

Implementation of the Structural funds in Bulgaria

Monthly brief, August-September 2012

Horizontal issues and legislative procedures

- Two meetings of the Working Group for drafting the EU Funds Law were held during the reported period. The WG members discussed the first draft proposals for provisions in the fields of award of grants, eligibility of expenditure and financial management and control.
- Two focus groups on optimization of the rules and procedures for implementation of programmes under the CSF Funds for next programming period were conducted – one with representatives of the municipalities and one with representatives of the business. The main issues and proposals discussed by the WG for drafting the EU Funds Law were presented at the focus groups with aim to receive feed back form these important groups of potential beneficiaries.
- With Order of the Prime Minister No193/02.08.2012 was created Interdepartmental Working Group for resource support of Roma integration with EU Funds. The Working group is chaired by the Minister for EU Funds Management and its first meeting took place on 03.09.2012
- The procedure for selecting contractor under the project for preparation of the Partnership Agreement, financed by OP was completed. A contract with the selected consultant company was signed on 10th August 2012. The first outputs to be produced by the contractor are a draft updated country summary socio-economic analysis and an analysis of the regional disparities and development needs.
- At its meeting on 12.09.2012 the Council of Ministers had approved the Second Monitoring report on the implementation of the Action Plan to the National Strategy “Vision for Deinstitutionalization of the children in Bulgaria”. The Monitoring report covers the period June 2011-June 2012 and outlines the main achievements in the process of deinstitutionalization, incl. with the substantial support from the EU Funds through OP Human Resources Development, OP Regional Development and Rural Development Programme.
- In the period 21-26th September preliminary meetings with the line ministries for the preparation of the Partnership Agreement were held. At these meetings were represented the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works; Ministry of Agriculture and Food; Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism; Ministry of Environment and Water; Ministry of Labor and Social Policy; Ministry of Education, Youth and Science; the Managing Authority of OP Technical Assistance.
- The third meeting of the Working group for preparation of the Partnership Contract which was held on September 25th. During its meeting was presented the first draft of the analysis of development needs for the Partnership Contract. The other important topics on the agenda were the information on the current state of the ex-ante conditionalities, foreseen in Annex IV to the proposal for the General Regulation and the level of preparation of the future OPs.
- An informal meeting on the preparation for next programming period was conducted on September 28th-29th. The meeting was chaired by the minister for the EU funds management as the heads of all MAs, as well as experts from them took part in the

meeting. The first draft of the analysis of development needs for the Partnership contract was presented during the meeting. The other main issues discussed were related to the structures for coordination, implementation and control of the programmes; the main proposals for simplification of the programmes' implementation and first ideas on the possibilities for implementation of Integrated territorial investments in Bulgaria. In the meeting took part the Minister of EU Funds Management, Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Minister of Environment and Water, Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism, Minister of transport, information technology and communication, Minister of Education, Youth and Science, deputy-ministers and representatives of the Central Coordination Unit, Managing Authorities, Audit Authority, Certifying Authority etc.

- Final draft of the National Development Programme: BULGARIA 2020 was completed with a protocol signed by all members of the relevant Interinstitutional Working Group at the Council for Development. The document will be presented for approval at the Council for Development and, afterwards, at the Council of Ministers.
- The Council of Ministers approved with Decision 668/06.08.2012 a List of Actions, Deadlines and Responsible Institutions for Accomplishment of the Ex-ante Conditionalities for the European Union Funds for 2014-2020 programming period. The legislative act is published at <http://www.eufunds.bg/en/page/825>.

Information and Publicity

- In September the further development of the Single Information Web Portal www.eufunds.bg was underway. The development regards the update of the functionalities of the portal.
- During the period, the information about the separate District Information Points (DIPs) was translated into English. Special subpages for each DIP in English were created and the information has been gradually uploaded.
- The news releases on www.eufunds.bg for the period 10.01.-16.08.2012 were also translated and their upload has started. Two Legislative Acts have been also translated and published in the English version of the website.

