

Implementation of the Structural funds in Bulgaria

Monthly brief, July 2011

Horizontal issues and legislative procedures

- In July, two meetings of the inter-institutional Working Group for elaboration of the National Development Programme: Bulgaria 2020 (NDP) were held. The Working Group discussed and approved the priorities of NDP. NDP priorities will be presented and approved by The Development Council in August.
- A draft version of set of NDP indicators was prepared by the special task force, which was established in June within the inter-institutional Working Group for elaboration of NDP. The task force is expected to finalize the set of NDP indicators in September.
- On 12th July, the results of a project “Development of an econometric model for impact assessment of the Structural Funds and Cohesion Fund of the European Union” were presented on a working seminar. All interested parties were invited (representatives of Managing Authorities of the Operational Programmes, Central Coordination Unit, etc.)

The Unified Management and Information System (UMIS)

- The following actions concerning UMIS were undertaken in July:
 - A public tender procedure for the supply of new hardware for the system was held. The new supplier was selected by the tender commission and the contract is scheduled to be signed after the period for legal appeal has passed.
 - The new functionality for flat rate corrections was implemented and is functional.
 - The ToR for the further development of UMIS was finished. New improved functionalities of the financial module were put in place. The functionalities make the system more user-friendly and allow for easier and more accurate management of the data contained in it.
 - The functionality for e-reporting is operational and the beneficiaries can start using it after the MA’s incorporate it in their procedure manuals. The e-reporting allows for the electronic submission of payment claims and progress reports.

Information and Publicity

- In the period 14-16.07.2011 the Central Information Office organized a specialized training on the preparation of terms of reference for public procurement related to the implementation of the Communication Plans of the Operational Programmes. The training was attended by the members of the National Network of Information and Publicity Officers of the Operational Programmes. The topic of the training was determined based on the analysis of the training needs of the members of the Network. The lectures were delivered by representatives of the Public Procurement Agency and the Commission on Protection of Competition.
- In accordance with the concept for media trainings in the field of Structural and Cohesion Funds, the Central Information Office sent formal invitations with questionnaires to a large number of media, regardless of their type and territorial coverage. The announcement for the forthcoming series of trainings was also published on the web portal www.eufunds.bg.

- The questionnaire for participation was completed by 35 journalists - representatives of all types of media. Most journalists are from the Internet media (11), followed by the daily newspapers (9) and periodicals (7). Requests for participation sent representatives of 4 national televisions, the Bulgarian National Radio and two news agencies. Besides journalists from national media, representatives of 5 media with regional coverage also sent requests. Topics of most interest to the media are: Strategy Europe 2020; Future EU Cohesion Policy; Financing, Management and Implementation of the Operational Programmes in Bulgaria.
- On the 12.07.2011 all the beneficiaries of the procedure for the development of the Regional Information centers financed under OPTA signed their contracts on an official ceremony. It was the official start of the efforts, connected to the creation of all 27 Regional Information offices in Bulgaria. The Personal Selection Procedure has also started under the supervision of the CICO staff. By the end of July the representatives of the Central Information and Coordination Office (CICO) have answered over 50 questions connected to the Personal Selection Procedure.
- At the same time the office of CICO was fully renovated and put into compliance with the branding requirements.
- In July the Central Information Office continued to provide up-to-date information related to EU Funds in the social networks Facebook, Twitter and You tube. By the end of the month, 238 users had joined the group of eufunds.bg in Facebook.
- The regular update of the information contained at the Single information portal www.eufunds.bg continues as ever increasing quantities of information are being stored, organized and made readily available to the general public. The portal keeps its position of one of the major sources of updated information related to the European funds absorption process in Bulgaria.
- The questionnaire regarding the future update of the functionalities of www.eufunds.bg is now off – line. The results gathered during the past month have been systemized and analyzed and will become part of the ToR of the contract with the future developer of the portal.

