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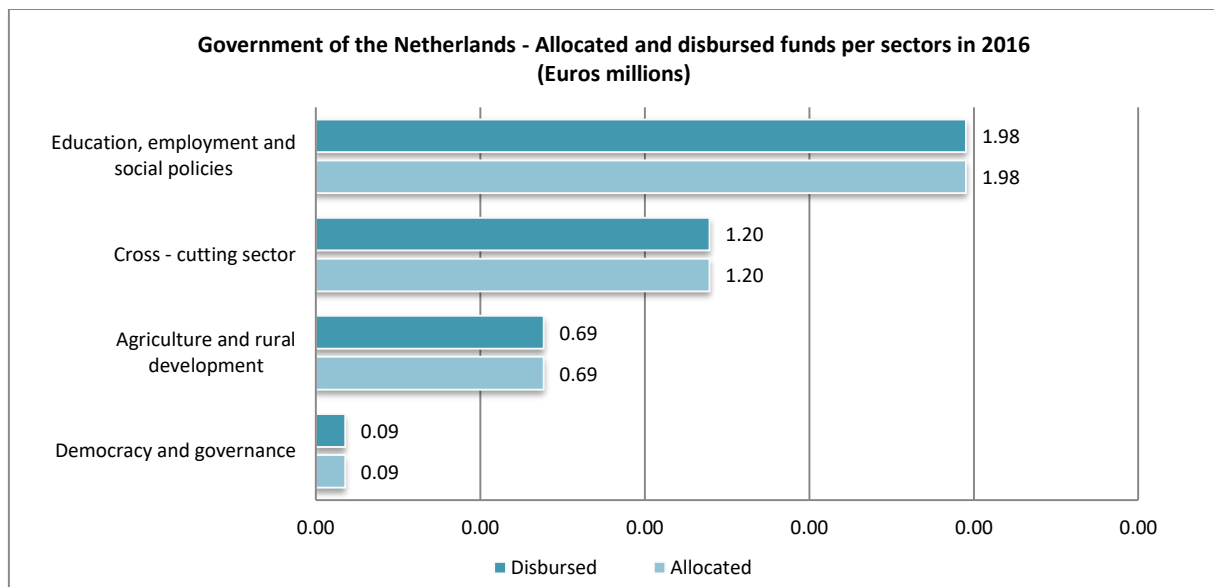
Policy approach

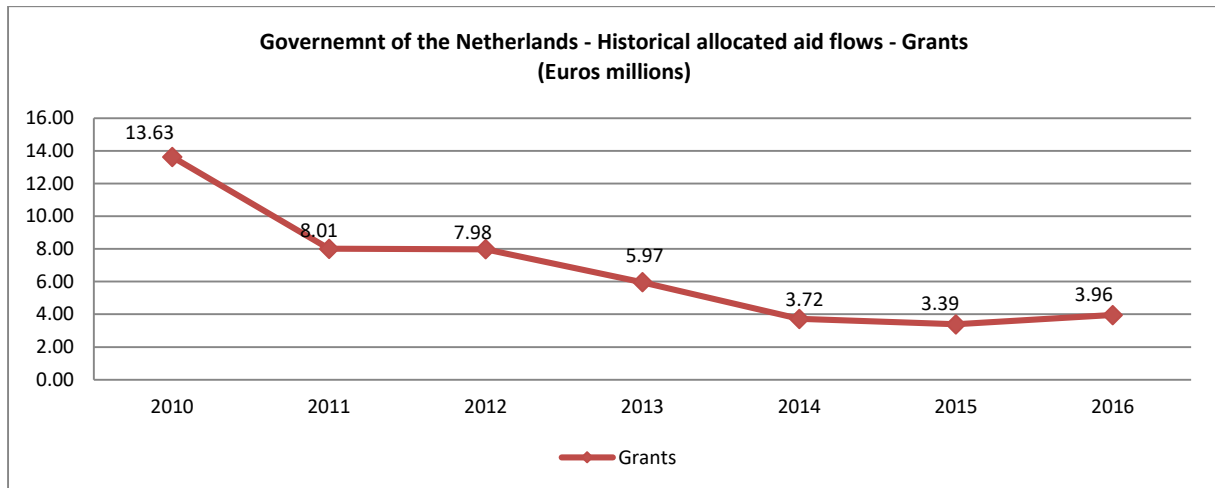
Bosnia and Herzegovina is one of the 36 partner countries worldwide that the Netherlands has a substantive bilateral development cooperation programme with. In the past the Netherlands focused predominately on the facilitating of minority return and creating stability in the aftermath of the war. In the last three years the programme shifted to the creation of sustainable, transparent and accountable governance structures in line with criteria prescribed by the EU accession process and concentrating on the development of a business climate inclusive of private sector development and foreign direct investment.

By the end of 2011 bilateral development assistance for Bosnia and Herzegovina has phased-out and transformed from more traditional development relationship into a relationship geared towards EU accession. This new relationship comes with its own instruments, such as the programme for societal transformation (MATRA), for which Bosnia and Herzegovina has qualified since January 2008.

Key activities in 2016

The Government of the Netherlands **allocated € 3.96 million and disbursed € 3.96 million in 2016 in the form of grant** to the following sectors: Education, employment and social policies, Cross-cutting sectors, Agriculture and rural development and Democracy and governance.





Medium and long-term approach

As of 2012, the Embassy will focus its development assistance to the Srebrenica region in the amount of €5.000.000 per year. The main areas of interest are: the identification of victims of the 1995 genocide in Srebrenica, support to its survivors, prosecuting the culprits, remembrance and support to the creation of a business enabling environment (including capacity building of the local government).

Furthermore, the Embassy will continue its support to the transformation of the B-H society through its MATRA programme.

Donor coordination efforts

Besides participating in DCF, the Embassy has a good cooperation with other donors active in the sectors of common interest.

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