Central Information and Coordination Office (CICO)

Activities of DIPs:

- Based on the Monthly reports of DIPs, in September 2012 there were:
 - a total number of visitors in DIPs amounting to 980;
 - a total of 955 requests for information received,
 - a total of 957 answers of requests of information were sent,
 - 633 publications in media,
 - 109 events with a total number of 2133 people invited,
 - 1741 were present at organized by DIPs events.

Trainings and study visits:

- Representatives of DIPs took part in two study visits abroad:
 - Latvia – 14 representative of DIPs;

- Poland – 12 representative of DIPs.
- One training took place during the period, in which 25 employees of DIPs participated. Its topic was the JEREMIE Initiative and programming the next programming period 2014 – 2020.
- During the period there were two new competitions for vacancies in the DIPs – for managers of DIP – Silistra and DIP – Haskovo.

UMIS

- On the 13th of August 2012 the contract for the further development of UMIS was signed and the activities for the further development of UMIS started. The schedule for the envisaged activities was agreed and the contractor began work on them. The CCU organized meetings with the Audit Authority and AFCOS to discuss their requirements toward the new Audit module of the system and the changes to the irregularities module of the system.
- The CCU organized a training for the MA of OPAC on the e-application service of the system. OPAC will become the fourth OP to launch a call for proposals with e-submission of applications. Representatives of the CCU took part in a training for the beneficiaries of the OPRD and presented the e-application functionality of UMIS..

Certifying Authority

August 2012

- Certifying Authority finalized the desk checks on Report on Certification and Statements of Eligible Expenditures, submitted by Managing Authority of OP “Transport”. The desk checks on Report on Certification and Statements of Eligible Expenditures of OP “Human Resources Development” and OP “Regional Development” are under preparation.
- Certifying Authority performed in August on-the-spot checks at the Managing Authorities of OP “Regional Development” and OP “Human Resources Development”. The report from the on-the-spot checks at the OP “Regional Development” is sent to the Managing Authority for implementation of the recommendations. The report from the on-the-spot checks of the OP “Human Resources Development” is under preparation.
- The Certifying Authority performed two on-the-spot checks at the level of beneficiary for the following programmes: OP “Environment” and IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria - Serbia. The report from the on-the-spot checks of the IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Serbia is submitted to the relevant Managing Authority for implementation of the recommendations. The report from the on-the-spot checks under OP “Environment” is under preparation. .
- The Certifying Authority submitted to the European Commission two Certificates under the following OPs: one for “Transport”- amounting to 51 776 126 EUR and one for “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy” amounting to 26 141 006 EUR.
- In August 2012, five interim payments from the EC were received as result of submitted Application for payment under: OP “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy” – first amounting to 17 500 514 EUR and second amounting to 11 898 352 EUR, IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Serbia amounting to 212 363EUR, IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Turkey amounting to 286 281EUR and IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Macedonia amounting to 204 799EUR.

OP / FUND	Certified expenditure up to 31.08.2012	Interim payments received from EC as per 31.08.2012
ERDF	869 651 384 €	640 928 583 €
1.OP Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy	365 213 076 €	240 971 468 €
2. OP Regional Development	249 936 850 €	211 806 242 €
3. OP Technical Assistance	9 017 890 €	7 665 206 €
4. OP Transport	216 705 800 €	156 024 564 €
5. OP Environment	28 777 768 €	24 461 103 €
CF	503 421 539 €	372 445 364 €
1. OP Environment	98 874 113 €	77 923 258 €
2. OP Transport	404 547 426 €	294 522 106 €
ESF	226 833 411 €	161 926 021 €
1. OP Human Resources Development	182 290 738 €	128 149 089 €
2. OP Administrative Capacity	44 542 673 €	33 776 932 €
Total SCF	1 599 906 334 €	1 175 299 968 €
Total IPA Cross-border Programmes	1 176 999 €	1 000 450 €

