



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

The most significant results of Component 2

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Project Component 2 Summary

Purpose: To increase capacity for effective financial management of structural instruments and preparation for Compliance Assessment for Cohesion Policy in Croatia.

Main partners:



Croatia:

- Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds
- Ministry of Finance



Lithuania:

- Ministry of Finance
- Central Project Management Agency (CPMA)



Hungary:

- National Development Agency (NDA)

Contracting Authority:

Central Finance and Contracting Agency (CFCA) in Croatia

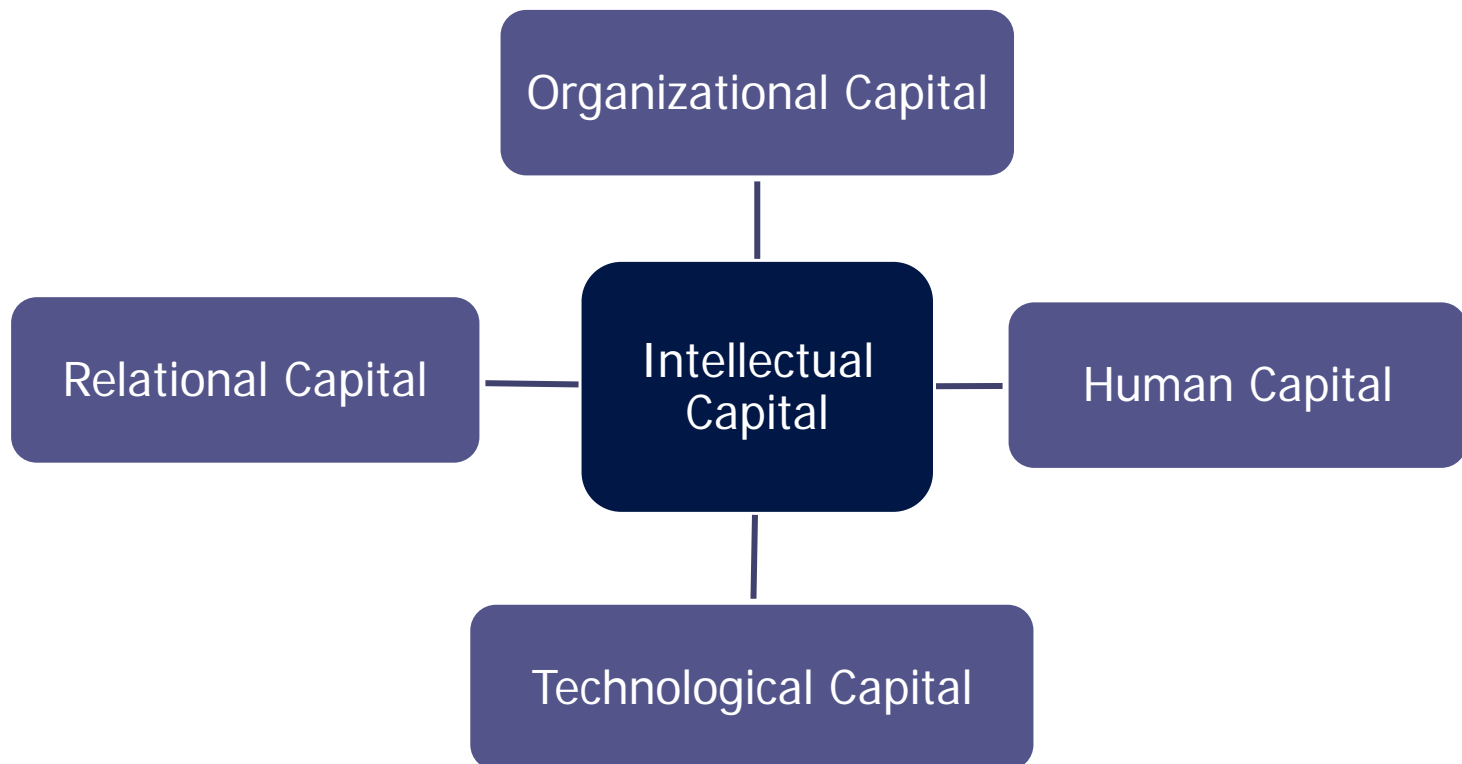
Component value: ~ EUR 1 million funded by the European Union

Project duration: 27 months from 29 of August 2011



Presentation of Results

Project results presented as contribution to the intellectual capital of Croatia's institutions to manage EU structural instruments.





Organizational Capital

Structure defined:

- Roles and divisions of tasks defined for key institutions involved in the SCF management system (Cording Body, Certifying Authority, Managing Authorities, Intermediate Bodies).

Legal framework created:

- Law on the Establishment of Institutional Framework for the Use of EU Structural Instruments in the Republic of Croatia;
- Government decree on the Bodies of Management and Control System for the use of EU Structural Instruments in the Republic of Croatia.

Processes defined:

- Common National Rules prepared covering detailed description of tasks and relations between relevant bodies;
- Internal Manuals of Procedures for CA, MAs, and IBs prepared.



Human Capital

Capacities (know-how):

- Trainings:

- 697 staff attended trainings covering following topic: granting assistance, verification, payments, certification, non-compliances, recoveries, and management of delegated tasks.

- On-job-trainings:

- 20 staff trained in on-the-job trainings related to: (i) preparation of statements of expenditure; (ii) execution on-the-spot controls, and (iii) preparation of guidelines for applicants.

