

Implementation of the Structural funds in Bulgaria

Monthly brief, December 2012

Horizontal issues and legislative procedures

- The main concepts of the draft EU Funds Law were brought to public discussion during a conference held on December, 17th. The minister on the EU Funds management presented the key proposals for changes in the legislative framework as compared to the rules for the present programming period. The main objectives of the draft law are to bring simplification and standardization of the rules and to guarantee the smooth implementation of the programmes. Representatives of the MAs, CCU, CA, AA, line ministries, municipalities, socio-economic partners, academic society, NGOs and of the media took part in the discussions.
- One meeting of the Working Group for drafting the EU Funds Law was held during the reported period. During the meeting the WG started discussing a second version of the draft law, revised by CCU in accordance with the former deliberation. The institutional framework and grants' award chapters of the law have been discussed.
- In pursuance of art. 29 of Council regulation (EC) 1083/2006, the 2012 Strategic report of Bulgaria was submitted through the SFC2007 system on December 28th. The preparation of the report was coordinated by CCU, as representatives of all MAs and the CA also took part in the process. The report presents the physical and financial progress of OPs' implementation with a special focus on the effects of the funds absorbed on the country's socio-economic development. The lessons learnt during the current period are also presented in view of the on-going programming exercise.
- On 13 December 2012 the fifth Annual Review Meeting for the Operational Programmes co-financed by the European Regional Development Fund and the Cohesion Fund in Bulgaria was held. Representatives of DG "Regional Policy" and DG "Employment, Social Affairs and Inclusion" as well as representatives of the MAs, the CA, the AA and the CCU took part in the meeting. The plenary session were headed by Minister of EU Funds Management. The progress made in implementing the operational programmes financed by the ERDF and the CF, the financial implementation and other factors with a view to improving implementation, such as the operation of the management and control systems were examined during the meeting.
- In December 2012 under OP "Technical Assistance" was approved CCU project 0105-CCU-1.1 "Support to the CCU in the elaboration of the procedures and the rules for the EU funds management for the programming period 2014-2020". The main aim of the project is to support the Central coordination unit in the process of preparing the legal basis for the implementation of the CSF Funds in the next programming period.
- The procedure for selecting contractor to perform an "Ex-ante evaluation of the Partnership Agreement" is concluded. The activity will be financed under project № 0094-CCU-1.1 "Supporting the process of elaboration of the Partnership Contract of the Republic of Bulgaria for the programming period 2014-2020". The contract is expected to be signed in January 2013.
- Under the same project the draft updated country summary socio-economic analysis and an analysis of the regional disparities and development needs were completed and presented to the Working Group for the development of the Partnership Agreement of the

Republic of Bulgaria for the programming period 2014 – 2020 at its meeting in November 2012 were approved.

- The Bulgarian team which shall take part in the negotiations with EC on the Partnership Agreement and programmes under the ESI Funds was officially appointed with an Ordinance of the Prime-Minister from December 2012. The negotiation team is led by the Minister on EU Funds management team and includes representatives of all line ministries responsible for the drafting of the separate ESI programmes.
- The coordination procedure of the draft of the National Development Programme: Bulgaria 2020 was started among the members of the Council for Development. All the comments received were taken into consideration in the final draft of the document.
- The Council for Development approved the National Development Programme: Bulgaria 2020 and the decision that the document should be discussed and approved by the Council of Ministers was taken.
- Operational review of the progress on implementation of the ex-ante conditionalities for EU funds (Annex IV of the draft general regulation), performed in the Secretariat of the national Working Group on the Partnership Contract.
- In November the brochure about the implementation of the Structural and Cohesion funds in Bulgaria was updated. It contains information about the implementation of the funds in Bulgaria until the end of October, information about best practices and also estimations made with the model SIBILA about the impact of the Cohesion policy on the socio-economic development of the Bulgarian economy. The brochure will be issued and translated in English in the beginning of December.
- The Interdepartmental Working Group for resource support of Roma integration with EU Funds held its third meeting on 11.12.2012. The main topics of the discussions were the updates of the standards on certain services (e.g. mediation), as well as the revised list of indicative programmes/projects/schemes target to Roma minority which to be financed and implemented in the programming period 2014-2020.

