



Slovenia

Implementation structure

The Implementation structure in Slovenia is characteristic for consisting of only one Operational Programme managing all three main ESI funds (ERDF, ESF, CF). In comparison to the previous period the number of OPs decreased from three, although even then the function of MA was held by a single body for all three programmes. Due to the smaller size of Slovenia, the implementation structure is not so extensive and good relations among the involved institutions allowing for effective co-operation are perceived as a key aspect of successful implementation.



Positive aspects

- ▶ Stability and continuity achieved also by employee transfer in case of organisational changes
- ▶ Implementation of main funds through one Operational Programme
- ▶ Building infrastructure for NGO within one priority axis
- ▶ Good communication between the bodies of the implementation structure

Negative aspects

- ▶ Weaker role of regions than in the past set-up
- ▶ The system's functionality depends on the relative strength of the MA
- ▶ Separation of the role of MA and CA is perceived as a setback of effective implementation
- ▶ Too many Intermediate and Implementing Bodies
- ▶ Delay in implementation of new IT system
- ▶ Certain doubts about the real functioning of the partner system

Key aspects of the implementation structure

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Role of MA

MA - Government Office for Development and ESIF has the main coordinating role for ESIF. This setting has both advantages as well as disadvantages.

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Harmonisation in planning of audits / controls

AA shares audit plans with MA and CA in a way allowing the MA/CA to take them into account for their own planning of controls.

3

Role of the AA

Intermediate Body is responsible for dealing with identified irregularities. The AA's conclusions are not fully binding for the rest of the subjects, however, in the course of auditing, a discussion between the AA and the audited subject takes place. This discussion about the audit findings usually leads to a consensus.

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Implementation plan

The Implementation plan approved based on government's decree sets allocation to individual priority axes and allocation to individual budget users. It is used as a tool for management and coordination of the Partnership Agreement



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