LOTHAR

- The regular quarterly LOTHAR meetings took place in July. All MA's presented the state of play of their OP's and expressed their expectations for the end of the year results. They also made short analyses of their performance so far, the problems encountered and the steps taken to solve them. The meetings were useful for both the CCU and the MA's.

Certifying Authority

- Certifying Authority carried out desk checks on Report on Certification and Statement of Eligible Expenditures, submitted in July by the Managing Authority of OP "Transport". Desk checks on the regular Reports on Certification and Statement of Eligible Expenditures, submitted by the Managing Authorities of OP "Environment" and OP "Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy" have been finalized.

- Certifying Authority finalized on-the-spot check at the Managing Authority of OP “Transport”. Results from the on-the-spot check have been duly communicated to the MA.
- The Certifying Authority performed 6 on-the-spot checks at the level of beneficiary – under OP “Technical Assistance”, OP “Regional Development”, OP “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy”, OP “Human Resources Development” and at two beneficiaries under OP “Transport”. Reports from the on-the-spot checks will be sent to the Managing Authority/ Intermediate Body for implementation of the recommendations.
- Report from the carried out in June on-the-spot check was sent to the Managing Authority and the Intermediate Body under OP “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy” for implementation of the recommendations.
- The Certifying Authority performed 4 ad-hoc on-the-spot checks as regard to the establishment and maintenance of Debtor’s Ledger at the Managing Authorities of OP “Administrative Capacity”, OP “Transport”, OP “Technical Assistance” and OP “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy”. Results from the first two on-the-spot checks have been duly communicated to the relevant authority. For the other two on-the-spot checks reports with recommendations to the Managing Authority/ Intermediate Body are under preparation.
- The Certifying Authority submitted to the European Commission four Certificates – one for OP “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy”, one for OP “Human Resources Development” and two for OP “Environment”- CF and ERDF. The amounts claimed for reimbursement are as follows: 12 141 680 EUR for OP “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy”, 8 833 115 EUR for OP “Human Resources Development” and 15 643 398 EUR for OP “Environment” - CF and ERDF.
- In July 2011, 3 interim payments from the EC were received as a result to submitted Applications for payment under OP “Transport” CF and ERDF and OP “Human Resources Development”. The total amount of funds received in July is 48 703 335 EUR.

OP / FUND	Certified expenditure up to 31.07.2011	Interim payments received from EC as per 31.07.2011
ERDF	487 561 468 €	377 486 069 €
1.OP Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy	248 096 543 €	175 406 681 €
2. OP Regional Development	125 690 778 €	106 837 161 €
3. OP Technical Assistance	4 034 863 €	3 429 634 €
4. OP Transport	105 014 736 €	89 262 525 €
5. OP Environment	4 724 548 €	2 550 068 €
CF	83 929 569 €	52 966 055 €
1. OP Environment	54 728 914 €	29 605 531 €
2. OP Transport	29 200 655 €	23 360 524 €
ESF	110 546 523 €	91 395 874 €
1. OP Human Resources Development	79 028 625 €	64 826 263 €

