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competitive and inclusive  
Europe**

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## Norway Grants

The Norway Grants represent Norway's contribution towards a green, competitive and inclusive Europe.

Through the Norway Grants, Norway contributes to reducing social and economic disparities and to strengthening bilateral relations with beneficiary countries in Central and Southern Europe and the Baltics. Norway cooperates closely with the EU through the Agreement on the European Economic Area (EEA). Together with the other donors, Norway has provided €3.3 billion through consecutive grant schemes between 1994 and 2014.

Norway Grants are financed solely by Norway and are available in the countries that joined the EU after 2003. For the period 2014-2021, the Norway Grants amount to 1.25 billion €. The priorities for this period are:

- #1 Innovation, Research, Education, Competitiveness and Decent Work
- #2 Social Inclusion, Youth Employment and Poverty Reduction
- #3 Environment, Energy, Climate Change and Low Carbon Economy
- #4 Culture, Civil Society, Good Governance and Fundamental Rights
- #5 Justice and Home Affairs

All projects are co-financed by the State Budget of the Slovak Republic in the amount of 15 %.

## Norwegian partner

### Polarsirkelen videregående skole



Project partner of the School of Gastronomy and Services is Polarsirkelen Videregående Skole (Arctic Circle Upper Secondary School). It is located in Mo i Rana, Nordland County, Norway. The school was established in 2007 as one of Nordland's largest upper secondary schools. At present there are over 1000 students, 280 staff and 11 different study programs.

Cooperation with a partner consists mainly of the exchange of experiences -in several online meetings with each other we will pass on experience with the implementation of new technologies in vocational training.

<https://polarsirkelen.vgs.no/>



## Stredná odborná škola gastronómie a služieb



Secondary Vocational School of Gastronomy and Services in Prešov has been trying to respond to the topics of climate crisis, inclusive education or constant innovation of education for the needs of the labor market for a long time now.

Therefore, the school is involved in, for example, environmental education programme Zelená škola, cooperates with non-governmental organizations such as Človek v ohrození and Teach for Slovakia, and is involved in Erasmus+ and Interegg programmes, thanks to which we have access to gathering inspiration and knowledge from our foreign partner schools.

<https://gastrosos.edupage.org/>

## Our project Innovative education as a tool to reflect enviromental challenges and labour market needs

The project benefits from a 198 000 € grant from Norway through the Norway Grants. The project has been co-financed from the State Budget of Slovak republic in the amount of 30 000 €. The aim of the project is to improve quality of theoretical and practical training of vocational school students by implementing green innovations into educational process.



If you want to know more about programmes and projects financed by the Norway Grants in Slovakia, visit [www.norwaygrants.sk](http://www.norwaygrants.sk).

Thanks to Norwegian Grants we are modernizing classrooms, we digitize education and we will increase information - technological competences of our educators and school graduates.



Modern classrooms will provide access to digitized learning materials available via QR codes - in addition to simplifying access and searching, such textbooks relieve the environment from printing and reissues with the possibility of still up-to-date content.

The new equipment will also include kits for investigation of water quality, soil quality, or impacts of the environment on crop growth.

Our students will have the opportunity to gain experience also through virtual reality, where waste created remains virtual. A new nutritional software that takes into account nutritional and weight losses will serve to minimize food waste.

We believe that the attractiveness and effectiveness of working with new technologies will be a motivation for students to study further or even to introduce new, greener practices either in households or at the employer.