- Study-visits:

- 30 staff members participated in 2 study tours of 3 days in Lithuania and Hungary to learn practical experience of structural funds management and control.



Technical Capital

Management Information System:

- Functional and technical specifications for the future SCF MIS prepared in line with Cohesion Policy requirements.

Work Load Analysis (WLA) tool:

- WLA tool prepared for the system bodies to estimate staff needs for implementation of assigned tasks taking into account scope of the projects portfolio.

Project Web Application (PWA):

- Website to manage project implementation schedule and keep all documents was created from the beginning of project and used by project stakeholders.



Relational Capital

Relations with stakeholders:

- Coordination and cooperation among all 18 system bodies during the process of finalization of Common National Rules for structural instruments management;
- Cooperation between Audit Authority, 4 Managing Authorities, Certifying Authority and other bodies during process of compliance assessment.

Relations with other EU Member States institutions involved in the SCF management:

- Relations established with staff from Lithuanian Ministry of Finance, Central Project Management Agency, and Hungarian National Development Agency to exchange experiences and practices.

Relations with linked projects:

- Establishment of an integrated management information system (MIS); TA project to support RCOP; Assistance with management of Objective 3; UK adviser for Cohesion Policy; and other parallel projects.

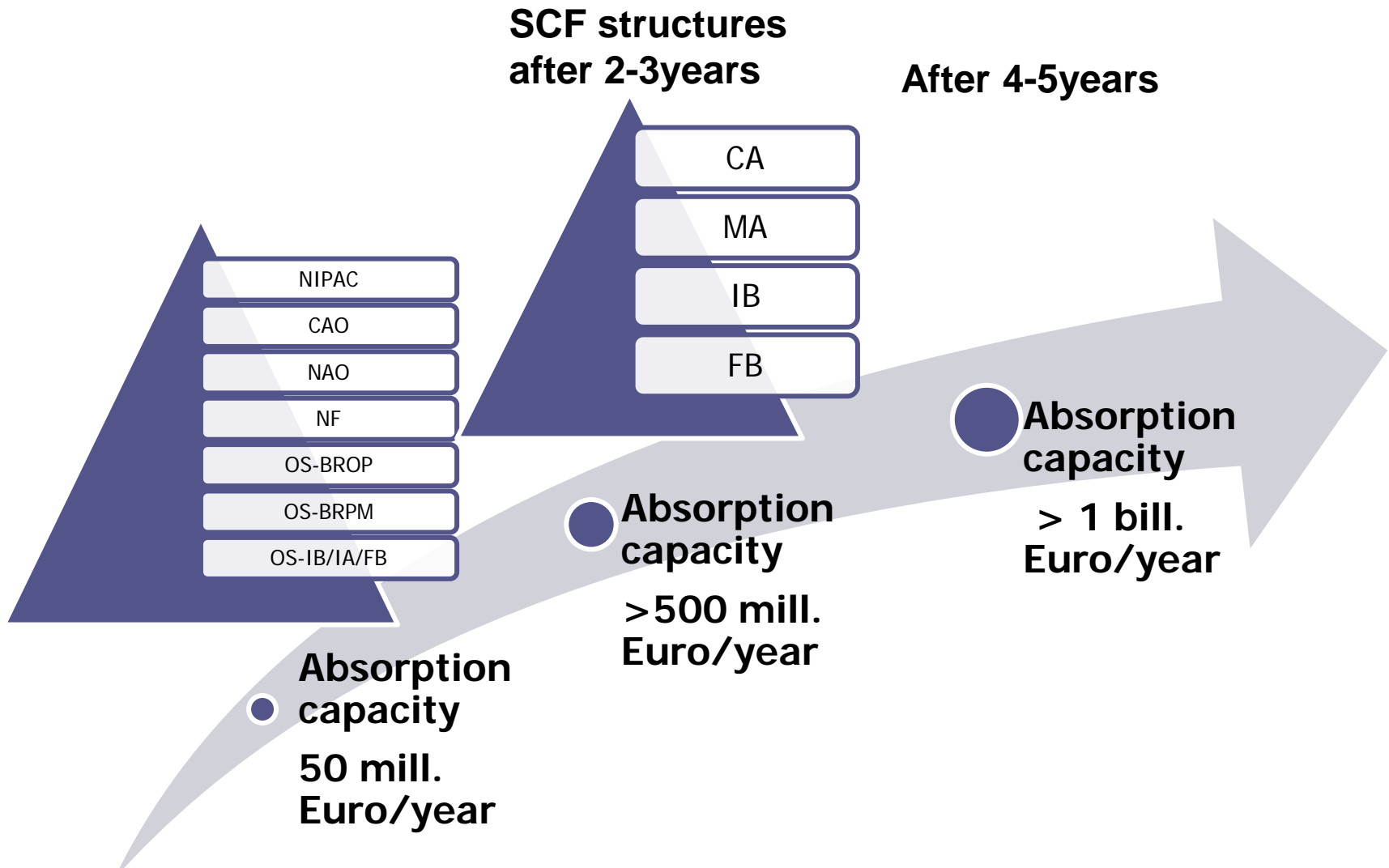


Conclusions

- Established Croatia's SCF management and control system is compliant with EU cohesion policy requirements;
- System is not isolated, it is built within the existing public administration structures and is a part of the national public finance management;
- Each institution understands its place and role in the system and system as a whole.



EU Funds Absorption Capacity and Effectiveness of their use





Thank you for your attention!
Hvala vam na pozornosti!