

# Adaptation to Climate Change



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*Advisory services in support to program development and implementation.*

## Background:

The EEA Grants are funded by the EEA countries, namely Norway, Iceland and Lichtenstein as a contribution to reducing economic and social disparities in the European Economic Area and to strengthening of bilateral relations. As a result of negotiations, it was decided that funds would be distributed to 15 EU countries in Eastern and Southern Europe, - to be spent on 32 different program areas. In MoUs with the individual countries the actual allocation is determined, including which among the 32 areas will benefit. In the MoU it is also determined which Norwegian authorities will be the DPP for the countries' respective programs.

In Slovakia NVE is the DPP (together with DSB) for a program that addresses the need for adaptation to climate change. Spending of the EEA Grants is based on a former comprehensive National Climate Change Program. The program aims to reverse a negative trend of more drying of landscapes and larger floods. Structures made of stone and wood have been built in streams and rivers to retain and slow the water flows, to store flood water and to regulate the flows going into the major rivers.

The specific EEA Grants funds are allocated for two regions, as well as separate measures in two cities and the "Blue Schools project" all over the country.

## Overall Project Data

**Client:** Financial Mechanism Office (FMO) of EFTA, Brussels. FMO controls the EEA Grants funds on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Norway.

**NVE Mandate:** NVE and the Directorate for Civil Protection and Emergency Planning (DSB) are Donor Program Partners (DPP) to the Program Operator (PO), the Governmental Office in Slovakia.

### Contract Value/ Duration:

Program budget of 12,463,000 is at the disposal of the PO. NVE's expenditure is covered by a separate contract with the FMO. The Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) was signed in June 2011. The program period will last until early 2016.



**Capital:** Bratislava

**Population:** 5,488,339 (July 2013 est.)

**Total installed capacity:** 7,860 MW



Water-retention measure, small structure made of wood





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## Activities:

The work is mostly related to the preparatory activities in connection with negotiations and programme development. The preparation of a draft program for adaptation to climate change initiative progressed well and helped building a good working relationship between NVE and the Governmental Office.

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