Information and Publicity

- On 15 December 2012 in the Granite Hall of the Council of Ministers, the official award ceremony of the national round of the competition for children's picture called "How I Wish the European Union to Change My Town" was held.

Jordan Karpachev from the town of Velingrad and Mladen Iliev from the town of Lom were the winners of the competition. Together with the other 50 regional winners they received certificates by the Minister of European Union Funds Management Tomislav Donchev, who was also patron of the initiative, and the Minister of Culture Vezhdi Rashidov, who was chairman of the jury.

At the opening of the event the Minister of European Union Funds Management Tomislav Donchev thanked all the children for their participation and dreams for the future of the town in which they live. He promised that their colourful ideas will be brought to the attention of representatives of the European Commission, the ministers and district governors, because images of their paintings will be sent to all of them.

The Minister of Culture Vezhdi Rashidov welcomed all participants of the contest and suggested as a follow-up of the initiative the drawings of all regional winners to be exhibited in a special museum exposition. Minister Rashidov also offered to make a special exhibition of the paintings in Brussels for the public holidays of Bulgaria.

A total of 8130 children from the whole country between the ages of 6 and 12 years, who drew their dreams for the development of their town within the contest competition. The official award ceremony attended all the winners of the regional rounds of the contest and their parents, teachers, friends.

The two finalists were selected by a national jury composed also of the rector the National Academy of Art Professor Svetoslav Kokalov, the director of the National Palace of Children Tanya Doseva, the journalist from the Bulgarian National Television Vessela Petrova and the employee of the European Commission Representation in Sofia Ralitsa Ivanova.

The contest started at regional level on September 17, 2012. Within one month pictures of the participants were collected in all 27 District Information Points from the whole country. The participants were ranked by a committee of renowned specialists in the respective districts. From October 30 to November 1 2012 at every District Point winners in the two age groups were announced. Those who were ranked first received an MP3 player and all other participants - incentive awards. The pictures of the winners of the district rounds were sent to Sofia for the national round. Organizer of the initiative is the Network of the Central Information and Coordination Office and 27 District Information Points for the promotion of the Cohesion Policy of the European Union.

The drawing competition was held within Project № 0103-CIO-3.1 "Promotion of best practices under operational programmes, co-financed by the EU Structural and Cohesion Funds and the preparation of the programming period 2014-2020" under Technical Assistance Operational Programme, co-financed by the EU through the European Regional Development Fund.

- On 18th December 2012 the National Network of Information and Publicity Officers of the Operational Programmes held a meeting. The meeting was attended by the communications officers of OP Environment, OP Human Resources Development, OP Transport, OP Technical Assistance, as well as representatives of the Central Information Office and the Central Information and Coordination Office.

The aim of the meeting was to discuss the cooperation between the National Network and the network of DIPs. In the agenda were also the Manual for the implementation of a mechanism for coordination of the information and publicity carried out by the institutions involved in the management of EU Structural and Cohesion Funds in Bulgaria and the Section "Coordination of the Information and Publicity Measures" of the Law on EU Funds Management. The communications officers outlined their activities planned for 2013.

- In December the developer of the Single Information Web-portal www.eufunds.bg improved the administration tools of the web-portal. The survey and online voting template was also updated. In addition a Social Media Newsroom (SMNR) section was created. A special shortcut leading to the subpage "Contracting Procedures" on the homepage was also created, thus making it more visible and easier to access.

Central Information and Coordination Office (CICO)

- In December e-mail addresses with the extension [eufunds.bg](mailto:info@eufunds.bg) for the employees of CICO and DIPs were created, thus enhancing the common brand of the Network.

Activities of DIPs:

Based on the Monthly reports of DIPs, in December 2012 there were:

- a total number of visitors in DIPs amounting to **1001**
- a total of **975** requests for information received
- a total of **997** answers of requests of information were sent
- **556** publications in media
- **65** events with a total number of **2135** people invited
- **1436** were present at organized by DIPs events.

