



# CLOSURE 2007-2013

## Lessons learnt from 2000-2006

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## Number of files closed - Period 2000-2006

2010	5
2011	27
2012	23
2013	15
2014	5
TOTAL	75



## Number of files closed - Period 2000-2006

75

Number of files closed without decommitment/recovery

12

Number of files closed with decommitment

63

Number of files closed with recovery

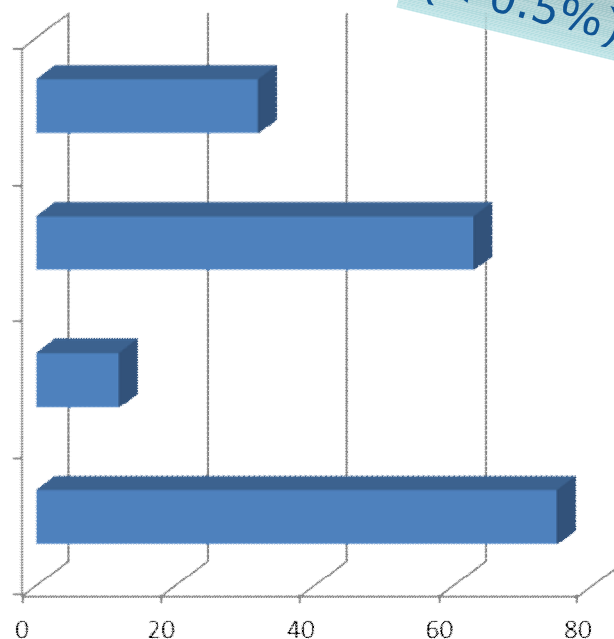
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Number of files closed with recovery

Number of files closed with  
decommitment

Number of files closed without  
decommitment/recovery

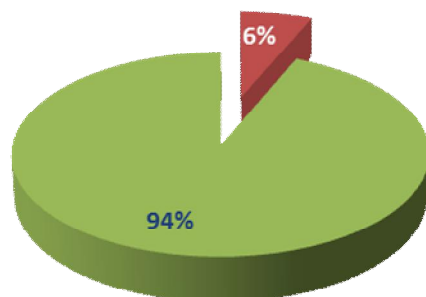
Number of files closed - Period 2000-  
2006



Commitments	Decommitments	Payments	Recoveries
4 640 M€	285 M€	4 307	48 M€
	6 %	93 %	1 %

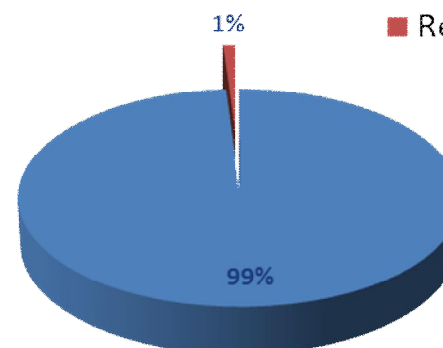
■ Decommitment

■ Payment



■ Commitment

■ Recovery



## Some lessons (1)

- Prepare a CLOSURE WORK PLAN with a realistic timetable (or rather: you should have one running ...)
- Clear agreement on who does what, and when
- Ensure continuity of staff, use experience
- Do your part as soon as you can - do not wait for the others
- Do not underestimate the work, but do not over-do it either
- Work accurately, and don't be afraid.

## Some lessons (2)

3 closure documents required:

1. Final report = also a tool to on the results of the programme
  2. Final statement of expenditure = avoid inclusion of ineligible expenditure
  3. Winding-up declaration = pay attention to audit and control issues not resolved before closure
- Ensure coherence between the 3 closure documents!!
  - Send informal drafts to desk
  - Do not re-invent the wheel



## Remember ...

- No need for separate Annual Implementation Report on 2015
- Ensure procedure to verify durability of operations (5 years)
- Recoveries, withdrawn amounts, pending recoveries and irrecoverable amounts should be well-documented
- Errors/irregularities: corrected and reported in the debtor's ledger (either not included in payment claim or withdrawn from a specific payment claim)
- Anticipate how to deal with recoveries, share the burden
- Include full project-list with total amount and ERDF contribution
- Financial correction if error rate > 2%



# To conclude (for now ...)

Deadline for submission  
of the 3 closure documents:

30 March 2017!

but aim for end-2016, and send drafts before





# Thank you for your attention



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