

Lillegarden Resource Centre and the EEA grants

Many of the countries that receive project funding from the EEA- and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms have devoted funds to human resource development.

Special education needs, learning environment and school development are all initiatives included in this category. Lillegarden Resource Centre is a partner-finding contact point for applicants in this field of activity.

The mechanisms

The EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms are two mechanisms directed towards the same aims: reducing the social and economic differences within the European Economic area (EEA) and enabling all EEA countries to participate fully in the Internal Market.

The EEA Financial Mechanisms is the amount of money (€600 million) contributed by the three EEA-EFTA countries, i.e. Iceland, Lichtenstein and Norway. The Norwegian Financial Mechanism is the extra sum (€567 million) provided by Norway alone.

Donors and beneficiaries

Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein are referred to as the donor countries. The beneficiary countries are the new member states of the EU and a few of the old ones.

Detailed information about the financial mechanisms can be found on the web page of the Financial Mechanisms Office, i.e. www.eeagrants.org

Lillegarden Resource Centre's responsibilities in connection with the Financial Mechanisms

Lillegarden has been given the role of being the link in Norway between potential applicants for project funding within the area of special needs education on behalf of the Norwegian Support System for Special Education. If you have a project idea and need a Norwegian partner, we will do our best to help you in the application process.

To a very limited extent Lillegarden Resource Centre may also be a partner in projects related to Inclusive education and school development.

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