Based on the data from all monthly reports of DIPs for 2012 there were:

- a total number of visitors in DIPs amounting to over 10 000
- a total of more than 10 000 requests for information received
- a total of 10 000 answers of requests of information were sent
- More than 6000 publications in media
- Nearly 1000 events with a total number of 35 000 people invited
- Over 26 000 were present at organized by DIPs events.

Trainings, study visits, events, organized by CICO:

One training took place during the period. Total of 31 employees of DIPs divided in two groups participated in the training to acquire skills and knowledge to work with the Unified Management and Information System (UMIS) and the Single Information Web-Portal www.eufunds.bg.

Two meetings with representatives of DIPs also took place in December 2012:

- A meeting with the Managers of the DIPs was conducted between the 2-nd and 4-th of December in Pravets. 26 representatives of CICO and DIPs attended the event.
- The Second coordination meeting of the network took place on the 13-th and 14-th of December in Sofia. Total of 67 representatives of CICO, DIPs and other information networks participated in the event.

UMIS

- Work on the further development of UMIS is very active. The CCU implemented a new functionality of UMIS – the Audit module. It provides information on all audits of the operational programmes.
- The first advance payment under OPRD was submitted using the e-reporting services of UMIS.
- In December the CCU organized 4 trainings across the country on the „E-services for beneficiaries“Module of UMIS for different potential users of the system. Additionally, the trainings included a demonstration of the Public module of UMIS. The cities, where the trainings took part were Pazardjik (25 participants), Smolian (44 participants), Stara Zagora (38 participants) and Jambol (52 participants).
- Furthermore, the CCU organized training for representatives of the MA of OPHRD and its Intermediate Body – the Social Assistance Agency. 16 employees took part in the training. 11 participants from all MAs took part in the training on the Audit Module of UMIS. An internal training on the information security aspects of UMIS also took place. 9 participants from the Administration of the Council of Ministers attended the training.

- The CCU organized a coordination meeting in Plovdiv with representatives of the MAs to discuss the new UMIS guidebooks and a unified approach to imputing information in the system. The number of attendees was 29.

Certifying Authority

- Certifying Authority finalized the 2 **desk checks** on Reports on Certification and Statements of Eligible Expenditures, submitted by Managing Authorities for the IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Serbia, IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Turkey and IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria - Macedonia.
- Certifying Authority performed in December 2012 two **on-the-spot checks** at the Managing Authorities of IPA Cross-border Programmes.
- The Certifying Authority performed **one on-the-spot check at the level of beneficiary** for the OP “Regional Development”. The report from the on-the-spot checks on OP “Regional Development” is under preparation.
- The Certifying Authority submitted to the European Commission **six Certificates** under the following IPA Cross-border Programmes: **two Certificates** for IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Serbia – the first amounting to **1 731 919.71EUR** and the second amounting to **234 168.92EUR**, **two Certificates** for IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Turkey – the first amounting to **1 370 818.17EUR** and the second amounting to **295 462.81EUR**, **two Certificates** for IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Macedonia – the first amounting to **1 166 667.45EUR** and the second amounting to **254 396.28EUR**.

In December 2012, **fourteen interim payments from the EC** were received as result of submitted Application for payment under Ops: **three** for OP “Transport”- **one** for Priority axes co-financed by the European regional development fund amounting to **8 168 004.46EUR** and **two** for Priority axes co-financed by the Cohesion fund - the first amounting to **132 727 125.41EUR** and the second amounting to **29 967 084.51EUR**, **one** for OP “Regional Development” amounting to **14 689 073.42EUR**, **one** for OP “Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy” amounting to **8 788 040.35EUR**, **two** for OP “Administrative capacity” – the first amounting to **1 563 510.53EUR** and the second amounting to **4 505 516.29EUR**, **two** for OP “Human Resources Development” – the first amounting to **39 480 962.25EUR** and the second amounting to **31 717 290.74EUR**, **three** for OP “Environment” – **one** for Priority axes co-financed by the European regional development fund amounting to **6 521 081.59EUR** and **two** for Priority axes co-financed by the Cohesion fund the first amounting to **15 408 080.75EUR** and the second amounting to **13 167 545.86EUR**, **one** for IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Turkey amounting to **1 370 818.18EUR** and **one** for IPA Cross-border Program Bulgaria – Macedonia amounting to **1 166 667.39EUR**.