2. OP Administrative Capacity	31 517 898 €	26 569 611 €
Total	682 037 560 €	521 847 998 €

Operational Programmes

OP Transport

- Monthly Progress meeting on OPT implementation was held on 18 July 2011 for road and railway projects and on 19 July 2011 for intermodal and water projects.
- Lothar meeting for OP Transport was held on 25 July 2011 for discussing the implementation of the program.
- JASPERS mission was held in the period 25 – 28 July 2011 as regards the implementation of AP 2011.
- Ministers Tomislav Donchev and Ivaylo Moskovski visited Brussels on 26 July 2011 for discussing the implementation of OPT projects and OP' funds absorption.
- The appraisal of Maritsa Motorway AF has started on 21 July 2011. The revision of the documents has taken two weeks as the AF was submitted to EC for approval on 9 August 2011.
- The European Commission approved the Application Form for “Extension of Metropolitan Sofia Stage II, between Obelya and Nadejda and Mladost 1 and Tsarigradsko Shose” Boulevard” Project with Decision № C(2011)4874 dated 01.07.2011. The project amount is 250 000 000 Euro as 200 000 000 Euro is the EU Cohesion Fund contribution and 50 000 000 Euro is the contribution of the national budget.
- The European Commission approved the Application Form for “Rehabilitation of sections along the Plovdiv-Burgas railway line” with Decision № (2011)4876 dated 01.07.2011. The project amount is 218 611 929 Euro as 174 889 543 Euro is the EU Cohesion Fund contribution and the rest is provided by the national budget.
- An official opening of the technical offers under the “Connection of Hemus Motorway to Sofia Ring Road” Construction Tender Evaluation was held on 05.07.2011.
- An official opening of the price offers under the “Connection of Hemus Motorway to Sofia Ring Road” Construction Tender Evaluation was held on 08.07.2011.
- An official opening of the price offers under the “Connection of Hemus Motorway to Sofia Ring Road” Supervision Tender Evaluation was held on 25.07.2011.
- An official opening of the price offers under the “Construction of Struma Motorway, Lot 1” Tender Evaluation was held on 07.07.2011.
- An official opening of the price offers under the “Modernization of Septemvry-Plovdiv railway section-part of the Tran European transport Network” Supervision and Compliance Assessment Tender Evaluation was held on 22.07.2011.

- A ground-breaking ceremony for “Construction of Maritsa Motorway, Lot 2” was held on 26.07.2011. The Prime Minister Mr. Boyko Borisov, The Minister of Regional Development and Public Works Mr. Rosen Plevneliev and the Chairman of the Managing Board of the Road Executive Agency Mr. Sergey Mihalev were present at the event.

OP Environment

- The European Commission approved the first phase of Sofia's municipal waste management project on July 1, 2011.
- On July 27, 2011 the Minister of Environment and Water Nona Karadjova and the Mayor of Sofia Yordanka Fandakova signed a contract for first phase of the construction of integrated waste management system of the capital. The contract is amounting to 135 MBGN, out of which 100 MBGN is the contribution from OP Environment. The scope of the contract is the construction of the non-hazardous waste landfill and two composting plants, as well as improvement of existing municipal waste separation facility in Suhodol. A pilot project for separate collection of waste in the Ovcha Kupel and Kremikovts districts will also be financed.
- The Managing Authority of Operational Programme Environment 2007-2013 issued Guidelines for carrying out current audits on the projects financed under OPE.
- The MA of OPE has drawn up a list of documents, necessary for verifying expenditure incurred under priority axis 3 of Operational Programme Environment.
- 14 municipalities submitted water infrastructure construction projects (technical assistance and construction) for funding under Operational Programme Environment. Submitted proposals are on the amount of 600 MBNG.
- Nine water infrastructure proposals were submitted under the procedure for municipalities with developed projects. The proposals were submitted by the municipalities of Provadia, Stamboliyski, Rakovski, Varna, Karlovo, Byala (Ruse), Byala Slatina, Burgas (Gorno Ezerovo) and Burgas (Banevo, Vetren and Burgaski Mineralni Bani). The total amount of submitted projects is 305 MBGN
- On July 19, 2011 The Minister of Environment and Water Nona Karadzova and the mayor of Smolyan Dora Yankova signed a contract for construction of the water supply and sewerage network in the town funded by OPE. The project is amounting to BGN 41 million. Within the scope of activities is included the construction of tertiary waste water treatment for WWTP constructed under ISPA
- On July 19, 2011 the Deputy Minister of Environment and Water Ivelina Vasileva and the Mayor of Burgas Dimitar Nikolov participated in a ground-breaking ceremony on the project for construction of sewage network in the Burgas district "Meden Rudnik". The total amount of the project is EUR 16.3 million funded by OPE.
- From August 1, 2011 for all infrastructure projects, including those under procedure BG161PO005/10/1.11/03/19 "Preparation and implementation of projects to improve and develop the infrastructure for drinking and waste water in agglomerations above

10,000 PE” the beneficiaries are required to submit information regarding implementation of works and services contracts.

