

Budujeme partnerstvá

Programming Structural funds Civil Society Perspective

Partnership for Sustainability

Strengthening of local economies, environmental protection and social inclusion in 2014-2020 programming

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Programming process Partnership Agreement

- Delayed because of political reasons (elections)
- Lack of open planning public involvement lack of surveys and analyses, closed doors planning
- Official process of PA elaboration impossibly short (less than 6 months until the official deadline)



Partnership and public participation

- Establishing contact to ministries
- Coordinating the NGO sector
- Involving Plenipotentiary for Civil Society
 - Government Council for NGOs nominates representatives in PA and OP working groups
 - Capacity is created Working group of the Council "Programming Structural funds" - coordination of NGOs, information distribution
 - Mandate of NGO sector opens doors to bilateral negotiations

Key focus areas of NGOs

- Environment and climate agenda low carbon economy, adaptation, biodiversity, ressource efficiency, sustainable development
- Civil society development and public participation participative EU funds implementation
- Social agenda social services, poverty and social exclusion, marginalized communities
- NGO support access of NGOs to EU funds, administrative and financing barriers,

Environment and climate agenda

- Formally well settled in Partnership Agreement
- OPs related to the agenda:
 - OPQoE: LCE, adaptation, environmental protection, biodiversity, efficient and sustainable resource use
 - OPII: transport investments
 - OPRI: innovation, SME support
 - IROP: urban environment, transport, adaptation
 - RDP: LEADER, sustainable agriculture, local economy



Sustainable development

- Horizontal principle:
 - bottom-line, minimum legislative requirements
 - Transposition of statements into OPs yet to be seen
 - A complex strategy for SD of regions is lackinh
- OPs with no direct relation to environment show low connections to SD elements
- IROP not grasping the potential to focus on sustainable local economy development



Climate

- Climate taken into account well on a formal level need to transform statements into OP setup
- Climate is not taken into account within SEA properly lack of courage to focus on climate
- Indicators will be a key direct evaluation of OPs and projects

 focus on mitigation (EC provides a methodology –
 CO2MPARE)
- Adaptation grey measures dominate with strong focus on active control of resources. Sole focus on floods with no other effects targeted

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Low-carbon Economy

- A national strategy for transformation towards
 LCE is missing
- Partnership Agreement:
 - OPQoE implements TO4 with focus on energy. Allocation is not sufficient for ambitious solutions in energy sector. Systematic measures are being left out (Smart grids)
 - Weak consideration of climate aspect in the strategy of OP II.
 - Innovation eco-innovation and low carbon technologies not taken into account

Environment and biodiversity

- Water management: more focus should be placed on water regime stabilisation and ability of ecosystems to auto-regulate water flows
- Waste management: prevention introduced need to define measures and activities carefully.
- Biodiversity need to horizontally introduce biodiversity considerations into all relevant OPs



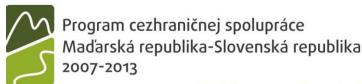
Key challenges

- Integration of environment into OP strategies
- Adaptation domination of grey over green
- Narrowly defined support of RES
- Strategic development need to setup rules for local energy action plans
- Setup of financial instruments and financing conditions



Civil society development and public participation

- CLLD and LEADER: no willingness to decentralize implementation and decision-making despite strong demand
 - Push for CLLD to get into IROP
 - Push for CLLD to remain in OP EPG
- OP EPG introduces well setup support of civil society need to finish programming with focus on administration and financing:
 - Financial instruments enabling access of special stakeholders to funding: community initiatives, NGOs, households – Global grants, special funds and assistance services
 - Technical assistance for capacity building and consultancy
 - Enabling pre-financing of projects



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Thank you!

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