

Regional projects in Central Asia supported by the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 2007¹

Project partner	Project description	Grant in NOK	Contact details
The Norwegian Centre for Human Rights (NCHR), NORDEM	<p>Secondment OSCE Vienna</p> <p>Secondment of mission programme officer to the Central Asia desk at the OSCE secretariat in Vienna, Austria, from January 2007 to January 2009.</p>	1 796 300	<p>NCHR, NORDEM PO Box 6706 St. Olavs plass, NO-0130 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 84 20 01 Fax: +47 22 84 20 02 Email: info@nchr.uio.no Web: www.humanrights.uio.no</p> <p>Contact person: Turid Wulff Knutsen</p>
The Norwegian Red Cross	<p>Support to TB, HIV/Aids and disaster management projects of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescents Societies (IFRC)</p> <p>The project's aim is to contribute to the prevention of HIV/Aids and TB, to develop disaster management capabilities, and to support the organisational development of the National Red Crescent Societies in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan. The IFRC's activities help to build capacity in civil society and to increase the welfare and security of the local population.</p>	3 000 000	<p>Norwegian Red Cross PO Box 1 Grønland NO-0133 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 05 40 00 Fax: +47 22 05 40 40 Email: nrx.center@redcross.no Web: www.redcross.no</p> <p>Contact person: Karsten Solheim, karsten.solheim@redcross.no</p>
The Norwegian Red Cross	<p>Support to the International Committee of the Red Cross's appeals for Central Asia, 2007</p> <p>The appeals concern human rights projects in Central Asia. The aim is to build respect for human rights through training sessions in humanitarian law, and to support humanitarian health projects in prisons. ICRC human rights projects have received support since 2002.</p>	1 500 000	<p>Norwegian Red Cross PO Box 1 Grønland NO-0133 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 05 40 00 Fax: +47 22 05 40 40 Email: nrx.center@redcross.no Web: www.redcross.no</p> <p>Contact person: Karsten Solheim, karsten.solheim@redcross.no</p>
The Norwegian Red Cross	<p>Support to the International Committee of the Red Cross's revised appeals for Central Asia, 2007</p> <p>The grant will be used for measures to control and treat TB, training in international humanitarian law, prison visits, and to give direct support to national Red Cross organisations.</p>	1 000 000	<p>Norwegian Red Cross PO Box 1 Grønland NO-0133 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 05 40 00 Fax: +47 22 05 40 40 Email: nrx.center@redcross.no Web: www.redcross.no</p> <p>Contact person: Karsten Solheim,</p>

¹ Some of the projects on this list are also listed under "Regional projects in South Caucasus 2007" and vice versa.

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The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC)	Support to local NGO partners in Central Asia, 2007 The objective of the project is to monitor the refugee situation in Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan, and to strengthen NGOs' ability to deal with the situation. The NRC cooperates closely with local NGOs in order to improve their ability to address refugee- and IDP-related issues.	1 000 000	NRC PO Box 6758 St. Olavs plass NO-0130 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 23 10 98 00 Fax: +47 23 10 98 01 Email: nrc@nrc.no Web: www.nrc.no Contact person: Mads H. Almaas
The Norwegian University of Life Sciences	Nuclear security in Central Asia The objective of this project is to analyse the long-term effects of nuclear waste in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan, in order to be able to make well-founded policy recommendations to the governments in these countries.	1 580 000	UMB PO Box 5003 NO-1432 Ås, Norway Tel.: +47 64 96 50 00 Fax: +47 64 96 50 01 Web: www.umb.no Contact person: Brit Salbu, +47 64 96 55 41/40, brit.salbu@umb.no
The Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature/Friends of the Earth Norway	The international school programme SPARE in the South Caucasus, Central Asia and Moldova The aim of the SPARE project is to support research on solutions to environmental and energy problems, to strengthen local environmental organisations, and to contribute to the development of civil society in Moldova, the South Caucasus and Central Asia by transforming global environmental issues into practical school activities. More than 100 000 pupils a year from the CIS are participating in energy education and the implementation of practical energy-efficiency measures.	3 000 000	Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature PO Box 342 Sentrum NO-0101 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 23 10 96 10 Fax: +47 23 10 96 11 Email: naturvern@naturvern.no Web: www.naturvern.no Contact person: Yngvild Lorentzen, yl@naturvern.no
European Environmental Bureau (EEB), European ECO Forum	Raising the Public Profile of the Environment for Europe Process The objective of the project is to raise awareness of the Environment for Europe process in Central Asia, by involving local NGOs in the implementation and further development of the Aarhus Convention. The project is thus contributing both to civil society capacity-building and to the implementation of the Convention.	600 000	EEB (AISBL), European ECO Forum 34, Boulevard de Waterloo B-1000 Brussels, Belgium Tel.: +32 0 2 289 10 90 Fax: +32 0 2 289 10 99 Email: eeb@eeb.no Web: www.eeb.org Contact person: Mara Silina, +32 0 2 289 13 05/+32 472 50 50 31, mara.silina@eeb.org
The Norwegian Ministry of the Environment	Support for participation in environmental meetings The aim is to give travel support to delegates from CIS countries in order to	600 000	Norwegian Ministry of the Environment PO Box 8013 Dep. NO-0030 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 24 90 90

