

**Regional projects in the CIS countries supported by the Norwegian
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Project partner	Project description	Grant in NOK	Contact details
EBRD - European Bank for Reconstruction and Development	<p>EBRD's Fund for Early Transition Countries (ETC)</p> <p>In 2004, the EBRD approved the establishment of a new multi-donor fund to support economic development in the ETCs, which include Armenia, Azerbaijan, Georgia, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan. The objective of the fund is to stimulate market activity, promote economic reform and eradicate poverty in the ETC countries.</p>	7 909 000	<p>EBRD One Exchange Square London EC2A 2JN, United Kingdom Tel.: +44 20 7338 6000 Fax: +44 20 7338 6100 Web: www.ebrd.com</p> <p>Contact person: Junko Aya, AyaJ@ebrd.com</p>
Council of Europe (CoE)	<p>Human Rights Trust Fund</p> <p>The purpose is to increase respect for human rights in the CIS countries with a view to reducing the workload of the European Court of Human Rights.</p>	3 500 000	<p>Council of Europe Palais de l'Europe, Avenue de l'Europe, F-67075 Strasbourg, France</p>
IWPR – Institute for War and Peace Reporting	<p>Central Asia Media and Civil Society Conflict Prevention and Confidence Building Programme 2008–2010</p> <p>The project contributes to democratisation, good governance and the rule of law in Central Asia, by improving democratic discourse and public debate. The project improves the professionalism of the media sector, trains journalists and enhances media coverage of conflicts and human rights. The project also includes the establishment of a regional radio production.</p>	2 500 000	<p>IWPR 48 Gray's Inn Road London WC1X 8LT, United Kingdom Tel.: +44 20 78 31 10 30 Fax.: +44 20 78 31 10 50</p> <p>Contact person: Anthony Borden, tony@iwpr.net</p>
The Norwegian Children and Youth Council – LNU	<p>Strengthening children's and young people's organisations in the CIS countries</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to strengthen the role of children's and young people's organisations in civil society in the CIS countries. Projects in Belarus will be given priority in 2008.</p>	1 700 000	<p>LNU Øvre Slottsgate 2b, NO- 0157 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +4723310600 Email: lnu@lnu.no</p> <p>Contact person: Marius Seljedal</p>
The Norwegian Red Cross	<p>Support to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) appeal for Central Asia, 2008</p> <p>The purpose of the project is to strengthen international humanitarian law, to protect and assist people detained for security reasons, to prevent and control TB in prisons (where the ICRC has access) and to support and</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</p>

	strengthen the national Red Crescent Societies. ICRC projects in Central Asia have received support since 2002.		Solheim, karsten.solheim@redcross.no
The Norwegian Red Cross	Support to the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) appeal for Central Asia, 2008 The project helps prevent and control HIV/Aids and TB, to reduce the vulnerability of communities in disaster-prone areas of Central Asia, and to strengthen the capacity of the national Red Crescent Societies in Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.	2 500 000	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 Contact person: Karsten Solheim, karsten.solheim@redcross.no
The Norwegian Red Cross	Support to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) renewed appeal for South Caucasus, 2007 In 2007, the ICRC focused on addressing the issue of missing persons and detainees in connection with the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict, in both Armenia and Azerbaijan. The ICRC also visits detainees and supports the authorities' efforts to bring TB in prisons in Georgia, including Abkhazia and South Ossetia, under control.	1 000 000	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 Contact person: Karsten Solheim, karsten.solheim@redcross.no
The Norwegian Red Cross	Support to the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) appeals for South Caucasus, 2008 The aim of the project is to continue to provide support for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) projects in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia in 2008. These efforts include tracing missing persons in connection with the conflicts in the region, ensuring that rehabilitation centres are well operated, improving the situation for detainees in prisons, and informing authorities and others about international humanitarian law.	3 200 000	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 Contact person: Karsten Solheim, karsten.solheim@redcross.no
United Nations Population Fund – UNFPA	Combating gender-based violence in the South Caucasus 2008-2010 The project's goal is to combat gender-based violence in Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia, through a broad approach both on a regional and a local level. By promoting gender mainstreaming and women's rights, the project contributes to strengthening human rights and democratic development, and reducing the level of conflict between the three countries.	4 023 950	UNFPA, Area Office for Turkey and the South Caucasus Birlik Mahallesi 2. Cadde No: 11 Cankaya, Ankara 06610, Turkey Tel: +90 312 4544071 Web: www.unfpa.org Contact person: Zeynep Basarankut, zeynep.basarankut@un.org.tr

