans. Multi-donor trust fund. EBRD apply existing programmes in order to secure fast mobilisation of funds on the ground. The project ensures working capital to SMEs in the region following the Covid 19 crisis.

1. RER-19/0011, 19/12844: **Norwegian EU Integration Fund for the W. Balkans**

Partner: **UNOPS – Vienna** Total grant NOK: 86 856 000 Period: 2021-2025

Summary: The purpose is to support the European integration process in the Western Balkans (EU accession), as it is considered the most important contributor to security and stability in the region. The EU accession process involves delivering on various chapters / EU aqui within a number of topics. The program will finance the use of experts in various disciplines (bureaucrats or consultants).

1. RER-19/0003, 18/14616: **The W. Balkans SALW control roadmap, Multi-partner Trust Fund**

Partner: **UNDP** Total grant NOK: 20 000 000 Period: 2019-2023

Summary: [Western Balkans SALW Control Roadmap MPTF | MPTF Office (undp.org)](https://mptf.undp.org/fund/slw00?utm_source=EN&utm_medium=GSR&utm_content=US_UNDP_PaidSearch_Brand_English&utm_campaign=CENTRAL&c_src=CENTRAL&c_src2=GSR&gclid=CjwKCAiA0JKfBhBIEiwAPhZXDyKKEea2ZjKuVZWjGNB98QUx4vSFBZ3vrTAJvqX0BuByk1OaqkALihoC-ZoQAvD_BwE) Trust Fund Period 17 July 2019-30 June 2023. The Western Balkans Small Arms and Light Weapons (SALW) Control Roadmap Multi-Partner Trust Fund is set up to support the implementation of the Roadmap for a sustainable solution to the illegal possession, misuse and trafficking of Small Arms and Light Weapons and their ammunition in the Western Balkans by 2024.

1. RER-18/0012 (RER-11/0034), 18/5143: **Strengthening Regional Cooperation on Gender Mainstreaming in SSR WB II**

Partner: **UNDP** Total grant NOK: 19 447 510 Period: 2018-2023

Summary: Continued cooperation with four Ministries of Defence and Armed Forces in the Western Balkans to ensure consolidation and institutionalization of results during phase I, in order to advance gender equality in the military. <https://www.seesac.org/Strengthening-Regional-Cooperation-on-Gender-Mainstreaming-in-SSR-in-WB/>

1. RER-18/0011, 18/5302: **Girl's Football Coaching Course (CFCC)**

Partner: **Norwegian football association** Total grant NOK: 13 687 360 Period: 2018-2023

Summary: <https://www.fotball.no/trener/Grassroots-Football-Coaching-Course/girls-football-coaching-course2/> The Girl's football coaching course will contribute to democratic development and a more inclusive and equal society in the Western Balkans.

1. RER-18/0003 (RER-20/0001), 18/3191: **EBRD-Norway Western Balkans Growth Support**

Partner: **EBRD** Total grant NOK: 40 000 000 Period: 2018-2023

Summary: EBRD is to design and implement two financing facilities in the Western Balkans. Both facilities would support new and innovative financing products, building on the EBRD’s local presence and ongoing relationships with strong local financial institutions able to reach out to the private sector. The Project would aim at strengthening, in particular, the MSME sector in these countries by supporting their growth and development - job creation. Western Balkans Growth Support Account has so far only been implemented in Bosnia.

1. RER-15/0001, 14/14170: **European Western Balkans Joint Fund** **(= Western Balkans Investment Framework)**

Partner: **EBRD** Total grant NOK: 276,800,000 Period: 2016-2024

Summary: WBIF is an instrument to support and facilitate socioeconomic development and EU accession in the Western Balkans. <https://www.wbif.eu/>

1. RER-12/0019: **Regional Refugee Housing Project in the Western Balkans**

Partner: **CEB** Total grant NOK: 62,000,000 Period: 2012-2022

Summary: Support to the RHP Fund for the Western Balkans. [RHP | (regionalhousingprogramme.org)](http://regionalhousingprogramme.org/)

1. RER-11/0053, 18/5118: **Norwegian fund for extrabudgetary project support**

Partner: **Council of Europe** Total grant NOK: 212,000,000 Period: 2018-2023

Summary: The aim of the grant is to support the implementation of Council of Europe projects which correspond to the core objective of the Beneficiary, defined as preserving and promoting Human Rights, the Rule of Law, and Democracy primarily in CIS.

1. RER-09/104 **IFC – PEPSEI – Infrastructure Western Balkans**

Partner: **IFC** Total Grant: NOK 15,600,000 Period: 2009 - 20023

Summary: Support of IFC Advisory Services in the Western Balkans.