September 2012

- Certifying Authority finalized the desk checks on Report on Certification and Statements of Eligible Expenditures, submitted by Managing Authority of OP “Human Resources Development” and OP “Regional Development”. The desk checks on Report on Certification and Statements of Eligible Expenditures of IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Serbia, IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Turkey and IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria - Macedonia are under preparation.
- Certifying Authority performed in September 2012 on-the-spot checks at the Managing Authorities of IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Serbia, IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Turkey and IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria - Macedonia. The reports from the on-the-spot checks at the IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Serbia, IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Turkey and IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria - Macedonia are under preparation.
- The Certifying Authority performed one on-the-spot checks at the level of beneficiary for the program OP “Environment”. The report from the on-the-spot checks is under preparation.
- The Certifying Authority submitted to the European Commission two Certificates under the following OPs: one for OP “Human Resources Development”- amounting to 46 481 631 EUR and one for OP “Regional Development” amounting to 34 611 569 EUR.
- In September 2012, four interim payments from the EC were received as result of submitted Application for payment under: OP “Transport” – CF amounting to 28 786 566 EUR and ERDF amounting to 4 562 331 EUR, OP “Human Resources Development” amounting to 23 003 735 EUR and OP “Administrative Capacity” amounting to 4 076 371 EUR.

OP / FUND	Certified expenditure up to 30.09.2012	Interim payments received from EC as per 30.09.2012
ERDF	904 262 953 €	645 490 914 €
1.OP Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy	365 213 076 €	240 971 468 €
2. OP Regional Development	284 548 419 €	211 806 242 €
3. OP Technical Assistance	9 017 890 €	7 665 206 €
4. OP Transport	216 705 800 €	160 586 895 €
5. OP Environment	28 777 768 €	24 461 103 €
CF	503 421 539 €	401 231 929 €
1. OP Environment	98 874 113 €	77 923 258 €
2. OP Transport	404 547 426 €	323 308 671 €
ESF	273 315 042 €	189 006 128 €
1. OP Human Resources Development	228 772 369 €	151 152 825 €
2. OP Administrative Capacity	44 542 673 €	37 853 303 €
Total SCF	1 680 999 534 €	1 235 728 971 €
Total IPA Cross-border Programmes	1 176 999 €	1 000 450 €

Operational Programmes

OP Transport

- On 16 August 2012 eight companies to continue to participate in the tender procedure for awarding contract for design and construction works activities for Struma Motorway, Lot 2 project.
- The ground-breaking ceremony for Construction of Kalotina-Sofia Motorway, Lot 1 - Section: Western arc of the Sofia Ring Road project was held on 22 August 2012.
- On 29 August 2012 the tender procedure the rehabilitation (design, supply and construction works) of Sofia Railway Station project was opened. The deadline for submission of offers is 12 October 2012.
- On 30 August 2012 Mr. Jose Manuel Barroso together with the President Mr. Rosen Plevneliev, the Prime Minister Mr. Boyko Borisov, the Mayor of Sofia Mrs. Yordanka Fandakova, the Minister of Transport and Communications Mr. Ivaylo Moskovsky attended the official opening ceremony of the second line of Sofia Metro, which connects the "Obelia" with "Lozenets" squares.
- On 21 September 2012 a tender procedure for reconstruction, repair and modernization of five sub-stations along the Plovdiv-Bourgas railway line.
- On 25 September 2012 the project for railway sector analysis was presented. Under the project three contracts were signed with deadline for completion September 2013. The following results are expected: preparation of project proposal for supply of new trains for BDZ passengers in the period 2014-2020, needs assessments and optimization of measures for improvement of passengers' services and improvement of NRIC management structure as regards reducing the costs for maintenance of railway infrastructure and safety measures.