<p>OSCE – Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe</p>	<p>Programme on Combating Organized Crime and Supporting the Implementation of the UN Convention on Transnational Organized Crime (UNTOC)</p> <p>These projects are implemented by the OSCE’s Strategic Police Matters Unit (SPMU) in cooperation with UNODC. Efforts are directed at enhancing the capacity of OSCE participating states to combat organised crime through workshops, conferences and practical training.</p>	<p>1 130 722</p>	<p>OSCE Wallnerstrasse 6 A-1010 Vienna, Austria Tel.: +43 1 514 36 0 Fax: +43 1 514 36 96 Web: www.osce.org</p> <p>Contact person: Kevin Carty, +43 1 514 36 2 64, Kevin.Carty@osce.org</p>
<p>The Norwegian Society for the Conservation of Nature/Friends of the Earth Norway</p>	<p>The international school programme SPARE in Central Asia, South Caucasus and Moldova 2008</p> <p>The aim of the SPARE programme is to support problem-solving in relation to environmental and energy issues, to strengthen local environmental NGOs, and to contribute to the development of civil society in Moldova, the South Caucasus and Central Asia, by translating global environmental issues into practical school activities. This year, about 130 000 pupils from the CIS are participating in energy education activities and in the implementation of practical energy efficiency measures.</p>	<p>4 200 000</p>	<p>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</p> <p>Contact person: Yngvild Lorentzen, yl@naturvern.no</p>
<p>European Environmental Bureau (EEB)/European ECO Forum</p>	<p>Making the Aarhus Convention work for civil society 2008</p> <p>The project provides support for environmental NGOs in the CIS countries so that they can participate in official meetings relating to the Aarhus Convention, work towards implementing the Convention’s provisions on access to justice in environmental matters, and to provide information about the ratification and implementation of the protocol on national pollutant release and transfer registers (the PRTR protocol) under the Convention.</p>	<p>600 000</p>	<p>EEB Boulevard de Waterloo 34 B-1000 Brussels, Belgium Tel.: +32 0 2 289 10 90 Fax: +32 0 2 289 10 99 Email: eeb@eeb.org</p> <p>Contact person: Mara Silina, mara.silina@eeb.org</p>
<p>The Norwegian Ministry of the Environment</p>	<p>Travel support to CIS countries</p> <p>The aim of the project is to support the participation of representatives from CIS countries in the ongoing work under international environmental treaties, such as: 1. the ESPOO Convention and the SEA Protocol; 2. the Pan-European Biological and Landscape Diversity Strategy (PEBLDS); 3. the Convention on Long-Range Transboundary Air Pollution (LRTAP); and 4. the Århus Convention.</p>	<p>1 000 000</p>	<p>Ministry of the Environment Pb 8013 Dep, NO-0030 Oslo, Norway</p> <p>Contact person: Eldrid Nordbø, Eldrid.Nordbo@md.dep.no</p>

<p>The Norwegian Forestry Group (NFG)</p>	<p>The Terrestrial Environmental Monitoring Project in Central Asia (TEMP-CA) 2008–2010</p> <p>This project aims to assist the Central Asian countries in solving cross-border environmental challenges in the forestry sector. It is seeking to establish a system for monitoring the effects of anthropogenic and natural stress factors on the condition and development of the terrestrial ecosystem in Central Asia. The aim is to contribute to a better understanding of cause-effect relationships in the ecosystems examined, and to provide policy-makers and relevant stakeholders with relevant information.</p>	<p>2 700 000</p>	<p>NFG, c/o Norwegian Forest and Landscape Institute PS Box 123 Lilleaker NO-0216 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 64 94 80 00 Fax: +47 64 94 80 01 Web: www.skogoglandskap.no</p> <p>Contact person: Odd Eilertsen, odd.eilertsen@skogoglandskap.no, eilertsen@broadpark.no</p> <p>Coordinating partner: Norwegian Forestry Group (NFG), Norway</p>
<p>The Norwegian University of Life Sciences (UMB)</p>	<p>Environmental Impact Assessment of Radionuclide Contamination</p> <p>The objective of this project is to analyse the long-term effects of nuclear waste at selected sites in Kyrgyzstan, Kazakhstan and Tajikistan, in order to be able to make well-founded policy recommendations to the governments of these countries.</p>	<p>1 500 000</p>	<p>UMB PO Box 5003 NO-1432 Ås, Norway Tel.: +47 64 96 55 41 Fax: +47 64 96 60 07 Web: www.umb.no</p> <p>Contact person: Brit Salbu, +47 64 96 55 41/40, brit.salbu@umb.no</p>
<p>IUCN - The World Conservation Union</p>	<p>On the final straight to 2010 – Promoting Countdown 2010 in the Southern Caucasus and beyond, 2008</p> <p>The project aims at intensified and concerted efforts to reach the 2010 Biodiversity Target in the Southern Caucasus, through further actions in the fields of: 1) national biodiversity monitoring systems and national Red Lists; 2) capacity-building for protected area systems; 3) promoting ecotourism as a sustainable form of natural resource use; 4) engaging business in biodiversity conservation; and 5) increasing public awareness. The project covers Armenia, Azerbaijan and Georgia.</p>	<p>1 651 328</p>	<p>IUCN, Programme Office for the Southern Caucasus Vasha-Pshavela Avenue 41 Tbilisi 0077, Georgia Web: www.iucn.org</p> <p>Contact person: Ramaz Gokhelashvili, ramaz.gokhelashvili@iucn.org</p>

