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Who are we and what we do?

Ministry of Finance as the National Focal Point (NFP) - overall responsibility for reaching the objectives of the EEA and Norway Grants in the Czech Republic.

(2004 – 2009 – past - €110,91 mil.; 4 Programmes, 5 Block Grants, completed in 2011; 98% funds used)

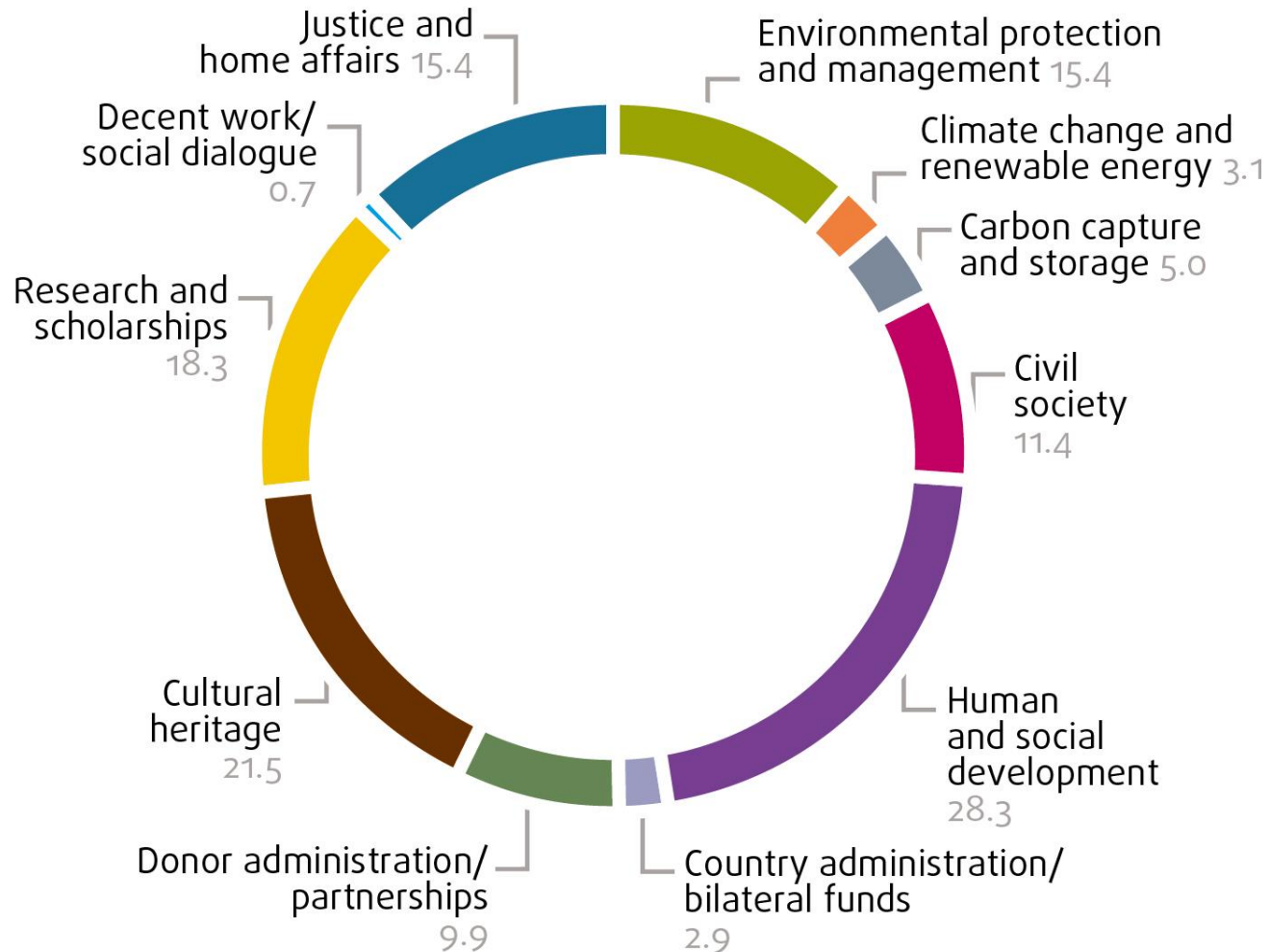
2009 – 2014 – being completed – €131,80 mil.; Ministry of Finance is also the Programme Operator of 11 out of 15 Programmes in the Czech Republic, including **CZ08 - CCS**

