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State of implementation and monitoring process in the context of the EU enlargement strategy

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01 EC Intervention

Programming – a reminder



- ★ IPA – Transition assistance and institution building (Component I)
- ★ IPA committee meeting 4-5 October 2007
- ★ CD 2007/019-279
- ★ EU contribution: € 2M (total budget: € 2.2M)
- ★ Contribution agreement EC – CoE
- ★ Start date: 01.03.2008 End date: 30.11.2010

IPA regional approach



- ★ Common issues, challenges and opportunities
- ★ Regional cooperation
- ★ Multi-beneficiary programming
- ★ DG Enlargement – Regional Programmes



02 Project monitoring

Overview



- ★ All projects > € 1M
- ★ External contractor
- ★ Annual reports
- ★ Useful added value to progress reports: on-the-spot checks, impartial assessment ...

Methodology



- ★ Quality of project design
- ★ Efficiency of implementation
- ★ Effectiveness
- ★ Impact prospects
- ★ Potential sustainability

- ★ Scores from **a** to **d**



Project design

- ★ Improvements from Phase 1 (CARDS project)
- ★ Good project logframe: minor amendments to be made
- ★ Discrepancies between beneficiaries to be taken into account

- ★ Score: b



Efficiency of implementation

- ★ Delays in Kosovo (u. unscr 1244/99)
 - No presence at 1st Steering Committee
 - No LPO

- ★ Score: b



Effectiveness

- ★ Partnership: “*successful and beneficial*”
- ★ Wider access to beneficiaries

- ★ Score: b



Impact prospects

- ★ Importance of complementarity
- ★ Usefulness of networking

- ★ Score: b



Potential sustainability

- ★ Ownership of activities and results is essential
“representatives still need to lobby inside their own institutions to promote the project ideas and results so that they are integrated at a political level”
- ★ Score: b

SSCSSR monitoring - recommendations



- ★ Minor updates to project logframe
- ★ Catch up with delays in Kosovo (u. unscr 1244/99)
- ★ Specific support to beneficiaries with intricate organisation, e.g. BiH
- ★ Improve coordination with CoE local offices and EC delegations

SSCSSR monitoring - planning



- ★ Next exercise in June 2009
- ★ Directions to be agreed with EC
- ★ Feedback and recommendations welcome!



03 Enlargement strategy

Enlargement package 2008



November 5th

- ★ Annual enlargement strategy adopted
- ★ 2008 progress reports published

⇒ Reference for project directions



Croatia

- ★ Ongoing reforms in the pension and health care systems
- ★ Universal coverage and adequacy of pensions not yet ensured
- ★ Large number of women of pensionable age not receiving pensions



fYR of Macedonia

- ★ Three pillars of the pension system now operational
- ★ Amendments to the Law on pensions and disability
- ★ Insufficient administrative capacity to develop a sustainable and equitable social security system



Turkey

- ★ Social Insurance and General Health Insurance Law entered into force in October 2008
- ★ Social Security Institution: strengthened capacity, one-stop shops
- ★ No development as regards new legislation on social assistance and services

Progress re. social protection – Potential Candidates



Albania

- ★ Social protection and social inclusion strategy for 2008-2013 adopted
- ★ Inspectorate of Social Services set up
- ★ Efforts to improve the financial sustainability of the social insurance scheme
- ★ Improved procedures for pensions and soc. sec.
- ★ Work started on a centralised digital social security archive

Progress re. social protection – Potential Candidates



Bosnia and Herzegovina

- ★ No harmonised social security system due to extreme fragmentation of institutional and legislative frameworks
- ★ Improved decision-making and coordination in the field of public health
- ★ Some progress on statistical reporting (Republika Srpska)

Progress re. social protection – Potential Candidates



Kosovo (under UNSCR 1244/99)

- ★ Social protection system financially unsustainable and not organised efficiently
- ★ No adequate IT mechanism for monitoring
- ★ Amendments to the pension scheme
- ★ Social security system remains cash-based
- ★ No health insurance fund
- ★ Health sector is very poor

Progress re. social protection – Potential Candidates



Montenegro

- ★ Strategies 2008-2012 adopted (child protection, elderly, disabled) but weak implementation
- ★ Little progress on public health policy
- ★ Some legislation introduced towards EU alignment

Progress re. social protection – Potential Candidates



Serbia

- ★ Decentralisation of social protection system initiated but weak implementation due to lack of resources
- ★ Single system for pensions established
- ★ Ongoing reform of the health insurance system:
 - IT capacity strengthened
 - Awareness-raising campaigns
- ★ Insufficient capacity and funding in the public health sector



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