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Integrated Support for Decentralization Project

'Working for Regional Development'



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Policy Process

Third Cycle of Expert Meeting

1st Session

IPA3

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Key Points

We now know more....

Likely programme: 2012-13 (spending to 2016) [n+3] – Transport, Environment, (maybe Comp)

Strategic Coordinator: IPA3+4, - Drive development of SCF, task needs to start ASAP, once agreement is reached on SC

OS = HOS + PIUs (involving Transport, Env, Econ)

Strategic Coordinator – Key Tasks

Policy role

Chosen interlocuteur of DG Regio

Future key actor in ERDF and SF generally

Senior in Government with real authority to drive entire ESC preparation process, starting with IPA 3+4

Must take responsibility for SCF: no SCF, then no Ops – policy, investment planning and coordination, mediation

Wanted: Head of Operating Structure!

Profile:

Be experienced in management and planning of results-based, public investment programmes

Have programme management skills

Have an ability to work with other ministries to produce effective results

Have the resources necessary to coordinate detailed implementation of the programme

Be a natural candidate to become a Managing Authority of main actor in later Structural Funds

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HOS – Ensure smooth programming (design) and implementation, M&E of programme

Supervise delegated tasks to PIUs

Ensure implementation of own component

Ensure project take-in, appraisal, selection, on-site inspection etc

Ensure appropriate reporting on programme progress

Domestic RD Institutions

We will look at later.... But roughly combine aspects of SC and IPA OS as defined and require similar competencies

Our estimate – they require around 40 persons minimum nationally and locally

.....so what is the institutional capacity really as of now?