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The Norwegian and EEA Financial Mechanisms

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From 1 May 2004: European Economic Area (EEA) has 28 member countries



The new financial mechanisms

- The EFTA States shall contribute to the reduction of economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area

The two new financial mechanisms

Duration 01.05.2004 – 30.04.2009

- 1) EEA financial mechanism: **€ 600 million** (annual tranches of € 120 million)
(Norway (94.5%), Iceland and Liechtenstein)
- 2) Norwegian financial mechanism: **€567 million**
(annual tranches of € 113,4 million)

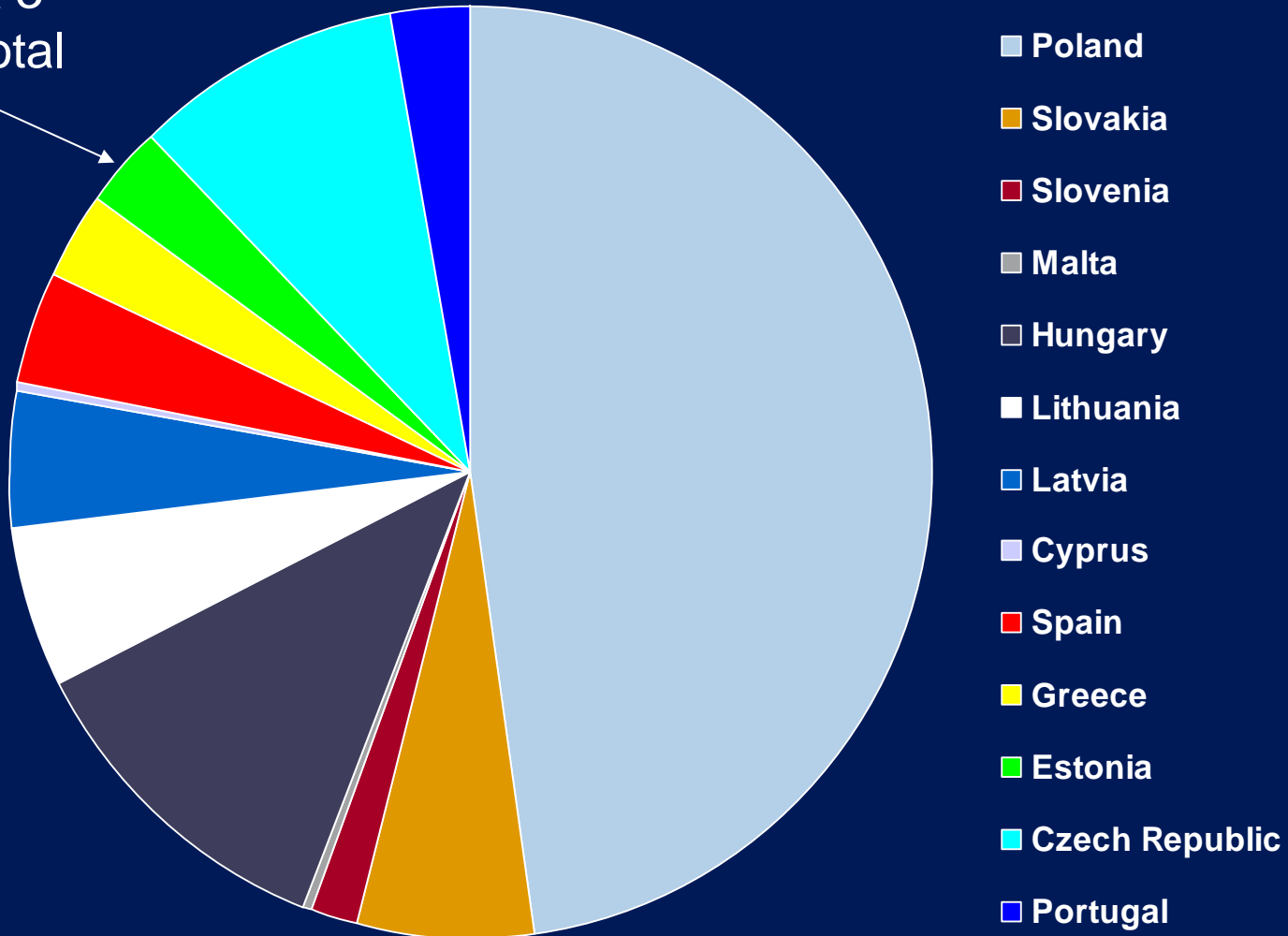
Total annual allocation – mill. Euro

• Poland	€ 111,7 mill. pr. year
• Hungary	€ 27,0 mill. ” ”
• Czech Republic	€ 22,2 mill. “ “
• Slovakia	€ 14,06 mill. “ “
• Lithuania	€ 13,45 mill. “ “
• Latvia	€ 10,75 mill. “ “
• Spain	€ 9,16 mill. “ “
• Greece	€ 6,85 mill. “ “
• Estonia	€ 6,55 mill. “ “
• Portugal	€ 6,26 mill. “ “
• Slovenia	€ 3,71 mill. “ “
• Cyprus	€ 0,93 mill. “ “
• Malta	€ 0,72 mill. “ “

ALLOCATIONS

(COUNTRY-BY-COUNTRY)

Estonia 3
pct of total



Two concerns from KS' point of view:

1. The local and regional authorities in the new member countries should be *actively included in the national priorities* in order to benefit from the financial mechanisms in the best possible way
2. Norwegian local and regional authorities are *ready to become partners* with authorities and enterprises in the new EU countries and to help exploring the EEA and Norwegian financial mechanisms

The local and regional level - a key actor!

- *Some of the priorities*
 - Environment
 - Cultural heritage
 - Human resource development
 - Health and childcare
 - Regional policy and cross-border activities

TYPES OF PROJECT ASSISTANCE - ESTONIA

- Individual projects
- Grant schemes
 1. NGO fund
 2. Technical assistance and cross-border co-operation fund
 3. Seed money facility

Estonian – Norwegian Task Force

- Concerned ministries, associations of local and regional authorities, regional and local authorities in Estonia and Norway
- Objective of the task force– to promote co-operation between Estonian and Norwegian regional and local authorities within the framework of the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanisms

Estonian – Norwegian Task Force

- Expected results of the task force – proposals, topics and measures for the benefit of strengthening local and regional authorities in Estonia

Read more about it

- www.eeagrants.org
- www.norra.ee
- www.europaportalen.no
- www.ks.no

- *and several others*

THANK YOU!