OP Regional Development

- On 18.07.2011, the MA announced the scheme under Operation 1.2. Housing BG161PO001/1.2-01/2011 "Support for energy efficiency measures in multifamily buildings" The direct beneficiary under the scheme, as approved by the Monitoring Committee on his last session, is the Housing Directorate with the Ministry of Regional Development responsible for the implementation of housing policy in Bulgaria. The budget of the scheme is 50 109 139,11 BGN. Deadline for submission of project proposals is 31 January 2012.
- On 20.07.2011 the managing Authority of OPRD approved the second major project under the OP "Support for integrated urban transport in Sofia Municipality". The project was submitted officially to the EC through the SFC 2007 system on 26.07.2011 and is announced as admissible by the Commission services.
- The evaluation committee under BG161PO001/3.1-03/2010 "Support for the development of natural, cultural and historical attractions" completed its work in July 2011. The scheme was published in August 2010 with deadline 15 March 2011- 56 project proposals submitted. The total value of the approved projects amounts to EUR 162 195 121.85.
- On 21 July the grant contract on the restructuring of eight Medico-social care centers for children aged 0-3 was signed by the Head of the MA and the Minister of Health. The budget of the contract is 9,970,733, 81 BGN. The project is approved under the scheme "Support for the reconstruction, renovation and equipment of public hospitals in urban areas" and covers municipalities of Montana, Pazardzhik, Pernik, Plovdiv, Sofia, Targovishte, Gabrovo and Ruse
- On 20 July 2011 in the Ancient cultural complex "Serdica" was signed the contract (30 MEUR) for the recovery, conservation, preservation and restoration of eight cultural monuments. The project is part of the scheme "Support for the cultural monuments of national and global importance, contributing to the sustainable development of tourism".

OP Technical Assistance

- In July 2011 were issued five orders for the provision of the grant of OPTA and signed 30 contracts for the provision of the grant by OPTA.
- During the period continued process of verifying the costs of beneficiaries from the received requests for payments.
- Pending the approval of the Commission report for assessing the compliance of project proposals under Operational Programme "Technical Assistance" by the Minister in the management of EU funds and Head of the Managing Authority of Operational Programme "Technical Assistance" to offer financing and issuing a decision if the report is approved of two projects in which the beneficiary MA:

- "Further ensuring reliable verification and verification of project costs under the Operational Programme" Technical Assistance "for the period 2011 - 2013;
- A mid-term (interim) evaluation of the Operational Programme "Technical Assistance".

- The announced public procurement with subject: "Evaluation of the implementation of structural instruments in accordance with the objectives of the NSRF 2007-2013" Project 0025-CCU 1.1 with CCU beneficiary is in the process of evaluation.
- The revision / preparation of documents for the management and implementation of OPTA to switch to the program application electronically via the UMIS is completed. Currently applying for OPTA is performed by UMIS.
- The recommendations of audit and control bodies have been implemented in relation to managing and implementing the program. There is a change in the procedure for administrative review of the request for payment, which increase the control in the course of verification costs.
- On July 12, 2011, in a ceremony in the Council of Ministers, in presence of representatives of national and regional media, were signed the contracts for the provision of direct financial assistance under Operational Programme "Technical Assistance" procedure "Construction and operation of regional information centers" with representatives of 27 municipalities.
- On July 28, 2011 started electronic reporting projects financed by the Structural and Cohesion Funds in the UMIS system. Information about this new opportunity for the beneficiaries of the seven operational programs was published in one information portal for structural funds - www.eufunds.bg