2014 – 2021 - €184.5 mil.; **now being prepared**



EEA / Norway Grants (2009-14) - the Czech Republic


DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDING (gross allocations)



EEA / Norway Grants (2009-14) and the Czech Republic

- 15 Programmes (incl. TA)
- 5 POs (11 Programmes – PO Ministry of Finance)
- Programme Partners, DPPs
- 895 projects (23 predefined projects, 688 projects from the open calls and 191 sub-projects from the small grant schemes)
- 891 completed until deadline 30 April 2017; remaining 4 will be completed by June/July 2017 – paid by local sources
- 389 projects in Partnership - Scholarship, Research - 100%; Culture - 77%,
CZ08 - CCS – 3 of 4 – 75% and other 8 programmes

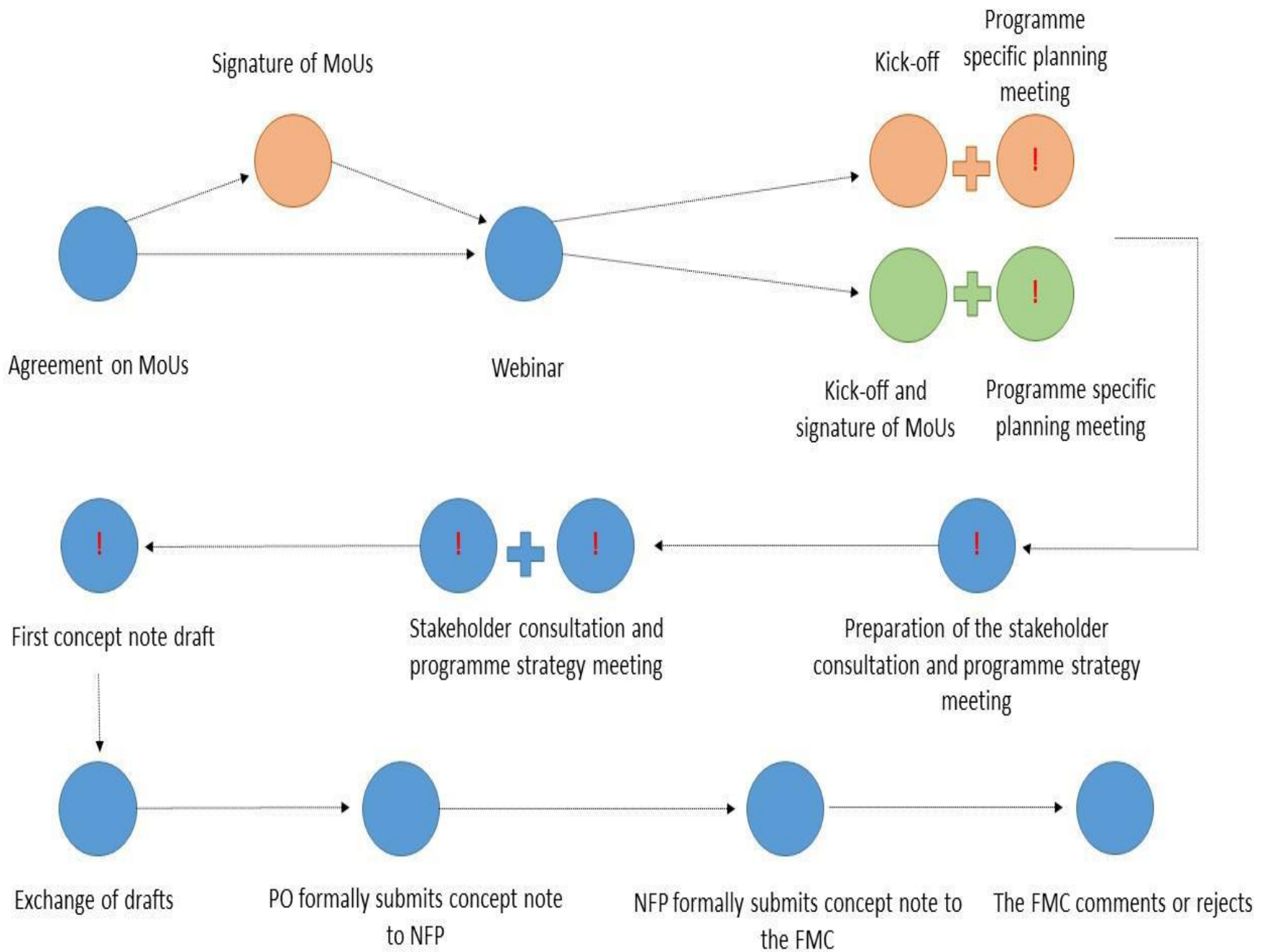
EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