OP Environment

- The grant contract for integrated water project in Bansko was signed on 1 August 2012. The total amount is 45, 8 MEUR.
- The grant contract for construction of a regional waste management system in the region Kostenets (Samokov) was signed on 3 August 2012. The total amount is 4,6 MEUR.
- On 03 August 2012 was held a workshop whose purpose was to present to the Monitoring Committee members and to the beneficiaries the options analysis for funding of new measures under the OPE. Based on the results there were identified measures relating to supply of equipment, basic research, analyzes, evaluations, environmental protection necessary to meet legal requirements. The proposed measures amounted to around 97,1 MEUR. The total activities for protecting environment, which can expanded the OPE are amounted on 352, 8 MEUR.
- The grant contract for construction of a new wastewater treatment plant for Sozopol Municipality was signed on 6 August 2012. The total amount is 39,37 MEUR.
- The groundbreaking ceremony, which started the implementation of integrated water management project in Gorno Ezerovo was held on 7 August 2012.
- On 7 August 2012 the Nessebar Municipality signed a grant contract for integrated water project for agglomerations Nessebar, Sunny Beach and Ravda. The total project value is 50,1 MEUR.
- On 15 August 2012 Haskovo Municipality has submitted its project proposal for regional waste management system to the MOEW. The amount of the grant, which will be provided under the procedure is 14,32 MEUR. The deadline for completion is 31.12.2014
- On 17 August 2012 Gabrovo Municipality signed a construction contract for Phase 3 under the project for the construction and reconstruction of water supply and sewerage system of the city. With that, the signed contracts are three totaling nearly at 25,56 MEUR.
- The "Transport and technical support implementation of activities in protected areas of exclusive state property" procedure was announced on 30 August 2012. The total amount of the grant is 3,58 MEUR. The deadline for submission of the project proposal is October 1, 2012 and the deadline for project implementation is March 2014.
- On 4. September 2012 contract for water integrated project in Kostinbrod was signed. The total project amount is 49.9 MEUR and of the WWTP is at the end of 2015.
- The first meeting of the Working Group Operational Programme Environment 2014-2020 was held on 05 September 2012.
- On 10 September 2012 the Enterprise for Management of Environmental Protection Activities (EMEPA) submitted the project for implementation of activities for closure of municipal landfills that do not meet the ecological requirements. The indicative amount of grant under the procedure amounts to 46 MEUR.
- On 10 September 2012 a contract for reconstruction of WWTP under the integrated water cycle project for Vratsa was signed. The contract value is approximately 8,2 MEUR. The deadline for implementation is 36 months.

- On 12 September 2012 a contract for the construction of infrastructure for water and wastewater in Montana was signed. The total project value is 27.86 MEUR.
- On 17 September 2012 a grantcontract for Integrated Water Project of Sliven was signed for the amount of 32.47 MEUR.
- On 27 September 2012 conference which present the activities under the project "Implementation of activities included in the management plan for the natural park Rila Monastery." in Kyustendil was held. The project is worth 469.37 MEUR.

OP Regional Development

- The last third evaluation committee under the scheme BG161PO001/1.1-12/2011 "Support for deinstitutionalization of social institutions providing services to children at risk" has completed its work. Within the third deadline (17 April 2012) were submitted 8 proposals. There were approved for funding all eight proposals of Kazanlak Municipality, Nova Zagora, New Market, Pleven, Plovdiv, Parvomay, Samokov and Stara Zagora. The total value of the grant amounts to 10.011 MEUR. The contracts with beneficiaries were signed on 22 August 2012.
- The evaluation committee under the scheme BG161PO001/3.1-04/2011 "Restoration and conservation of the palace "Evksinograd" and the adjoining park" with a specific beneficiary Administration of Council of Ministers has completed its work. The total project cost is estimated at 5.014 MEUR.
- An on-line application training for the schemes BG161PO001/3.2-03/2012 "Supporting the development of regional tourism product and destination marketing II" and BG161PO001/5-02/2012 "In support of the next programming period" was held on 13/09/2012. The training was focused on demonstrating of handling of the module for electronic services of UMIS.
- The MA of OPRD has published the call for proposals with envisaged deadline for submission of proposals under the scheme BG161PO001/1.4-09/2012 "Green and accessible urban environment" under operation 1.4. "Physical Environment and Risk Prevention" of priority axis 1 "Sustainable and integrated urban development". This is the third scheme under OPRD aiming to improve the physical and living environment in Bulgarian cities.

