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Current implementation and challenges of Poland Slovakia, Poland Saxony, South Baltic INTERREG Programmes

Financial implementation of our programmes (in €)

absorption

Programme	Allocation (Total funding)	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support (contrated)	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the EC	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operation selected
PL - SK	210 mln	85%	160 mln	76 %	59 mln	28 %	63
PL - SN	82 mln	85%	68 mln	83 %	16 mln	20 %	43
STHB	103 mln	80,61%	90 mln	88 %	18 mln	17 %	83

Calls for proposals

	Calls for proposals	
	Ended	Planned
SK	10	1*
SN	13	0
STHB	6 + 2**	1***

* based on Monitoring Committee's decision

** seed money

*** based on the results of recent call for proposal's results after MC

Calls for proposals results

	Applications for payment		
	Approved	Contracted	During assessment
SK (210 mln)	108 pcs (242,5 mln)/ 115%	63 pcs (160 mln) 76% allocation	19 pcs (11,1 mln)
SN (82 mln)	52 pcs (73,8 mln)/ 89%	43 pcs (68 mln)/83%	21 pcs (25,5 mln)
STHB (103 mln)	83 pcs (90,3 mln)/ 90%	83 pcs (90,3 mln)/88%	15 pcs (17 mln)



Liquidity problems in the Interreg Poland-Slovakia Programme

Financial liquidity problem

- In December 2018 – lack of resources on the programme bank account.
- Despite the fact that during the whole year, we submitted **13 payment applications** to the European Commission.
- Towards end of the year we have increased the frequency of payment applications to the EC **in the last quarter of year (4 of 12) preferably before 15th of December**
- The situation in the Programme was improved by **the annual pre-financing received at the begining of 2019.**

Wyciąg nr 78 z dnia 2018-12-27

Nr rachunku: 41 1010 1010 0043 0114 6510 0978 (EUR)
Oprocentowanie: 0,0 %
Nazwa klienta: Ministerstwo Inwestycji i Rozwoju (4301)
Adres: ul. Wspólna 2/4, 00-926 Warszawa

Data ostatniego wyciągu:			2018-12-18		Saldo początkowe:		+ 3.336,92
Nr poz.	Data księg. Data obciąż. Data wal.	Nr referencyjny Tytuł operacji Identyfikator płatności zleceńodawcy Przyczyna zwrotu	Rachunek Nadawcy / Adresata Nadawca / Adresat Nazwa finalnego odbiorcy Mikrorachunek uznawany / obciążany		Kwota Kursy	Obroty	
1	2018-12-27 2018-12-27 2018-12-27	159292637/1 Refundacja wydatków z EFRR/PLSK.01. 01.00-24-0045/16-005-01 ktr:234433. (53/2018/12/9)	PL24 1240 4272 1978 0010 7265 9169 Gmina Jelesnia Plebanska 1 34-340 Jelesnia			- 499,40	

Suma obciążeń:	- 499,40
Suma uznań:	0,00
Saldo początkowe:	+ 3.336,92
Suma obciążeń:	- 499,40
Suma uznań:	0,00
Saldo końcowe:	+ 2.837,52
Liczba pozycji:	1
Łączna kwota blokad na rachunku:	0,00

Liquidity problems in the Interreg Poland-Slovakia Programme

Despite the fact that situation in the Programme was improved by the annual pre-financing received at the beginning of 2019, the challenges foreseen in mid-2019 regarding the clearance of the previous financial year accounts and speeding up the spending & reporting rates

“Annual pre- financing should be cleared each year with the acceptance of accounts”

Unique challenges - the co-financing rate in South Baltic Programme

Table No. 1: Current differences between reimbursements paid to lead partners and reimbursements received from the Commission to the OP (PA 1-5) as of 31 December 2018

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I
Priority axis	TOTAL Allocation in the OP	Allocation from ERDF in the OP	Average co-financing rate adopted in the OP (C/B)	Total expenditures in approved project progress reports	ERDF expenditures in approved project progress reports	Co-financing rate in project progress reports (F/E)	Reimbursement paid by the EC to the MA, by the co-financing rate adopted in the OP (81.00%)	Financial losses to the OP (H-F)
1	12 311 112,00	9 972 000,00	81,00%	3 012 833,17	2 472 312,72	82,06%	2 440 394,69	-31 918,03
2	49 103 337,00	39 773 703,00	81,00%	8 433 031,11	6 931 312,33	82,19%	6 830 755,22	-100 557,11
3	19 492 593,00	15 789 000,00	81,00%	1 402 662,74	1 133 113,07	80,78%	1 136 156,80	3 043,73
4	10 259 259,00	8 310 000,00	81,00%	1 659 179,45	1 339 811,91	80,75%	1 343 935,39	4 123,48
5	5 130 067,00	4 155 354,00	81,00%	1 229 659,12	978 725,67	79,59%	996 023,82	17 298,15
Programme result	96 296 368,00	78 000 057,00	81,00%	15 737 365,59	12 855 275,70	81,69%	12 747 265,92	-108 009,78

According to the state of play at the end of 2018, the value of co-financing paid to Lead Partners (LPs) so far amounts to 81.69% of eligible expenditures. Put another way, the MA paid over 108,000 EUR more to LPs, than it received from the Commission on the basis of declarations submitted by the Certifying Authority.

Possible solutions and further steps

Changes to the co-financing rate in the OP financial table included in the nearest OP amendment

- the decision on the amendment of the OP should be taken at the MC meeting in Spring 2019
- the final proposed co-financing rate should be calculated in line with the expected guidelines from the Commission and will also depend on the outcome of the 6th call projects selection by the MC
- co-financing rates at the level of 82-83% set for PAs 1-5 should be sufficient to cover the deficit

Position of the MA

- fully use the whole amount of available ERDF in accordance with MC decision on co-financing in each project;
- make changes to the OP entering into force before 1st January 2020 (OPTION 0) if DG REGIO does not allow to apply the recalculated co-financing rate to the preceding accounting years



After 2020 – challenges : 1) insufficient level of pre-financing

➤ 2020

➤ Pre-financing – Article 49

➤ The Commission shall pay a pre-financing:

2021: 1%;

2022: 1%;

2023: 1%;

2024: 1%;

2025: 1%;

2026: 1%.”

➤ 2014-2020

Pre-financing:

2014: 1 %

2015: 1 %

2016: 1 %

Annual pre-financing:

2016: 2 %

2017: 2,625%

2018: 2,75%

2019: 2,875%

2020 to 2030: 3%

After 2020 – challenges: 2) the limited number of payment application

Article 85 (I)

Maximum 4 applications per year:

by 30 April,

31 July,

31 October

and 26 December

After 2020 - the proposals of EU and programmes financial liquidity

3) 10% of the amount applied for in request for payment withheld

Maintaining of introduced in current programming period of the instrument transferred from the Common Agricultural Policy (not applicable there after 2020) while still proposed in the 2020 regulations for INTERREG.

“ in accordance with Article 130 of the Regulation No 1303/2013, the Commission shall reimburse as interim payments 90 % of the amount resulting from applying the co-financing rate for each priority, laid down in the decision adopting the operational programme, to the eligible expenditure for the priority included in the payment.



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