	facilitate their participation in the development and implementation of four international environmental conventions.		<p>Fax: +47 22 24 95 60 Email: postmottak@md.dep.no Web: www.regjeringen.no/en/dep/md</p> <p>Contact person: Eldrid Nordbø, eno@md.dep.no/Marianne Gjørsv, marianne.gjoerv@md.dep.no</p>
The Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute	<p>The Terrestrial Environmental Monitoring Project in Central Asia (TEMP-CA)</p> <p>This project aims to assist the Central Asian countries in solving cross-border environmental challenges in the forestry sector.</p>	2 500 000	<p>Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute PO Box 115 NO-1431 Ås, Norway Tel.: +47 64 94 80 00 Fax: +47 64 94 80 01 Email: post@skogoglandskap.no Web: www.skogoglandskap.no</p> <p>Contact person: Odd Eilertsen, odd.eilertsen@skogoglandskap.no</p> <p>Coordinating partner: Norwegian Forestry Group (NFG), Norway</p>
The OSCE High Commissioner on National Minorities (HCNM)	<p>Inter-State Dialogue on National Minority Education in Central Asia</p> <p>The objective of this project is to facilitate cooperation between the five countries in Central Asia within the field of minority education, so as to promote joint problem-solving and the peaceful resolution of potentially controversial issues, as well as awareness of and respect for human rights.</p>	490 000	<p>OSCE HCNM PO Box 20062 2500 EB The Hague, Netherlands Tel.: +31 70 312 55 00 Fax: +31 70 363 59 10 Web: www.osce.org/hcnm</p> <p>Contact person: Matthias van Lohuizen, mvanlohuizen@hcnm.org</p>
The Norwegian Helsinki Committee (NHC)	<p>Representation office in Bishkek and a small fund for human rights and democracy in Central Asia</p> <p>The project aims to increase awareness in Central Asia of human rights issues and to improve knowledge in Norway of the human rights situation in the region. The NHC Central Asia Office in Bishkek was opened in February 2007. The project received Norwegian support in 2006.</p>	2 700 000	<p>Norwegian Helsinki Committee Tordenskioldsgate 6 B NO-0160 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 47 92 02 Fax: +47 22 47 92 01 Web: www.nhc.no</p> <p>Contact person: Berit Lindeman, lindeman@nhc.no</p> <p>NHC – Central Asia Office Ul. Toktogula 77/116, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan Tel.: +996 312 66 07 87 Contact person: Ivar Dale, dale@nhc.no</p>
EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	<p>EBRD's Fund for Early Transition Countries (ETC)</p> <p>In 2004, the EBRD approved the creation of a new multi-donor fund for the support of economic development in the ETCs,</p>	3 995 000	<p>EBRD One Exchange Square London EC2A 2JN, United Kingdom Tel.: +44 20 7338 6000 Fax: +44 20 7338 6100</p>