OP Technical Assistance

- During August and September the regional informational centers have been performing activities related to providing information to their visitors and conducting information events in the municipalities on the territory of the region;
- During August and September continue the process of verifying the costs of the beneficiaries received requests for payments;
- A meeting of the working group took place for the approval of a list of the thematic objectives which shall be included in the Partnership Agreement of the Republic of Bulgaria for the 2014-2020 programming period. Institutions presented their proposals for the objectives, priorities and measures in the field of administrative capacity and technical assistance. A summary proposal was prepared by the working group and it will be submitted by the Minister of EU Funds Management for the Council of Ministers consideration;

- In September 15 regional information centers have been furnished with Multitouch surface devices and in the remaining 12 the procurements for the supply of furniture and equipment continues;
- The final audit report of the operations which had been carried out by Audit of EU Funds EA of the certified costs between 01.01.2011 - 31.12.2011 was submitted to MA. Findings and recommendations are related to the procurement, gaps in documentation and methods for evaluation of bids and unclear selection criteria. MA has taken the necessary actions and it is in the process of implementation of the recommendations;
- OP "Technical Assistance" promotes the best practices in operational programs, providing over 1.9 million lv to inform the general public about the value of the Structural and Cohesion Funds (SCF).

OP Development of the competitiveness of the Bulgarian economy

- In September the MA modified its IAWP for 2012. Four procedures were included concerning "Technology Park Sofia", Bulgaria-Serbia Gas Connection", "Support for research and development activities in Bulgarian enterprises" and "Improvement of the business environment of the Bulgarian enterprises". The procedure "Creation and development of regional business incubators" has been dismissed.
- The setting-up of the working group for preparation of the OP "Innovations and Entrepreneurship" continued. The indicative schedule and a draft of the Internal Rules were prepared.
- A draft of the business plan for "Sofia Tech Park" has been submitted to the MA for consultation. The transfer of land has being still specified with the Ministry of Defense.
- In August, a team has been set for implementation of the project concerning the gas connection between Bulgaria and Serbia. During the period the draft of the criteria for selection of operations has been elaborated and sent to the MEET for coordination.
- On 2 August the JEREMIE website became active.
- In August the MA signed contracts with two other Medias to popularize the OP.
- Up to date there were EUR 686 510 921 contracted under the OPC (EU and national co-financing) which represents 59% of the total OP's budget. The total payments account for EUR 324 473 426. There were also:
 - 231 contracts signed for a total grant of EUR 2 391 682 under BG161PO003-2.1.12 „Achieving compliance with internationally recognized standards and introduction of management systems in enterprises”.
 - 15 contracts signed for a total grant of EUR 5 830 824 under BG161PO003-1.1.03 “Development of innovative start-up companies by support for commercialization of innovative product, processes and services”
 - 15 contracts signed for a total grant of EUR 1 847 728 under BG161PO003-2.4.01”Support for development of the clusters in Bulgaria”.
 - 30 contracts concluded under BG161PO003-2.3.01”Investments in green economy”, amounting to EUR 39 441989.

- 60 contracts signed for a total grant of EUR 41 699 512 under BG161PO003-1.1.04 "Support for introduction in production of innovative products, processes and provision of innovative services".
- 196 contracts signed under BG161PO003-2.1.13 "Technology upgrade in SMEs" for a total amount of the grant EUR 70 093368;
- 1 contract signed on 26 September for allocation of direct grant of EUR 2 999 004 to the State Agency for Metrological and Technical Surveillance under BG161PO003-4.3.02 "Improvement of the business environment of the Bulgarian enterprises – improvement of national quality infrastructure";
- 602 credits allocated for SMEs for EUR 34.61 million under the First Loss Portfolio Guarantee Fund;
- 1 project proposal approved for financing on 28 September under BG161PO003-1.2.03 "Creation of new and development of existing technological centers";
- Under 1.1.05 – "Development of innovations by start-up enterprises" within the first session are approved for financing 31 project proposals for 5 037 701,30; within the second session 33 project proposals for EUR 5 572 730,52; within the third session 21 project proposals for EUR 3 303 198,31 and within the fourth session 27 project proposals for EUR 4 573 629,14.
- 1 Project proposal rejected under BG161PO003-1.2.02 "Creation of new and development of existing technological transfers offices".
- 15 project proposals rejected under the 3^d session of evaluation under BG161PO003-1.1.06 "Support for research and development activities in Bulgarian enterprises".