<p>World Wide Fund for Nature (WWF) Norway</p>	<p>Saving Forest Ecosystems and Promoting Transboundary Cooperation in the Caucasus 2008-2009</p> <p>The overall goal of the project is to help ensure the effective protection of biodiversity and the sustainable management of natural resources in the Caucasus, through activities at regional, national and local levels. This includes supporting cooperation on sustainable use of nature resources between states in the Caucasus, ensuring protection and restoration of the floodplain forest on the border between Azerbaijan and Georgia, and assisting in the development of the Mtirala National Park in Georgia.</p>	<p>3 200 000</p>	<p>WWF Norway PO Box 6784 St. Olavs plass NO-0130 Oslo, Norway Tel.: +47 22 03 65 00 Fax: +47 22 20 06 66 Email: info@wwf.no Web: www.wwf.no</p> <p>Contact person: Rasmus Reinvang, reinvang@wwf.no</p>
<p>The Fridtjof Nansen Institute (FNI)</p>	<p>Environmental management and civil society in Georgia and Azerbaijan 2008</p> <p>This preliminary project is to contribute to capacity-building in the environmental management sector and in civil society in Azerbaijan and Georgia, with the goal of ensuring good implementation of multilateral environmental treaties.</p>	<p>320 000</p>	<p>FNI PO Box 326 NO-1326 Lysaker, Norway Tel: +47 67 11 19 00 Fax: +47 67 11 19 10 Email: post@fni.no Web: www.fni.no</p> <p>Contact person: Pål Skedsmo, psk@fni.no</p>
<p>The Permanent Mission of Norway to the Council of Europe</p>	<p>Council of Europe Trainees 2008</p> <p>The grant will be used to help finance the trainee periods of two students at: 1) the Gender Equality and Anti-Trafficking Division with the Directorate General of Human Rights and Legal Affairs of the European Council; and 2) the Office of the Commissioner for Human Rights of the European Council. A large part of the trainees' work is directed towards the CIS countries.</p>	<p>25 000</p>	<p>Mission of Norway to the Council of Europe 42, rue Schweighaeuser F-67000 Strasbourg, France Email: coe.strasbourg@mfa.no Web: www.norway-coe.org</p>
<p>OSCE – Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe</p>	<p>Model OSCE Translation and Special Travel Fund for Students 2008</p> <p>The aim of the grant is to promote broad participation of CIS countries in the OSCE Secretariat's "Model OSCE" in July 2008, through a contribution to the special travel fund covering travel costs and accommodation for the participants, and a contribution towards the costs of the translation services during the conference.</p>	<p>196 893</p>	<p>OSCE Wallnerstrasse 6 A-1010 Vienna, Austria Tel.: +43 1 514 36 0 Fax: +43 1 514 36 96 Web: www.osce.org</p> <p>Contact person: Anne Amble, anne.amble@osce.org</p>

<p>OSCE – Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe</p>	<p>Identifying female experts for military and police matters in the OSCE</p> <p>The purpose of this project is to establish a roster of qualified female professionals in the fields of military and police.</p>		<p>OSCE Wallnerstrasse 6 A-1010 Vienna, Austria Tel.: +43 1 514 36 0 Fax: +43 1 514 36 96 Web: www.osce.org</p> <p>Contact person: Jamila Sefaoui, +43 1 514 36 6275, jamila.seftaoui@osce.org</p>
<p>The United Nations Economic Commission for Europe (UNECE)</p>	<p>Presentation of the Protocol on Water and Health at the World Water Week in Stockholm August 2008</p> <p>The aim of the project is to present the UNECE/WHO Protocol on Water and Health at the World Water Week in Stockholm 17–23 August 2008. Norway is lead country of the Ad Hoc Working Group of the Project Facilitation Mechanism under the Protocol. The aim of the Working Group is to facilitate the coordination of project support to States Parties to the Protocol with a view to improving access to clean water and to adequate sanitation.</p>	<p>79 684</p>	<p>UNECE Palais des Nations CH-1211 Geneva 10, Switzerland Web: www.unece.org</p> <p>Contact person: Francesca Bernardini, francesca.bernardini@unece.org</p>