	<p>which include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The Norwegian grant is a replenishment of the ETC Fund. The objective of the fund is to stimulate market activity, promote economic reform and eradicate poverty in the ETC countries.</p>		<p>Web: www.ebrd.com</p> <p>Contact person: Junko Aya, AyaJ@ebrd.com</p>
The Energy Charter Secretariat	<p>Regional electricity cooperation in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan</p> <p>A workshop on regional electricity cooperation took place in April 2007 in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan. The aim of the project is to facilitate cooperation between the governments of Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, Afghanistan and Pakistan. Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan have significant, unexploited potential for the export of hydro energy, while Pakistan and Afghanistan are potential energy consumers. Electricity cooperation will support development in both Central and Southern Asia.</p>	50 000	<p>Energy Charter Secretariat 56, Boulevard de la Woluwe B-1200 Brussels, Belgium Tel.: +32 2 775 98 00 Fax: +32 2 775 98 01 Email: info@encharter.org Web: www.encharter.org</p> <p>Contact person: Thea Khitarishvili, +32 2 775 98 55, thea.khitarishvili@encharter.org</p>
The Energy Charter Secretariat	<p>Regional electricity cooperation in Kabul, Afghanistan</p> <p>A follow-up workshop on regional electricity cooperation between Afghanistan and countries in Central Asia took place in Kabul, Afghanistan in November 2007.</p>	160 000	<p>Energy Charter Secretariat 56, Boulevard de la Woluwe B-1200 Brussels, Belgium Tel.: +32 2 775 98 00 Fax: +32 2 775 98 01 Email: info@encharter.org Web: www.encharter.org</p> <p>Contact person: Thea Khitarishvili, +32 2 775 98 55, thea.khitarishvili@encharter.org</p>
OECD – Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development	<p>Institutional Strengthening for Improved Implementation of Environmental Policies and Laws project</p> <p>The objectives of the project are to support institution-building (with the aim of securing improved implementation of environmental policies and laws in the CIS countries), and to develop a training programme based on experiences from a project in Kazakhstan.</p>	900 000	<p>OECD 2, rue André Pascal F-75775 Paris Cedex 16, France Tel.: +33 1 45 24 82 00 Fax: +33 1 45 24 85 00 Web: www.oecd.org</p> <p>Contact person: Angela Bularga, angela.bularga@oecd.org</p>
OECD – Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development	<p>Finalisation of the 2007 EECCA Strategy Progress Assessment Report</p> <p>The aim is to finalise the 2007 Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia (EECCA) Strategy Progress Assessment Report on the implementation of the environmental strategy for the CIS countries, which was presented at the Belgrade conference in October 2007.</p>	500 000	<p>OECD 2, rue André Pascal F-75775 Paris Cedex 16, France Tel.: +33 1 45 24 82 00 Fax: +33 1 45 24 85 00 Web: www.oecd.org</p> <p>Contact person: Angela Bularga, angela.bularga@oecd.org</p>

<p>OECD - Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development</p>	<p>Anti-Corruption Network for Eastern Europe and Central Asia (ACN)</p> <p>In 2003, the ACN adopted an action plan to combat corruption in Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, Tajikistan and Ukraine. Country-specific analyses were prepared, and recommendations were made on how to improve the situation. The OECD has completed one round of monitoring the implementation of the action plan. The objective of this grant is to facilitate a second round of monitoring, and thus to maintain the momentum for reform.</p>	<p>500 000</p>	<p>OECD 2, rue André Pascal F-75775 Paris Cedex 16, France Tel.: +33 1 45 24 82 00 Fax: +33 1 45 24 85 00 Web: www.oecd.org</p>
<p>The NATO-Russia Council (NRC)</p>	<p>NRC Anti-Drug Project 2007</p> <p>The objective of this project is to combat trafficking in drugs in Afghanistan and Central Asia by providing counter-narcotics training to border personnel. The project received Norwegian support in 2006.</p>	<p>1 167 900</p>	<p>NRC, NATO International Staff Blvd Leopold III B-1110 Brussels, Belgium Email: natodoc@hq.nato.int Web: www.nato.int</p> <p>Contact person: Radoslava Stefanova</p>
<p>OSCE – Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe</p>	<p>Contribution to OSCE/ODIHR democracy and human rights assistance programmes</p> <p>The grant will support four programmes managed by the OSCE Office for Democratic Institutions and Human Rights (ODIHR). These will focus on: a) supporting human rights defenders and institutions, b) anti-trafficking, c) increasing the participation of women in democratic processes, and d) criminal justice reform.</p>	<p>1 500 000</p>	<p>OSCE Kärtner ring 5-7 A-1010 Vienna, Austria Tel.: +43 1 514 36 0 Fax: +43 1 514 36 96 Web: www.osce.org</p> <p>Contact person: Kirsten Mlacak/Vladimir Shkolnikov</p>
<p>The Norwegian Institute of International Affairs – NUPI</p>	<p>Teaching and research support for the OSCE Academy in Bishkek</p> <p>The aim of the project is to develop the OSCE Academy in Bishkek through teaching, supervising MA students and providing internships at NUPI, and by organising a conference on regional cooperation and stability.</p>	<p>978 000</p>	<p>NUPI PO Box 8159 Dep. NO-0033 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 99 40 00 Fax: + 47 22 36 21 82 Email: internett@nupi.no Web: www.nupi.no</p> <p>Contact person: Elana Wilson, ew@nupi.no</p>
<p>The Norwegian Centre for International Cooperation in Higher Education</p>	<p>Institutional cooperation with the South Caucasus and Central Asia</p> <p>The goal of this project is to develop institutional cooperation between a limited number of institutions for higher education in the South Caucasus and Central Asia and corresponding institutions in Norway. In</p>	<p>7 000 000</p>	<p>SIU PO Box 7800 NO-5020 Bergen, Norway Tel.: +47 55 30 88 00 Fax: +47 55 30 88 01 Email: siu@siu.no Web: www.siu.no</p>

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