OP Development of the competitiveness of the Bulgarian economy

- On 4th of July 2011 was published List of proposals rejected on stage evaluation of administrative compliance and admissibility of project proposals, received under the Grant Procedure BG161PO003-1.2.02 "Creating new and strengthening existing technology transfer offices".
- On 8th of July 2011 was launched written procedure for decision making of members of OPC Monitoring Committee for approval of selection criteria for operation 3.1.3. "Support for risk capital funds investing primarily in SMEs" - call for Expression of Interest No. JER-009/5 to select Financial Intermediaries that will receive resources from the JEREMIE Holding Fund for Bulgaria to implement the following Financial Instrument: Entrepreneurship Acceleration and Seed Financing Instrument, under Priority Axis 3 "Financial Resources for Developing Enterprises", Area of intervention 3.1. "Improvement of access to finance for SMEs through instruments of financial engineering".
- On 18th of July 2011 was launched written procedure for decision making of members of OPC Monitoring Committee for approval of modification of the Indicative Annual Working Programme for 2011 (approved by the MC on the Seventh MC meeting held on 26 November 2010), for approval of new selection criteria and for approval of modification of already approved by the MC of OPC selection criteria.

- On 21st of July 2011 was published List of proposals rejected on stage evaluation of administrative compliance of project proposals, received under the Grant Procedure № BG161PO003-2.2.01 "Support for the creation and development of business incubators"
- On 22nd of July 2011 was published List of proposals rejected on stage evaluation of administrative compliance and admissibility of project proposals, received under the Grant Procedure BG161PO003-1.1.04 "Support for the introduction of the innovative products, processes and provision of innovative services"
- On 27 th of July 2011 CCU hold monthly meeting with representatives of MA and IB of OPC in MEET. During the meeting were discussed issues, concerning the progress in implementation of OP Competitiveness.
- On 28 th of July 2011 was published List of projects rejected on stage evaluation of administrative compliance of project proposals, received under Session 1 of the Grant Procedure BG161PO003-1.1.05 "Development of Innovation from start-ups"

OP “Human Resources Development”

- In the course of the month intensive work was done from all key stakeholders (MA, IB, CCU, CA) for settling the issues with the interrelations between the Minister of Education, Youth and Science and the educational institutions and units from the educational system for the purposes of implementation of OPHRD operations under which the Ministry of Education is a direct beneficiary. In this respect Council of Ministers Decree No228/28.07.2011 was adopted which settles the identified problems thus ensuring smooth implementation of the operations.
- In the period 20-25 July were conducted working meetings organized by MA with representatives from the respective IBs, some of the direct beneficiaries and CCU. At the meetings were discussed the progress and problems detected in the implementation of the respective Priority Axis, results from management verifications conducted by MA, quality of the information uploaded in UMIS, financial forecasts for the payments in the forthcoming months. Based on the discussions were identified relevant corrective measures with set deadlines for their implementation. In addition to these on 14 July was organized meeting between CCU and MA and IBs for discussions on the progress of the Programme.
- In the period 06-13 July MA conducted series of information days throughout the whole country on the launched operation “Without Frontiers – Component 1” which total budget is 33,5 mln.BGN. On 26 and 27 July in Sofia were conducted information days on the launched operation “Without Frontiers – Component 2”.
- On 14 July officially was signed contract between the MA and the Ministry of Health as direct beneficiary under “National Health Information System” operation with total budget of 0,798 mln.BGN.
- On 29 July the Managing Authority launched a written procedure for coordination of changes in five criteria for selection of operations – “Development” (extension of deadline for implementation until 2013); “Increasing the effectiveness of the control activities of EA “General Labor Inspectorate” (demarcation with OPAC and avoidance of overlap with activities under operation “Creation of integrated information system of MLSP”); “Competitive start at the labor market” (technical amendments related to legal changes in the statute of the State Enterprise “Bulgarian-German training centre”); “Creation of employment of youths through internships

opportunities” (amendments related to increasing of the fees received by the trainees); “Support for accreditation of medical institutions” (technical changes). The deadline for comments from the members of the Monitoring Committee is 05 August.