OP / FUND	Certified expenditures up to 31.12.2012	Interim payments received from EC as per 31.12.2012
ERDF	1 247 950 675 €	920 604 976 €
1.OP Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy	564 600 607 €	394 174 010 €
2. OP Regional Development	362 093 242 €	306 658 782€
3. OP Technical Assistance	12 945 408 €	10 367 411 €
4. OP Transport	261 898 718 €	169 953 978 €
5. OP Environment	46 412 700 €	39 450 795 €

CF	743 487 661 €	592 501 766 €
1. OP Environment	135 572 473 €	106 498 885 €
2. OP Transport	607 915 188 €	486 002 881 €
ESF	317 771 905 €	266 273 408 €
1. OP Human Resources Development	266 087 869 €	222 351 078 €
2. OP Administrative Capacity	51 684 036 €	43 922 330 €
Total SCF	2 309 210 241 €	1 779 380 150 €
Total IPA Cross-border Programmes	10 065 957 €	6 039 179 €

Operational Programmes

OP Transport

- The financial offers for design and construction of Lot 2 Dupnitsa-Blagoevgrad from km 322+000 to km 359+000 of Struma Motorway were opened on 10 of December 2012. Three offers were opened as a total.
- In the period 10-11 December 2012 the 13th Monitoring Committee for OP Transport was held in Sandanski. Progress achieved in the last six months was reported to the MC members.
- On 15 December 2012 the European Commission approved the Application Form for Sofia Metro Extension project, Stage III.
- On 15 December 2012 Act 15 was signed for Svilengrad-Turkish Border railway project.
- On 18 December 2012 ground-breaking ceremony for construction of RIS center in Ruse was held. The construction of the RIS center is part River Navigation System project.
- On 19 December 2012 five financial offers were opened for design and construction of Gabrovo By-pass.
- On 21 December were opened offers for awarding of a contractor for design of a projects for the modernization of road I-1 (E79) "Vidin - Botevgrad" - Phase I of the project: "Project Preparation" (E-79) Vidin - Montana "Section № 1: Road I-1 "Vidin - Dimovo" from km 3 +757 to km 39 +480 with approximate length of 35,723 km, Section № 2: The Road I-1 "Dimovo - Bella - Ruzhintsi" from km 39 +480 to km 61 +750 to approximate length of 22,270 km.

OP Environment

- On 05.12.2012 the third works contract on the project for integrated water cycle in Vratza was officially signed.
- On 10.12.2012 a groundbreaking ceremony of the Integrated water cycles of Vratsa was held. The project amount is at about MEUR 68.
- On 12.12.2012 was announced the completion of the project "Construction of four main sewage collector complex area of Ovcha kupel".

- On 14.12.2012 were signed three grant contracts for construction of regional systems for waste management in municipalities of Panagyurishte, Dobrich and Biala. The amount of the three contracts is around MEUR 40.
- The second phase of the project for the construction of the Integrated Waste Management Center for the city of Sofia was approved by the EC. It envisages construction of a plant for mechanical-biological waste treatment. It is a part of the overall system for long-term and effective solution for the waste of capital and is worth about MEUR 100.
- On 21 December 2012 the Third Meeting of the Working group for the preparation of an operational program in the environmental sector for the programming period 2014-2020 was held. On the meeting were presented strategy of the program, an initial version of the priority areas, including financial allocation, activities and beneficiaries.
- On 12.20.2012 a contract for construction of WWTP for Pavlikeni were signed. The total project amount is MEUR 15.
- On 27 December 2012 the MOEW announced a procedure for the direct award for improving the capacity of the regional structures to respond to forest fires in national parks and reserves. The dead line for submission is and of January 2013.
- On 27.12.2012 the MOEW announced a procedure for direct award for measures to increase the capacity to prevent and fight against the floods and the monitoring and protection of water used for shipping activities. The total amount under the procedure is about MEUR 50.

