

COMITETUL DE MONITORIZARE AL PROGRAMULUI OPERAȚIONAL REGIONAL

HOTĂRÂRE privind aprobarea textului revizuit al Programului Operațional Regional 2007 - 2013

În temeiul prevederilor art 12 din Hotărârea Guvernului nr.765/2007 privind aprobarea constituirii Comitetului de Monitorizare a Programului Operațional Regional 2007-2013 și a Regulamentului - cadru de organizare și funcționare al acestuia,

Comitetul de Monitorizare al Programului Operațional Regional adoptă prezenta hotărâre:

Art. 1 - Se aprobă textul revizuit al axei prioritare 6 „Asistență Tehnică” a Programului Operațional Regional.

Art. 2 - Textul revizuit al axei prioritare 6 „Asistență Tehnică” a Programului Operațional Regional este prezentat în Anexa, care face parte integrantă din prezenta hotărâre.

**PREȘEDINTE
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Priority Axis 6: Technical assistance

Objectives

The objective of this priority axis is to provide support for the transparent and efficient implementation of the programme.

Rationale

To implement the Regional Operational Programme efficiently and to ensure the quality and the coherence of actions as well as to ensure the most effective use of the allocated funds, it is necessary to support the Managing Authority and the Intermediate Bodies through the use of technical assistance.

The rationale for the Technical Assistance priority is summarised by Article 46 of the Council Regulation No. 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund, dedicated to Technical Assistance of the Member States, which states that *"At the initiative of the Member State, the Funds may finance the preparatory, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities of operational programmes together with activities to reinforce the administrative capacity for implementing the Funds"*.

According to GD 497/2004, the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Housing is designated as Managing Authority for Regional Operational Programme, the Directorate General for Regional Development having this role. The Managing Authority for Regional Operational Programme is set up according to GD 361/2007.

The Intermediate Bodies for the implementation of operations under the Regional Operational Programme are the eight Regional Development Agencies, excepting Key Area of Intervention "Promoting the tourism potential and setting-up the needed infrastructure in order to increase Romania's attractiveness as tourism destination" for which the intermediate body will be the Ministry for Small and Medium-Sized Companies, Trade, Tourism and Liberal Professions.

The ROP Managing Authority will conclude Service contracts with each RDA regarding the delegation of attributions for the duration of the programme. The contracts will include conditions relating to:

- the organizational structure of the IB and separation of functions
- maintenance of adequate levels of trained staff and monitoring of training
- maintenance of information systems
- attainment of a recognized management standard

Key Areas of Intervention

- Support for the implementation, overall management and evaluation of the ROP
- Support for the publicity and information activities of the ROP

Support for the implementation, overall management and evaluation of the ROP

Efficient implementation of the Structural Funds, especially in the first programming period needs the active involvement of the bodies designated to implement the Regional Operational Programme.

This key area of intervention will support the preparatory, selection, evaluation, control, audit and monitoring activities arising during the implementation of the ROP, including the preparation, selection, evaluation, control, audit and monitoring of projects.

Both the Managing Authority and the Intermediate Bodies will need to build their capacities for personnel management and training in order to meet the demands for ROP management. TA will finance the training program and if necessary exchange of experiences with other EU countries. This key area of intervention is targeted to make available the contractual staff and the expert support necessary for the smooth implementation and overall management of the ROP.

Moreover, the procurement and installation of office equipment required for ROP implementation will be of a great importance. Through the Technical Assistance Operational Programme, the Managing Authority and the intermediate bodies will be provided with the necessary IT equipment for SMIS.

This technical assistance priority axis will cover all the cost of the Monitoring Committee for the Regional Operational Programme and all other committees related to the implementation of the ROP.

Indicative operations will focus on:

- Support to MA and Intermediate Bodies (including staff costs) for tasks related to different phases of the ROP implementation including project identification and development, preparation, selection, appraisal, monitoring, evaluation, control and audit
- Procurement and installation of IT (other than SMIS) and office equipment required for the management and implementation of the programme
- Support to ROP Monitoring Committees and other committees especially involved in the implementation of the ROP, related to the organisation and logistics
- Evaluation of the ROP including on-going evaluations
- Elaboration of studies for ROP
- Expenditures on salaries of other staff and experts involved in tasks connected with preparation, selection, appraisal, monitoring control and audit of the programme.
- Organization of seminars and training sessions building skills capacity for MA/IB staff
- Support for preparation of ROP for the next programming period (including the preparation of projects as well as land studies, pollution analyses (including ground and/or surface water) authorizations, permits, planning and engineering, consultancy and technical assistance, etc.)

Support for the publicity and information activities of the ROP

The Council Regulation No. 1083/2006 states that the Managing Authority is responsible for creating awareness on ROP actions, and in particular for informing potential beneficiaries, trade and professional bodies, the economic and social partners, bodies promoting equality between men and women and non-governmental organisations about the opportunities afforded by the assistance and for informing the general public about the role played by the Community in the assistance concerned and its results. It is aimed to improve the knowledge about the impact of ROP interventions on the Regional Development, and to analyse specific aspects of the ROP interventions at the regional and national level.

The operations will be implemented through the Communication Action Plan.

Indicative operations will focus on:

- Development of information system of ROP content for all interested actors
- Preparation and dissemination of information and publicity materials (current official ROP documents, guidelines, bulletins, brochures, posters, objects with EU logo, ROP logo)
- Organizing conferences, fora, road shows, workshops, training for potential beneficiaries.

Quantified objectives - Indicators

Indicators	Unit	Baseline	Baseline Year	Source	Target (2015)
OUTPUT					
Studies, analyses, reports, strategies	No	-	-	ROP Monitoring System/ Evaluation reports	40
Participants in training courses (IB/AM staff, beneficiaries and potential beneficiaries)	No	-	-	ROP Monitoring System/ Evaluation reports	2,000
Participant training days	No			ROP Monitoring System/ Evaluation reports	10,000
Communication and publicity events	No	-	-	ROP Monitoring System/ Evaluation reports	900
RESULT					
Degree of population awareness on ROP	%	-	-	Evaluation reports	20%