



Implementation of the 2000-2006 Cohesion Fund and ex-ISPA projects in the field of the Environment

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Main challenges of the 2000-2006 period

- ✓ The quality of project applications
- ✓ The maturity of the projects and their realisation within the agreed time-schedule
- ✓ The ability of final beneficiaries to efficiently implement and manage the co-financed projects
- ✓ The amendment of the water operating contracts
- ✓ The administrative capacity of all involved bodies



Four crucial elements

- ✓ Capacity to prepare projects corresponding to the CF environmental strategy
- ✓ Projects technically ready to be implemented (approval of all necessary studies)
- ✓ Capacity to monitor efficiently the projects implementation on the ground
- ✓ Create a fair environment for all stakeholders in the water sector



Management and implementation of the CF projects

Main achievements:

- ✓ Introduction and development of a Monitoring system
- ✓ Improvement of appraisal and selection processes
- ✓ Streamline evaluation and monitoring
- ✓ Awareness - Best practices networking
- ✓ Improved tender procedures
- ✓ Shift from a “public service” to a “service the public” behaviour



Reliable planning of projects is saving time

- ✓ Valid and realistic milestones (critical path)
- ✓ Accurate cost estimates, detailed financial requirements
- ✓ Early warning system, keep monitoring committee focused and aware of CF project progress
- ✓ Reporting system on each CF project performance
- ✓ Deal with formal requirements effectively
- ✓ Deliver what has been agreed on time, on budget and on scope



The closure process

Two main issues:

1. Amendment of the Guidelines on the closure adopted by the Commission on 19 April 2010
2. Fulfilment of the specific condition regarding water operating contracts



The closure process

- Final eligibility date may be extended for one year (up to 31/12/2011), in duly justified cases
- An extension of the eligibility date has been requested for the following 4 CF projects:
 - Jihlavsko (adopted on 5/10/2010)
 - Taborsko (adopted on 11/10/2010)
 - Olše (in final stage of approval) and
 - Technical Assistance in the field of environment (in advanced stage of approval)



| Country | Number of open projects | Total number of projects | Open/Total in% | Ranking |
|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|----------|
| Balgarija | 22 | 22 | 100,0 | 14 |
| Česká Republika | 24 | 38 | 63,2 | 4 |
| Eesti | 9 | 21 | 42,9 | 1 |
| Ellada | 53 | 77 | 68,8 | 7 |
| España | 204 | 301 | 67,8 | 6 |
| Ireland | 2 | 4 | 50,0 | 2 |
| Kypros | 1 | 1 | 100,0 | 15 |
| Latvija | 17 | 26 | 65,4 | 5 |
| Lietuva | 25 | 27 | 92,6 | 11 |
| Magyarország | 25 | 29 | 86,2 | 10 |
| Malta | 1 | 1 | 100,0 | 16 |
| Polska | 89 | 90 | 98,9 | 13 |
| Portugal | 52 | 66 | 78,8 | 8 |
| România | 35 | 36 | 97,2 | 12 |
| Slovenija | 10 | 16 | 62,5 | 3 |
| Slovenská Republika | 25 | 30 | 83,3 | 9 |
| Average | | | 75,7 | |



Main features of the CZ CF projects closure

- ✓ Relatively high rate of closed projects
- ✓ Further five projects in the closure process
- ✓ Majority of projects physically completed or nearly to be completed
- ✓ More than 80% of the committed EU funding already paid
- ✓ The Czech CF absorption rate is in the top 5 of all 16 MS implementing CF and ex-ISPA projects



The water condition main principles

- ✓ Create a fair environment for all stakeholders
- ✓ Ensure balance between public and private interests
- ✓ Guarantee that the financial resources deployed to upgrade the water infrastructures, comply with the principles of sound and efficient management
- ✓ Promote competition through sound, non-discriminatory and transparent tender procedures for the selection of operators



- ✓ Ensure that the duration of the operating contracts is encouraging competition
- ✓ Ensure a proportionality between the duration of the operating contracts on one hand and the invested private capital, if any, on the other
- ✓ Set up a transparent tariff model to encourage efficiency and avoid generation of undue profits



- ✓ Allow the renewal of water infrastructures at the end of their economic life
- ✓ Improve the quality of services provided to the end users by defining a number of specific performance criteria and sanctions in case of operator's efficiency failure



The fulfilment of the water condition

Main reference document:

DG Regional policy assessment from June 2009 regarding the fulfilment of the water condition for the following 8 CF projects:

1. Beroun
2. Karlovy Vary
3. Klatovy
4. Olomouc II
5. Pilsen
6. Luzicka Nisa
7. Upper Morava and
8. Radbuza



Thank you for your attention