- In July 2011 the following procedures were launched:
 - **BG051PO001-3.3.06** “Support for the Development of PhD students and PhD graduates, Post-doctoral students, and Young Scientists”. The procedure was opened on 11.07.2011. The objective is to create better conditions and to increase the motivation of young scientists for research in the scope of ongoing and new PhD programmes, as well as to ensure additional qualification for students and young scientists. The deadline for submission of project proposals is 13.09.2011, the total budget of the procedure is 8 mln.BGN.
 - **BG051PO001-7.0.02** “Without Frontiers – Component 2”. The procedure was opened on 20.07.2011. The objective is to create platform which to allow all key organizations and institutions to use EQUAL experience and to exchange ideas and plans for better utilization of ESF funds in the areas of employment, education and training, social inclusion. The procedure is without deadline for submission of project proposals, the total budget of the operation is 10 mln.BGN.
 - **BG051PO001-1.1.08** “Training and Adaptation”. The objective of the scheme is to support people who serve a term of imprisonment for active participation on the labor market and their social integration through their involvement in professional qualification course and their adaptation in the society after their imprisonment. The direct beneficiary of the operation is the Employment Agency in partnership with State Enterprise “Prison Fund” The deadline for submission of project proposals is 20.09.2011, the total budget of the procedure is 5,5 mln.BGN.

OP “Administrative Capacity”

- On 27 July 2011 was conducted bilateral meeting between CCU and OPAC Managing Authority representatives on which were discussed the progress and problems detected in the implementation of the Programme, the Action Plan in response to the audit findings of the system audit conducted by the European Commission, results from on-the-spot monitoring conducted by MA, quality of the information uploaded in UMIS, financial forecasts for the payments in the forthcoming months, process of contracting and verification of payments under the Programme. Based on the discussions were identified relevant corrective measures with set deadlines for their implementation
- On 29 July 2011 the Managing Authority launched a procedure for direct awarding under Sub-priority 2.4 “Competent Judiciary System and Effective Human Resources management” with direct beneficiary – National Institute of Justice. The total budget of the procedure is 5 mln.BGN and the deadline for submission of project proposal is 30 September. The objective is to increase the capacity of the magistrates and judiciary servants through trainings.
- The evaluation committees under BG051PO002/11/1.1-03 “Effective Structure of the State Administration” and BG051PO002/11/3.1-07 completed their work with approved respectively four and two project proposals. The projects are already within the CCU for checks on potential overlap and double financing with other financial instruments and Programmes.

- In the reporting period the respective evaluation committee completed its work under the procedures BG051PO002/10/1.6-02 “Transnational and Interregional Cooperation” where 52 project proposals were approved. The approved projects were submitted to the Central Coordination Unit for checks on potential overlap and double financing with other funds and Programmes. The respective analysis showed potential overlap between project proposals and other OPAC and Phare projects and in this respect further information and comparative tables were requested from MA (and beneficiaries respectively) in order to complete the coordination procedure and to present final standpoint on existence of double financing.

Bulgaria - Turkey IPA Cross-Border Programme

- After consultation July 1, 2010 was appointed as date for opening session of received project proposals of 1st Call for proposals under Bulgaria – Turkey IPA Cross-Border programme. The administrative and eligibility check of the project proposals is finalized. The procedure for selection and appointment of independent assessors for technical and quality evaluation of project proposals is finalised. Technical evaluation is finalised. JMC meeting was held in Haskovo on March 23, 2011 – 50 projects approved for financing. Signing of the contracts is finalized in the end of June with official launch of the projects in Haskovo on 4th of July 2011.
- The Second Call for Proposals is under preparation.
- The bilateral Memorandum of understanding on implementation of the Programme was signed on 11.10.2010. Ratified by Parliament on January 26, 2011. The Act is published in State Gazette No 51 on July 05, 2011

Bulgaria – Serbia IPA Cross-Border Programme

- The evaluation of the submitted project proposals (75 submitted with Bulgarian Lead Partner and 27 with Serbian Lead Partner) under the first call, announced in 2009, started. The administrative and eligibility check is finalized. The procedure for selection and appointment of independent assessors for technical and quality evaluation of project proposals is finalised. Technical evaluation is finalized. JMC meeting on 13 May 2011 selected 48 projects to be financed. Precontracting visits and negotiations with the beneficiaries are finalized. Signing of the contracts is finalized in the end of July with official launch of the projects in Sofia on 1st of August 2011. Preparation of contracts is ongoing and expected signing of the contracts is end of July 2011.