OP Human Resources Development

- In the course of the reporting period were conducted two written procedures for decisions of the OPHRD Monitoring Committee. The respective decisions are related mainly to extension of ongoing operations due to impossibility to complete their implementation in the set deadlines. One new procedure was approved – "Increasing the professional capacity and motivation of the servants in the area of health services" which is already launched.
- In the reporting period the following procedures were launched:
 - BG051PO001-1.1.12 "First job". The procedure was opened on 02.08.2012. The objective is to provide employment opportunities for youth unemployed up to 29 years of age through stimulation of the employers for their hiring. The broad portfolio of trainings shall encompass sufficient number of young unemployed people and will enable their preparation in line with the needs of the business for the concrete position. The procedure is for direct awarding for the Employment Agency. The deadline for submission of project proposal expired on 02.09.2012 and it is in a process of evaluation. The total budget of the procedure is 20 mln. leva;
 - BG051PO001-5.2.12 "To not abandon any child", Component 2 – "Opening of social services in the community. The total budget of the operation is 23 mln. leva and the objective is to realize sustainable model

for deinstitutionalization of children with disabilities through opening of social services for which the respective infrastructure under OP Regional Development had been created. The beneficiaries are the Municipalities that had received support under OPRD. There is no deadline for submission of project proposals but all project activities should be completed by 31.10.2014.

- BG051PO001-6.2.18 "Increasing the professional capacity and motivation of the servants in the area of health services". The total budget of the operation is 16 mln.leva and the objective is to provide theoretical and practical training up to 15 months for specialists in the healthcare sector according to the approved by the Minister of Healthcare training programme. The deadline for submission of project proposal by the direct beneficiary – Ministry of Health, expired on 01.10.2012.
- BG051PO001-2.3.03 "Safe labor". The procedure was opened on 18.09.2012. The objective is to improve the labor conditions in the enterprises in compliance with the norms and requirements of the respective legislation. The operation is also targeted to adapt the management processes in the enterprises to new approach in the regulation of the labor and to create modern system of work standards. Potential beneficiaries of the operation are the enterprises. The deadline for submission of project proposals is 26.11.2012. The total budget of the procedure is 41,758 mln. leva;
- In the course of the reporting period were conducted the first two official meetings of the Thematic Working Group for elaboration of OP Human Resources Development 2014-2020. The working group had approved the timetable for its activities, a concept paper for the new programme, as well as its first draft which outlines the specific objectives, priorities and measures, potential beneficiaries and demarcation with the other programs under development.

OP Administrative Capacity

- In the reporting period the following procedures were launched:
 - BG051PO002/12/2.4-09 "Competent judicial system and effective human resources management". The objective is to increase the capacity of the investigation bodies in order to increase the effectiveness of the investigation process. Direct beneficiary of the procedure is the Ministry of Interior. The deadline for submission of project proposal is 10.10.2012, the total budget of the procedure is 1 mln. leva;
 - BG051PO002/12/2.2-06 "Competent and effective state administration". The objective is to strengthen the management capacity for organizational development of the Ministry of Interior through trainings for introduction of the principles of modern management – optimization of the practices for recruitment, leadership, motivation and career development. Direct beneficiary of the procedure is the Psychology Institute of the Ministry of Interior. The deadline for submission of project proposal is 15.10.2012, the total budget of the procedure is 2,5 mln. leva;
 - BG051PO002/12/2.2-07 "Competent and effective state administration". The objective is to increase the qualification of the servants in the local administration through trainings within the country. Beneficiaries of the

procedure are the Municipality Administrations. The deadline for submission of project proposals is 16.11.2012, the total budget of the procedure is 20 mln. leva;

- BG051PO002/12/2.2-08 “Competent and effective state administration”. The objective is to increase the qualification of the servants in the central and district administrations through trainings within the country. Beneficiaries of the procedure are the central and district administrations. The deadline for submission of project proposals is 20.11.2012, the total budget of the procedure is 20 mln. leva;