OP Regional Development

- On 4 December 2012 was held the 11-th meeting of Monitoring Committee of OPRD. During the meeting the Annual indicative work program for the upcoming procedures under OPRD for 2013 was approved. Only one grant scheme is scheduled to be launched in 2013 – “Support for the integrated plans for urban rehabilitation and development II”.
- On December 18, 2012, in the presence of the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, the Head of OPRD Managing Authority and the Chairman of the Road Infrastructure Agency, were signed three grant contracts under the scheme BG161PO001/2.1-01/2007 "Support for the rehabilitation and reconstruction of secondary and tertiary roads". The total grant provided under OPRD is 14,8 MEUR.
- On December 17, 2012, with Decision C (2012) 9598 the European Commission approved the project "Integrated Urban Transport of Varna" - the third major project under Art. 39 of Council Regulation EC 1083/2006 within OPRD. The Project was approved for funding by MA on June 26, 2012 under the scheme BG161PO001/1.5-03/2011 "Support for integrated public transport in the five cities". The total amount of the grant, approved by the EC is 46,5 MEUR.

OP Technical Assistance

- During the period the process of verifying the costs of beneficiaries from the received requests for payments continued.
- The evaluation of the offers submitted under a public procurement procedure related to the preparation of ex-ante evaluation of the Partnership Agreement, defining the grant

provided within the Common Strategic Framework 2014-2020 completed. A contract is to be signed with the selected candidate.

- In December, the regional information centres continued to provide information to their visitors as well as to perform information campaigns in the municipalities throughout the whole country.
- 2 educational events held with 31 participants;
- 65 information campaigns carried out with a total of 1436 participants;
- A coordination meeting held on 13-14 December with 67 participants;
- The section of the OPTA in eufunds.bg was updated.
- The Manual for the beneficiaries and Version 7 of the Procedural Manual were published.
- During the regarded period there were held the following events:
 - Second Coordination Meeting of the network of 28 information centres for popularization of the Cohesion Policy, 13-14 December 2012, Sofia, organized by CIO. There was presented the vision of the European Commission about the role of the information networks for the development of the EU. The main objective of the meeting was exchange of experience and best practices among the information centres and networks and identification of new opportunities for joint initiatives.
 - On 17 December Mr. Tomislav Donchev presented a project of the Management of EU Funds Law in Sheraton Hotel.
 - On 15 December Ministers Tomislav Donchev and Vejdi Rashidov “ awarded the 52 winners in the national competition for children drawing “How I want the EU to change my city” on an official ceremony in the Council of Ministers Granite Hall.

Programming:

- The Thematic Working Group prepared proposal for objectives, priority axes and measures in the field of the administrative capacity and technical assistance for the new programming period and thus completed its work. A Report from Minister Donchev is to be provided.

OP Development of the Competitiveness of the Bulgarian Economy

- On 6 December the MA invited the Ministry of Economy, Energy and Tourism (MEET) to apply under the procedure for direct financing BG161PO003-2.3.03 “Setting-up of gas interconnection Bulgaria-Serbia”. The procedure is with indicative budget of EUR 48 000 000. The deadline for application was 12 December 2012. The project proposal was approved for financing on 20 December 2012.
- On 12 December the Premiers of both Bulgaria and Serbia signed the MoU for setting up of gas interconnection Bulgaria-Serbia in Brussels. The Bulgarian part of the project amounts to EUR 48 million with 100% grant from the budget of the OPC. The project activities have to be completed till the end of 2015. The gas connection is envisaged to be 180 km long with an annual capacity of the gas of 1,8 billion. The estimated amount of the project on both territories is EUR 100-120 million.
- On 10 December the MA invited the “Sofia Tech Park” Ltd to apply under the procedure for direct financing BG161PO003-1.2.05 “Sofia Tech Park” Ltd. The indicative amount

of the budget of the procedure is EUR 50 000 000. The deadline for submission of the application was 12 December 2012. The evaluation of the project started on 17 December 2012 and finished on 4 January 2013. The main eligible project activities to be financed are focussed on the preparation of the documentation for setting-up of the park, feasibility study, construction and repairing activities, delivery of equipment, development of pro-innovative ideas, analyses, research, staff costs, consultancy services, promotional campaigns and audit.