Bulgaria – the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia IPA Cross-Border Programme

- The evaluation of the 93 received project proposals under the first call, launched on 14 September 2009 with a total indicative budget EUR 4 131 652 started. The administrative and eligibility check is finalized. The procedure for selection and appointment of independent assessors for technical and quality evaluation of project proposals is finalised. Technical evaluation is finalised. JMC meeting was held in Kyustendil on March 11, 2011 – 36 projects approved for financing. Contracts with 34 LP were signed. First monitoring visits were held.
- The Second Call for Proposals was launched on June 14, 2011 with deadline September 14, 2011. Information days and training for the second call for proposals

was organized. The events took place on 13th of July, 2011 in Strumitsa, Macedonia and on 15th of July, 2011 in Kyustendil, Bulgaria.

CBC Programme Bulgaria-Greece

- On 27 July 2011 the Memorandum of Understanding between Greece and Bulgaria on the implementation of the Programme for European Territorial Cooperation Programme Greece - Bulgaria 2007 was ratified by the National Assembly of Bulgaria. The Law on ratification of the Memorandum is in force as of 09.08.2011.

Implementation of ex-ISPA/CF 1164

- On-the-spot check for Plovdiv-Svilengrad project was held in the period 5-6 July 2011. Representatives from the MA, the Beneficiary, PA and NC have participated in the check. As regards the amendment of the FM for the project, the responsible Bulgarian authorities have prepared additional detailed information as requested by EC and submitted it in the end of July 2011.

Data on OPs financial progress is attached.

**OP Implementation as of 31.07.2011
EURO**

OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME	Programme budget			Contracted				Payments			
	Total	EU Funding	National co-funding	Total as of 31.07.2011	% implementation	EU funding	% implementation	Total as of 31.07.2011	% implementation	EU funding	% implementation
OP Transport	2 003 481 166 €	1 624 479 623 €	379 001 543 €	1 074 511 356 €	53.63%	870 403 730 €	53.58%	259 515 864 €	12.95%	213 335 648 €	13.13%
OP Environment	1 800 748 085 €	1 466 425 481 €	334 322 604 €	807 718 515 €	44.85%	656 362 526 €	44.76%	159 420 306 €	8.85%	128 374 719 €	8.75%
OP Regional Development	1 601 274 759 €	1 361 083 545 €	240 191 214 €	952 979 022 €	59.51%	810 032 169 €	59.51%	238 795 739 €	14.91%	202 998 448 €	14.91%
OP Competitiveness	1 162 215 551 €	987 883 219 €	174 332 332 €	425 856 932 €	36.64%	361 978 392 €	36.64%	251 954 426 €	21.68%	214 161 262 €	21.68%
OP Technical Assistance	56 819 427 €	48 296 513 €	8 522 914 €	31 376 414 €	55.22%	26 669 952 €	55.22%	7 394 107 €	13.01%	6 284 991 €	13.01%
OP Human Resource Development	1 213 869 575 €	1 031 789 139 €	182 080 436 €	640 405 358 €	52.76%	544 345 191 €	52.76%	138 348 757 €	11.4%	117 607 822 €	11.4%
OP Administrartive Capacity	180 789 087 €	153 670 724 €	27 118 363 €	89 440 993 €	49.47%	76 024 844 €	49.47%	47 415 342 €	26.23%	40 303 604 €	26.23%
TOTAL	8 019 197 650 €	6 673 628 244 €	1 345 569 406 €	4 022 288 591 €	50.16%	3 345 816 804 €	50.13%	1 102 844 540 €	13.75%	923 066 494 €	13.83%