- Agreements EU – donors – signed in May 2016
 - Allocation - €2.8 billion for 16 Countries
 - Priority sectors and areas eligible for funding under the EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021 - The 'Blue Book' (five priority sectors and 23 programme areas). The priorities reflect the major challenges facing Europe and align with EU priorities.
 - The final number and focus of the programmes is based on the consultation with national bodies and the bilateral negotiations with donors. The specific priorities in each beneficiary country will be set in the Memoranda of Understanding.
 - Last payments on project level 2024
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EEA / Norway Grants (2014-21) - the Czech Republic

Estimated Timeline

- Allocation €184.5 mil.
- Nowadays: Draft MoUs submitted to donors – 5 priority sectors , 11 programmes, mostly with involvement of DPPs and IPOs (CoE, FRA) – we are waiting for feedback
- Signature of MoU – June/July 2017
- Webinar June
- Kick-off + programme specific meetings
- Draft Concept Note – concise – 10 pages (what is to be achieved, modalities and budget, bilateral ambitions/cooperation with IPOs – Results Framework – Results Based Management); – based on the Blue Book, MoU, stakeholder consultations – DCN is developed in cooperation with the FMO and in consultation with DPPs/IPOs
- Exchange of drafts, submission by PO to NFP; submission to FMC/resp. FMO, FMO prepares Programme Agreement and submits it to donors
- PA signed – June 2018
- Open Calls – 2nd half of 2018



EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

A new feature of the EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021

- **EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Youth Employment (€60.6 million)**

Launched 24.4.2017

Submission of applications 1.8.2017

Transnational projects addressing youth employment involving the eligible countries - beneficiary countries and Ireland, Italy and Spain. Projects shall involve entities from at least two eligible countries, of which the beneficiary country must be the lead partner.

Min. grant €1mil.

PO - Ecorys Polska – selected through an open tender by the FMO - supported by JCP Srl, Italy

- **EEA and Norway Grants Fund for Regional Cooperation (€34.5 million)**

Transnational cooperation to address European challenges across the priority sectors of the EEA and Norway Grants, in particular in the areas of knowledge sharing, policy exchange of best practice and institutional capacity-building. The Fund shall be made available to transnational projects involving beneficiary countries and the neighbouring third countries .

PO – as above

EEA / Norway Grants (2014-21) - the Czech Republic

Proposed Structure – not yet approved

Civil Society Fund – €15 mil. - managed by (FMO)

Global Fund for Decent Work and Tripartite Dialogue – €0,89 mil. – managed by (FMO)

9 Programmes managed by Czech POs

Fund for Bilateral relations - 2%

Reserve (article 1.11 Regulation); use to be specified later

TA to the Beneficiary State – management costs at the national level (NFP, CA, AA)
(Management costs of donors – 7,5%)

CCS

- Proposed within **Norway Grants - Research Programme**
- Allocation approx. **30% (€5 mil.)**
- DPP – Research Council of Norway (NFR)
- Allocation for bilateral relations



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