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What does cooperation look like in practice?

Sometimes, it begins with the exchange of knowledge between institutions. Sometimes, with a study visit, a workshop, a research partnership, a policy discussion, or a shared concern. And sometimes, it becomes a space where different countries, organisations and people come together to explore common challenges and possible solutions.



Greek and Norwegian actors collaborated to produce a comparative analysis of regulatory frameworks for offshore wind energy in Greece.

Through the [Bilateral Fund of the EEA Grants in Greece](#), cooperation between Greece and the Donor States — Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway — has taken many different forms.

It has connected culture with entrepreneurship, public policy with social inclusion, research with innovation, and environmental challenges with new models of green transition.

From wooden boatbuilding heritage and bread culture, to inclusive healthcare, gender equality, the protection of unaccompanied minors, e-governance, offshore wind energy, coastal transport electrification and the decarbonisation of the fishing fleet, the bilateral initiatives show the wide range of areas where cooperation can create value.

Their importance lies not only in the activities implemented, but also in the relationships they build.

They bring together public authorities, universities, civil society organisations, research bodies, local actors and international partners. They create opportunities for dialogue, knowledge transfer and mutual learning. They help transform experience into practice and cooperation into public value.

This is what makes the bilateral dimension of the EEA Grants so meaningful.

It reminds us that funding is not only about resources. It is also about trust, exchange and shared responsibility. It is about learning from one another and working together on issues that matter for people, communities and the future.

In this sense, bilateral cooperation becomes more than a programme requirement.



Building a bridge to a carbon-free future, accelerating Greece's energy transition and security.

It becomes a way of connecting ideas, strengthening capacities and opening new paths for sustainable, inclusive and resilient development.

The EEA (European Economic Area) and Norway Grants are Iceland, Liechtenstein and Norway's contribution to reducing social and economic disparities in Europe and to strengthening bilateral relations with the 15 Beneficiary States.

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