

Norway's financial contribution to the EU & EEA

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How much does Norway pay to be part of the EEA agreement?

Norway does not pay to have access to the Single Market.

The EEA/EFTA countries do not contribute financially to the EU budget but have established their own financial mechanism, EEA Grants, which are managed in cooperation with the beneficiary states. Norway contributes to reducing social and economic disparities in the European Union through the EEA Grants.

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EEA Grants

The EEA Grants are often referred to as Norway's "membership fee". This is misleading since Norway does not pay to access the Single market. The aim of the EEA Grants is to reduce social and economic disparities in the EEA and to strengthen the bilateral cooperation with the beneficiary states. There is no obligation in the EEA agreement for Norway to provide such funding. The grants are negotiated separately with the EU, limited to five or seven years programmes.

The financial support goes directly to programmes, foundations and projects in 16 EU member states in Central and Southern Europe.

In addition to the EEA Grants, Norway has funded a parallel scheme since 2004 – the Norway Grants.

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