

Where do we stand with GRACE

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What is GRACE?

Grants Administration and Collaboration Environment

GRACE is a web based system and will be used for the EEA and Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2014-2021

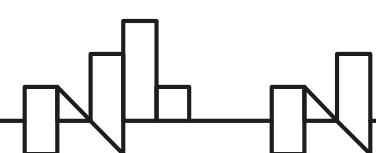
Agenda:

- Background and development
- Rollout and training
- Examples from the system
- Questions

The screenshot displays the GRACE web application interface. At the top, it shows the 'GRACE' logo, the funding period '2014-2021', and a search bar. The main content area is divided into sections for 'Current Funding Period' and 'Financial Mechanism'. The 'Current Funding Period' section shows 'EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021' with a total contribution of € 2,801,800,000 and a commitment period from 01.05.2014 to 30.04.2021. The 'Financial Mechanism' section is split into two columns: '2014-2021 EEA Financial Mechanism' and '2014-2021 Norwegian Financial Mechanism'. Each column lists donor and beneficiary states with their respective gross and net allocations.

2014-2021 EEA Financial Mechanism	
Donor States	Gross Allocation
Iceland	€ 1,548,150,000
Liechtenstein	
Norway	Net Allocation
	€ 1,432,038,750
Beneficiary States	
Bulgaria	€ 115,000,000
Croatia	€ 56,800,000
Cyprus	€ 6,400,000
Czech Republic	€ 95,500,000
Estonia	€ 22,300,000

2014-2021 Norwegian Financial Mechanism	
Donor States	Gross Allocation
Norway	€ 1,253,650,000
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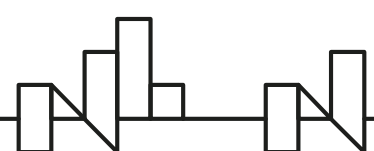


Why do we need a new system?

- Market Research - goal of implementing the new regulation with minimal cost
 - a) adapt Doris
 - b) reuse part of it
 - c) develop new system
- RfP –single bid allowed (ensure best value)
- Chosen the best offer within the price limit fixed by the Donors

Goes beyond general limitations of the previous system,

- Document management system (internal only)
- Workflow management system
- Reporting tool



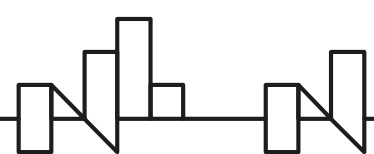
Grace Project

Project has been estimated at 25-30 person years

Would have taken up to 3 years if implemented in one go

Instead an incremental approach was chosen that delivers and implements functionality as we go along

Overall, we hope to be a step ahead of the progression of the financial mechanism period

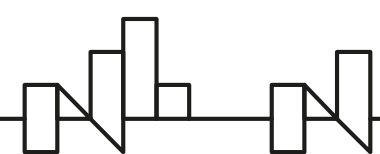


What have we built so far

We have been working towards Release I

Release I delivers:

- Registration of MoUs
- Registration of Programme Agreements
- Interim Financial Reporting
- Forecast of Likely payments



Expected timeline

Very Soon:

IFR workflow available to Programme Operators

IFR workflow available to Certifying Authorities

Forecast workflow available to Certifying Authorities

Near future:

Programme Agreement drafting, approval and signature workflow

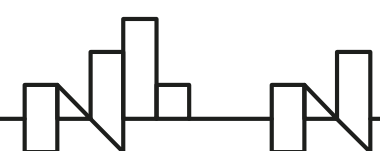
Followed by:

Programme Agreement Modification Workflow

Irregularity Reporting Workflow

Project Level Information

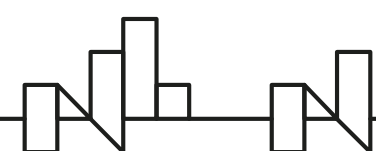
Bilateral Initiative Reporting



GRACE Trainings

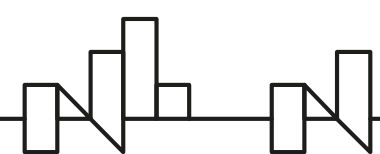
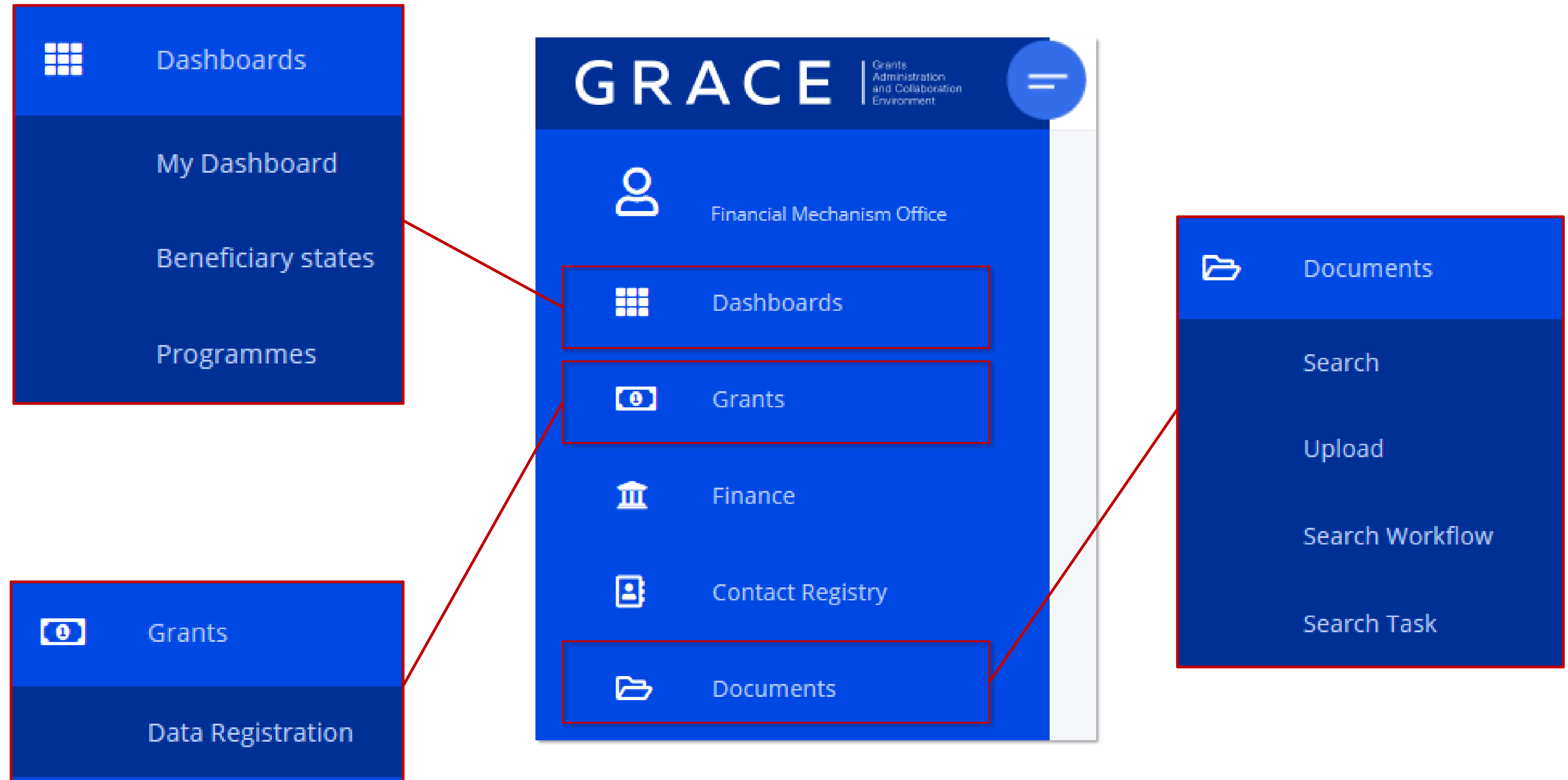
Foreseen GRACE training areas

- **Introduction to Grace**
- **Interim Financial Reporting (IFR's)**
- Irregularity Reports
- Reporting on Calls for proposals and project selection
- Reporting on Indicator achievements
- Registration of Project-specific information
- Submitting Annual Programme Report
- Submitting Annual Strategic Report
- Submitting Annual Progress Report
- Targeted training for Fund Operators
- Donor state approvals and specific tasks



GRACE introduction – Main Menu Items

- Dashboard
- Grants
- Documents



GRACE introduction – Grants Data Registration

- Place with information on all aspects of the Grants:
 - Allocations to beneficiary states
 - Donor States
 - Programme Areas
 - Funds

GRACE FUNDING PERIOD 2014-2021
Grants Data Registration

Search for programmes and countries

Iceland Liechtenstein Norway grants

Current Funding Period

EEA and Norway Grants 2014-2021 Launched

Total contribution: € 2,801,800,000
Commitment: 01.05.2014 - 30.04.2021

Financial Mechanisms | Donor States | Beneficiary States | Programme Areas | Funds

Financial Mechanism

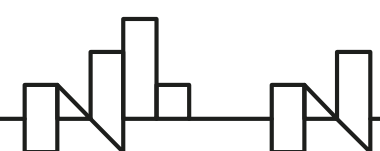
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GRACE introduction – My Dashboard

- Starting page
- Placeholder for personal tasks and team tasks
- Customizable

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My tasks

Task Name	Planned end date	Document
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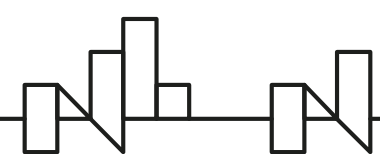
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My team(s) tasks

Task Name	Planned end date	Document	Role / Group
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My recent documents



GRACE introduction – Document Search

1) Search – simple search

The screenshot shows the GRACE interface for the funding period 2014-2021. At the top right, there is a search bar for programmes and countries. Below it, a search bar for documents is visible with a 'Search' button and a 'Search Options' link. The main content area shows a table of documents with columns for Name, File Name, Version, Created by, and Date. Two documents are listed:

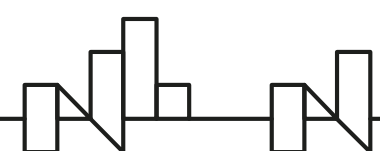
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2) Search options – advanced search

The screenshot shows the GRACE interface for the funding period 2014-2021, displaying advanced search options. The search bar for documents is expanded to show various filters:

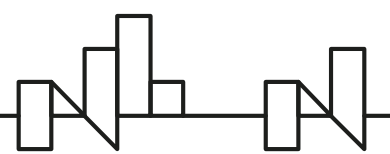
- Name:** A text input field.
- Search in versions:** A checkbox.
- Document Type:** A dropdown menu currently set to 'All'.
- Created between:** Two date pickers with 'and' between them.
- Created By:** A text input field.
- Modified between:** Two date pickers with 'and' between them.
- Modified By:** A text input field.
- Contains:** A text input field.
- Root Category:** A dropdown menu with 'Select root category'.
- Document Category:** A dropdown menu with 'Select document category'.
- Content Category:** A dropdown menu with 'Select content category'.

At the bottom right, there are 'Search' and 'Clear All' buttons.



Questions?

The floor is open for questions and comments from the audience



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