- 1 Project proposal was approved for financing under the procedure without fixed deadline for application BG161PO003-2.3.02 "Energy efficiency and green economy" for a total amount of the grant EUR 14 918 433.
- Following a Decree of the MA from 12 December the currently open for applications procedure BG161PO003-2.4.01 "Support for development of the clusters in Bulgaria" without fixed deadline was suspended. All the project proposals submitted till 28 December will be evaluated according to a Decision taken on the 11th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Programme. The procedure will be open again in 2013 under improved conditions such as: fixed deadline for application; reduced eligible number of the participants in a cluster from 10 to 5, increased period for implementation of the activities under Component 2, opportunity for the representatives of the member organizations in the cluster for business trips.
- On 20 December the procedure BG161PO003-1.2.04 "Development of applied research in the research organizations in Bulgaria" was launched. The total amount of the grant envisaged is EUR 10 000 000. The deadline for submission of the applications is 15 March 2013.
- 43 project proposals at a total of EUR 6 850 667 were approved for financing under BG161PO003-1.1.05 "Development of innovations by start-ups", including within the 5th session of evaluation.
- On 7 December 2012 the Minister of Economy, Energy and Tourism delivered officially 71 contracts for a total amount of the grant more than EUR 13 000 000 signed under 4 procedures as follows: 57 contracts for EUR 89 707 694 under BG161PO003-1.1.06 „Support for R&D of the Bulgarian enterprises”; 11 contracts for EUR 1 585 683 under BG161PO003-1.2.02 "Creation of new and development of existing offices for technological transfer"; 2 contracts under BG161PO003-1.2.03 "Creation of new and development of existing technological centres" and 1 contract under BG161PO003-1.1.03 "Development of innovative start-up companies by support for commercialization of innovative products, processes and services".

Programming:

The development of documents and review of the analytical papers and strategies, related to the preparation of the new OP continued. On 17 December a working meeting between MEET and World Bank experts was held for discussing the draft report of the WB regarding recommendations for optimization of the support for innovations delivered in December within the framework of the signed Agreement with the WB for preparation of the innovation component and developing of the Innovation Strategy for Smart Specialization.

OP Human Resources Development

- On 07.12.2012 in Brussels was held the Annual Working Meeting on the OPHRD Progress in 2012 with participation of EC, OPHRD MA and IBs, as well as CCU and the Certifying Authority. Traditionally, at the meeting were discusses the general progress of

the Programme, results achieved, financial implementation as well as other factors which are important for improvement of the Programme implementation.

- The modification of OP HRD as approved by the Monitoring Committee was submitted to the Commission through SFC2007 on 20.12.2012. Respective decision is expected.
- In the period 10-17.12.2012 were conducted regular working meeting under the OPHRD Priority Axis III, IV, V and VI. The meetings were organized by MA with representatives from the respective IB, most 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 and verification in the forthcoming months. Based on the discussions were identified relevant corrective measures with set deadlines for their implementation.
- In the reporting period the following procedure was launched:
 - BG051PO001-2.2.3 “On the way”. The procedure was opened on 04.12.2012. The operation is oriented to stimulate the geographical mobility of the labor force and is targeted to provision from the employer of organized transport to and from the working place for the employees of the respective enterprise. The deadline for submission of project proposals expires on 08.02.2013. The total budget of the procedure is 20,485 mln.leva;

Programming:

On 11.12.2012 the third meeting of the thematic working group for elaboration of OP HRD 2014-2020 was held. At the meeting was discussed the second (updated) draft of the Operational Programme, namely the justification of the specific objectives, demarcation and additionality, as well as the implementation of the horizontal principles. The other main theme was the compliance of the OP with EC Position Paper.

