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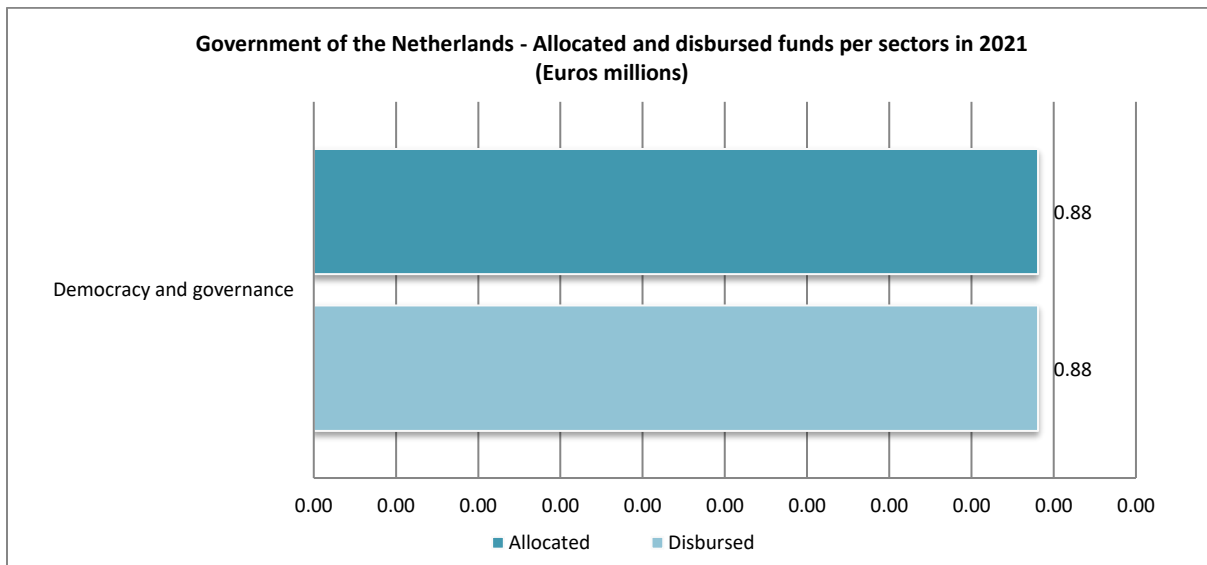
## Policy approach

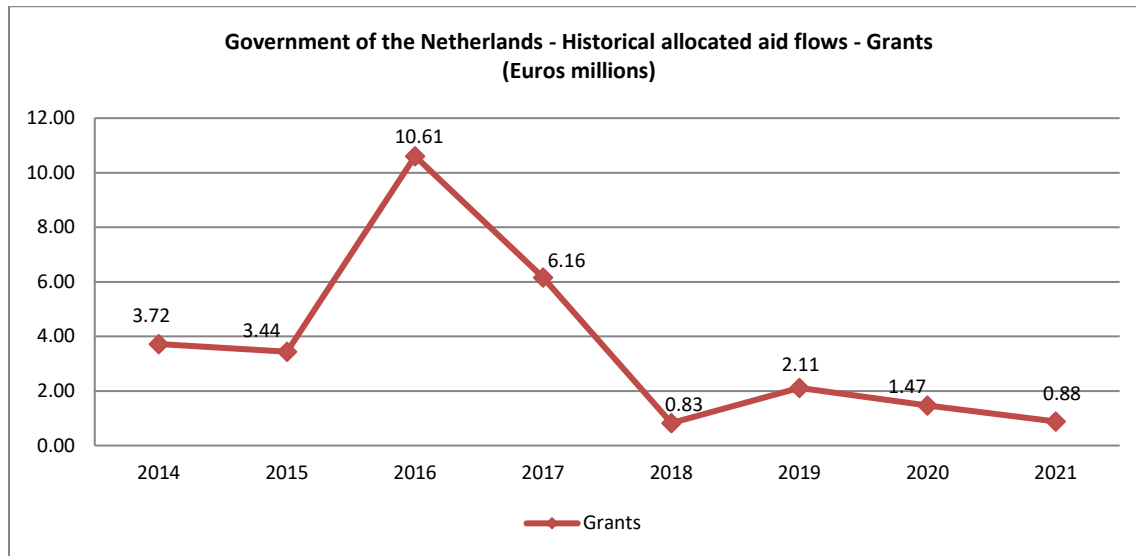
Bosnia and Herzegovina was one of the 36 partner countries worldwide that the Netherlands had a substantive bilateral development cooperation programme with.

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: the creation of sustainable, transparent and accountable governance structures in line with criteria prescribed by the EU accession process. This new relationship comes with its own instruments, such as the MATRA programme. Its objective is to contribute to social transformation, leading to a sustainable relationship between government and the citizens in the areas of plural democracy, the rule of law, free media and human rights, using Dutch experience where possible.

## Key activities in 2021

The Government of the Netherlands **allocated € 0.88 million and disbursed € 0.88 million in 2021 in the form of grants** to the Democracy and governance sector.





### Medium and long-term approach

The Embassy will continue supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina's EU pre-accession process with the emphasis on the development of democracies governed by the Rule of Law.

### Development partners coordination efforts

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

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