REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PROGRESS AND LATEST DEVELOPMENTS ON ESTABLISHING DECENTRALISED MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

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DIS Roadmap

- Stage 2 - **Gap Plugging** successfully completed
- **Accreditation Packages** for IPA components I, II, III and IV compiled and delivered to the EUD
- Stage 3 - **Compliance Assessment** launched in January 2012

Activities performed under Stage 2 -Gap Plugging-

- Staffing
- Defining detailed systems and procedures
- Refining the legal framework / signing inter-institutional agreements
- Training staff
- Compiling accreditation packages

Staffing

- New systematization acts adopted for NF, CFCU and all line ministries and bodies involved in management of IPA funds providing for necessary institutional set-up and staff capacity; IPA Units consisting of Programming and Implementation Units established in LMs
- CFCU – 57 posts envisaged in the act, 28 people employed
- NF – 10 posts envisaged, 8 people employed

Defining Systems and Procedures

- **Manuals of Procedures** developed per component and tailor made for each institution
- Manuals consist of Programme Implementation Manuals (PIM), Programme Operational Guides (POG) and Annexes (Check lists) detailing procedures broken down by horizontal and **component specific** chapters:

Overview; Manuals of procedures; Accreditation and Statement of assurance; Internal control; Human resources; **Programming**; **Publicity and visibility**; **Tendering**;**Financial management**; **Accounting**; **Communication and Reporting**; Risk management; **Project/Contract Management**; **Monitoring**; **Evaluation**; Management Information System – MIS; Irregularities; Filing and Archiving

Legal Framework/ Inter-Institutional Agreements

- **DIS Decree** adopted in September 2011
- **Audit Authority** established in June 2011
- **Implementing Agreements** (NAO – HOS) and **Operational Agreements** (HOS– OS) for IPA III and IV signed in November 2011
- All operating structure bodies officially designated by Government

Personal Changes in Key Positions

- Minister of Finance, Mr. Mirko Cvetković, appointed as **CAO** following the reconstruction of Government in March 2011
- Ms. Mirjana Nožić, MoF Assistant Minister, asppointed as new **Head of National Fund** in July 2011
- Ms. Milica Delević, Head of SEIO, appointed as **NIPAC** after Deputy PM Djelic resigned in December 2011
- Mr. Goran Radosavljevć, MoF State Secretary, appointed as **NAO** in February 2012

Staff Training

- From March 2011 to March 2012, two EU funded TA projects, “Support to the Implementation of the Management of EU Funds under DIS in RS” and “Further Support for Implementation of DIS”, have delivered **over 20 general and on-the-job trainings** for the staff of NF, CFCU, NIPAC TS and LMs
- Areas covered: control environment, procurement procedures, PRAG & FIDIC, programming, financial management, monitoring, irregularities & fraud

Stage 3 – Compliance Assessment Underway

- Consulting and Auditing Company **Deloitte** tendered and contracted by EUD
- Inception report delivered in February 2012
- Interviews with the staff scheduled for February 20 – March 16
- Draft Compliance Assessment Reports to be submitted in March 2012
- Final CARs expected in May 2012

IPA III Operating Structure

IPA IV Operating Structure

Programming in Brief

- Third draft of the SCF prepared
- Second draft of the Operational Programmes prepared
- Ex-ante and Strategic Environmental Assessment carried out
- Some of the projects that have been identified under the OPs have been shifted to IPA 2012 National Programme

Next Steps

- **CARs follow-up**: management answers to recommendations / corrective measures
- DIS Roadmap Stage 4:
  - **National accreditation**: CAO → NAO/NF
    NAO → OS
- **Submission of application** for CoM

- Timeframe will be subject to the Serbian Parliamentary elections scheduled for May 2012

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