OP “Administrative Capacity”

- In the reporting period the following procedure was launched:
 - BG051PO002/12/2.2-10 “Competent and effective state administration”. The objective is to strengthen the administrative control, to form knowledge for the corruption as negative social phenomena and develop the skills and competences of the servants in the administration for effective counteraction to corruption behavior. The call is for direct awarding for the Council of Ministers’ Administration The deadline for submission of project proposals is 12.02.2013, the total budget of the procedure is 0,650 mln.leva;
- Under the procedure BG051PO002/12/2.4-09 “Competent Judiciary System and Effective Human Resources Management“ the check on potential overlap and double financing showed some possible overlaps with completed projects of the direct beneficiary – Ministry of Interior which were financed under the Transition facility. Additional information is expected from the beneficiary in order to complete the checks and to prepare final standpoint on the possible double financing.

Implementation of ex-ISPA/CF 1164

- In the period 13-14 December 2012 on the spot check for Danube Bridge project was held. On As part of EC mission, on 24 April 2012 meeting referring implementation of Danube Bridge 2 project was held in the Ministry of Transport, Information Technologies and Communication. On the same date the Council of Ministers took a decision for giving a concession for Antimovo I area to the Contractor.

Data on OPs financial progress is attached.

OP Implementation as of 31.12.2012

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OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME	Programme budget			Contracted		Payments		Received payments from EC	
	Total	EU Funding	National co-funding	Total as of 31.12.2012	% implementation	Total as of 31.12.2012	% implementation	Received payments from the EC (EU part) as of 31.12.2012	% implementation
OP Transport	2 003 481 166 €	1 624 479 623 €	379 001 543 €	1 946 759 919 €	97,17%	899 168 318 €	45%	655 946 798 €	40,38%
OP Environment	1 800 748 085 €	1 466 425 481 €	334 322 604 €	2 510 626 827 €	139,42%	320 051 544 €	18%	145 947 441 €	9,95%
OP Regional Development	1 601 274 759 €	1 361 083 545 €	240 191 214 €	1 440 367 757 €	89,95%	577 536 346 €	36%	306 654 078 €	22,53%
OP Competitiveness	1 162 215 552 €	987 883 219 €	174 332 333 €	930 909 824 €	80,10%	500 464 558 €	43%	394 167 964 €	39,90%
OP Technical Assistance	56 819 427 €	48 296 513 €	8 522 914 €	41 960 129 €	73,85%	19 333 157 €	34%	10 367 252 €	21,47%
OP Human Resource Development	1 213 869 575 €	1 031 789 139 €	182 080 436 €	1 036 631 619 €	85,4%	385 571 386 €	32%	222 347 667 €	21,55%
OP Administrative Capacity	180 789 087 €	153 670 724 €	27 118 363 €	134 483 413 €	74,39%	68 393 805 €	38%	43 921 656 €	28,58%
TOTAL SCF	8 019 197 651 €	6 673 628 244 €	1 345 569 407 €	8 041 739 488 €	100,28%	2 770 519 114 €	35%	1 779 352 856 €	26,66%
Rural Development	3 231 293 532 €	2 603 319 188 €	627 974 344 €	2 337 390 025 €	72,34%	1 465 892 013 €	45,37%	1 022 103 719 €	39,26%
OP Fisheries	101 168 996 €	75 876 747 €	25 292 249 €	74 197 627 €	73,34%	28 318 997 €	27,99%	24 502 674 €	32,29%
TOTAL AGRICULTURAL FUNDS	3 332 462 528 €	2 679 195 935 €	653 266 593 €	2 411 587 652 €	72,37%	1 494 211 010 €	44,84%	1 046 606 393 €	39,06%
TOTAL	11 351 660 179 €	9 352 824 179 €	1 998 836 000 €	10 453 327 140 €	92,09%	4 264 730 124 €	37,57%	2 825 959 249 €	30,22%