

THE FIRST PROGRAMMING PERIOD IN BULGARIA 2007-2013: ANALYSIS AND ASSESSMENT

Project Objectives

The project aims at ensuring effective citizen participation in programming for the next framework of 2014-2020. The main activities will map and analyse the main gaps in planning of the current period, which have resulted in the strikingly low level of absorption of EU structural and cohesion funds (estimated at around 3% absorption in December 2009) and formulate specific recommendations for the next programming process.

Project Implementation Tools

- Set-up of an expert team and distribution of main tasks
- Develop methodology to analyse the process of programming
- Develop methods for analysis on regional level in the 6 NUTS II regions
- Gaps analysis in the current programming
- Desk-research and analysis on relevant documents; identify the legislative requirements and the respective practices of implementation
- Carry out sociological survey through the Open bus method
- Organise and conduct quantitative survey with interested parties in the process, key informants interviews and regional focus groups
- Presentation and public discussion of the findings
- Summarise the findings in a report with analysis, discussion and main recommendations
- Formulate steps and recommendation to the process targeting the identified shortcomings

The project comprises three components:

- Component 1: GAPS analysis in the programming of the current framework (2007 – 2013)
- Component 2: Drafting recommendations (draft and present main steps for effective citizen participation in the programming of the next period 2014-2020.
- Component 3: Organise and conduct regional campaign to support the practical implementation of the principle of partnership in the programming of the next period.

Project outputs

- GAPS analysis report of the current programming period
- Recommendation for effective citizen participation in the period 2014 – 2020
- Communication strategy
- Partners meeting to discuss the findings and recommendations

Project status

In progress: March – December 2010 with component 3 planned for 2011

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