



**HR 08 IB SPP 02 TWINNING PROJECT
"ENHANCEMENT OF CAPACITY FOR EFFECTIVE MANAGEMENT OF EU COHESION POLICY
FUNDS"**

The most significant results of Component 1

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PROJECT COMPONENT 1 SUMMARY

Purpose: To increase the capacity for overall coordination of the implementation of Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund in Croatia

Main partners:



Croatia:

- Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds



Lithuania:

- Ministry of Finance
- Central Project Management Agency



Hungary:

- National Development Agency

Contracting Authority: Central Finance and Contracting Agency in Croatia

Component value: ~ EUR 1 million funded by the European Union

Project duration: 27 months from August 2011



COMPONENT 1 SPECIFIC RISKS AND CHALLENGES

- Weak national strategic framework for the EU SF programming and NRP drafting
- No deep traditions of ministerial co-operation, leading the inter-institutional working groups and building ownership
- Short experience of creating and running effective projects supported by the public funds, implementation system (including management, monitoring and control)
- No legal and contextual certainty for 2014-2020 EU Cohesion policy, no MC experience of working in the new regulatory framework



MAIN RESULTS OF COMPONENT 1

Result 1.1: Strategic and programming documents for the use of structural instruments prepared

2007-2013

PROGRAMMING

Result 1.2. Monitoring and reporting systems and related procedures for the NSRF, OPs and NRP/EP elaborated.

2014-2020

**ECONOMIC
PROGRAMME**

Result 1.3: Capacity of NSRF Coordinating Authority and key institutions involved in Cohesion Policy management enhanced through targeted training

PREPARATION FOR

Result 1.4: MRDEUF procedures adapted to the task of NSRF Coordinating Authority

IMPLEMENTATION

Result 1.5: Management and coordination of information and publicity system for Cohesion Policy upgraded



SUSTAINABILITY OF RESULTS

- **8** new training programs /modules and training materials prepared
- **>1000** staff attended trainings covering following topic: Strategic Programming of EU SF Assistance, Financial Aspects of Programming, Financial Planning and Management of OPs, Introductory Training for Beneficiaries, Planning and selection of projects, State Aid, Cost Benefit Analysis and financial gap calculation
- **10** future trainers, **20** members of Monitoring Committee and more than **50** potential beneficiaries trained
- **21** staff members participated in 2 study tours of 3 days in Lithuania to learn practical experience of structural funds programming and coordination and management



COMPONENT 1 CONTRIBUTED TO

- EC approved **2007-2013 PROGRAMMING DOCUMENTS** for Croatia (Autumn 2013)
- **2013 ECONOMIC PROGRAMME OF CROATIA** was approved by the Government and submitted to EC (April, 2013)
- Arrangement for **2014-2020 PROGRAMMING** - Coordinating Committee and Thematic Working Groups were established and timetable for 2014-2020 programming was agreed (December 2012)
- **PRIORITIES FOR NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT** to be supported by EU Structural Funds were presented to the wide public (June 2013) and discussed with academic experts (September 2013)
- The first drafts of **2014-2020 PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT** were prepared and informally presented to the EC (July and October, 2013)
- The concept for **2014-2020 OPERATIONAL PROGRAMMES** for Croatia was agreed by Coordinating Committee (July, 2013). Proposals for the OPs drafting were prepared by TWGs (Autumn 2013)



CONGRATULATIONS AND THANKS TO

- **Final Beneficiary** – Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, Ministry of Finance and all other Croatian institution, involved into the project activities
- **Lead Member State Partners** – Lithuanian and Hungarian Project Leaders and institutions:
 - Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Lithuania
 - Central Project Management Agency, Lithuania
 - National Development Agency, Hungary
- **Contracting Authority** - Central Finance and Contracting Agency and Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia
- All Project Short-Term **Experts** (LT, HU, GB)
- **Resident Twinning Advisors** (RTA 1 for Component 1 and RTA for Component 2) and Assistants

Order here doesn't mean higher/lower importance!



Thank you for your attention!

Hvala vam na pozornosti!