- In the course of the reporting period was conducted written procedures for decisions of the OPAC Monitoring Committee. The respective decisions are related to inclusion of five new procedures in the annual working programme under subpriorities 1.1 (one procedure with direct beneficiary Council of Ministers Administration), 1.4 (one procedure with direct beneficiary Ministry of Finance), 2.1 (one procedure with direct beneficiary Council of Ministers Administration), 2.2 (two procedures – calls for proposals for central administrations and for direct awarding for the Council of Ministers Administration). Further to these, was approved increase of the budgets of two ongoing procedures due to the sufficient interest of the potential beneficiaries and substantial number of quality project proposals.
- The decisions of the Monitoring Committee were reflected in the annual working programme of the Managing Authority and the respective changes were approved by the Minister for EU Funds Management in mid-September. Most of the new procedures are already launched.
- Under the procedure BG051PO002/12/3.2-03 “Standard informational-communication environment and operational interoperability” the check on potential overlap and double financing was completed and no such cases were detected. Thus, seven contracts with beneficiaries at the total amount of 8,84 mln. leva will be signed in due time.
- Under the procedure BG051PO002/12/1.1-05 “Effective structure of the state administration” the check on potential overlap and double financing was completed and no such cases were detected. Thus, nine contracts with beneficiaries at the total amount of 1,95 mln. leva will be signed in due time.
- In the course of the reporting period were conducted several sessions of the Working Group for identification of objectives, measures and priorities in the fields of administrative capacity and technical assistance which to be financed in the next programming period. The Working group is ready with its work and its proposals will be presented to the Council for Coordination in the Management of EU Funds and subsequently to the Council of Ministers.

Data on OPs financial progress is attached.

OP Implementation as of 30.09.2012

EURO

OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME	Programme budget			Contracted				Payments			
	Total	EU Funding	National co-funding	Total as of 30.09.2012	% implementation	EU funding	% implementation	Total as of 30.09.2012	% implementation	EU funding	% implementation
OP Transport	2 003 481 166 €	1 624 479 623 €	379 001 543 €	1 922 754 495 €	95,97%	1 551 167 366 €	95,49%	736 864 452 €	36,78%	598 597 732 €	36,85%
OP Environment	1 800 748 085 €	1 466 425 481 €	334 322 604 €	2 162 122 528 €	120,07%	1 751 594 173 €	119,45%	268 196 354 €	14,89%	218 125 722 €	14,87%
OP Regional Development	1 601 274 759 €	1 361 083 545 €	240 191 214 €	1 420 951 860 €	88,74%	1 207 799 806 €	88,74%	462 389 211 €	28,88%	398 520 903 €	29,28%
OP Competitiveness	1 162 215 551 €	987 883 219 €	174 332 332 €	686 510 921 €	59,07%	583 534 283 €	59,07%	324 473 426 €	27,92%	275 802 411 €	27,92%
OP Technical Assistance	56 819 427 €	48 296 513 €	8 522 914 €	38 850 213 €	68,37%	33 022 681 €	68,37%	16 128 820 €	28,39%	13 709 497 €	28,39%
OP Human Resource Development	1 213 869 575 €	1 031 789 139 €	182 080 436 €	955 146 351 €	78,69%	811 875 035 €	78,69%	324 845 657 €	26,76%	276 266 263 €	26,78%
OP Administrative Capacity	180 789 087 €	153 670 724 €	27 118 363 €	128 199 451 €	70,91%	108 969 533 €	70,91%	62 167 137 €	34,39%	52 843 819 €	34,39%
TOTAL SCF	8 019 197 650 €	6 673 628 244 €	1 345 569 406 €	7 314 535 819 €	91,21%	6 047 962 876 €	90,62%	2 195 065 056 €	27,37%	1 833 866 347 €	27,48%
Rural Development	3 279 564 409 €	2 642 248 596 €	637 315 813 €	1 857 565 716 €	56,64%	1 496 584 970 €	56,64%	1 086 895 537 €	33,14%	875 679 127 €	33,14%
OP Fisheries	101 168 996 €	75 876 747 €	25 292 249 €	56 976 159 €	56,32%	44 484 050 €	58,63%	17 057 138 €	16,86%	14 499 051 €	19,11%
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL FUNDS	3 380 733 405 €	2 718 125 343 €	662 608 062 €	1 914 541 874 €	56,63%	1 541 069 020 €	56,70%	1 103 952 675 €	32,65%	890 178 178 €	32,75%
TOTAL	11 399 931 055 €	9 391 753 587 €	2 008 177 468 €	9 229 077 693 €	80,96%	7 589 031 896 €	80,81%	3 299 017 732 €	28,94%	2 724 044 525 €	29,00%