

Examples of Partnership in Cohesion Policy – Czech Republic

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About SFteam for Sustainable Future

- a network of NGOs in V4 + NL, LAT, RO, BG (+ CRO)
- existing since 2001
- Aim and mission:
 - to promote that EU Structural Funds could serve for sustainable development through public participation
- Tools
 - facilitation of partnership in programming, implementation and monitoring of SFs;
 - research and advocacy;
 - promotion, development of (local, pilot) projects for SFs.

About SFteam - Members

- Centre for Community Organizing, Czech Republic
- National Society of Conservationists, Hungary
- Polish Green Network, Poland
- Friends of the Earth – CEPA, Slovakia
- BlueLink Information Network, Bulgaria
- Focus Eco Center, Romania
- Green Liberty, Latvia
- Milieukontakt Oost-Europa, The Netherlands

Partnership in Cohesion Policy

- Partnership on programming of Structural funds.
 - Preparing of new program period.
 - Monitoring committees.
 - Monitoring and evaluation.
- Partnership on implementation.
 - Partnership projects



Monitoring committees

- In Czech republic is 24 OPs.
- Most of monitoring committees have 1 representative of NGO sector
- Nomination of members to monitoring committees do the managing authority.
- For nomination of representatives from NGOs managing authority used advisory body of CZ Government Council for the NGOs -Committee for European Union.

Committee for European Union

- One from three Committees of Czech Government Council for NGO - advisory body of Czech government.
- In case of Monitoring Committees 100% members comes from NGO's

Nomination process.

- Managing authority asked *Governmental Council for NGO sector* for nomination of NGO representative.
- Secretariat of the Council send email request for wide nomination.
 - Self nomination.
 - Nomination by NGO.
- Candidate have to send CV and motivation letter.
- Committee for European Union voted between the candidates and gave recommendations for managing authority.

Representative of NGO.

- 1 - 3 NGO representatives in monitoring committees. (30 – 50 members in the MC)
- Generally have the same rights as other members. (Somewhere only observers)
- NGOs' delegates feel a strong centralization effect from the government.
 - Preparing of materials - not independent feedback.
 - No real discussion about problems.

Equal access for NGO.

- Lack of capacities of NGO representatives.
 - Personal costs for organization are not covered
- Most of members are from Prague
 - Because of not cover of the travel exp
- Lack of high educated experts between NGO.



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Purpose

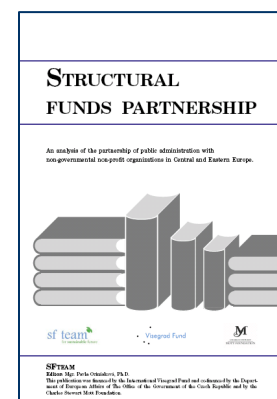
- Partnership in programming for 2007-13
- NGO participation in monitoring of SFs
- NGOs as project beneficiaries of SFs

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Methodology

- desk research
- questionnaires to NGOs (high number)
- interviews with selected NGOs, or decision-makers, officials



Topics of Analysis

- Programming

- public schedule of programming is missing or in delay
- low capacities on both sides, especially NGOs
- very technical language – time and money for experts

- Monitoring

- information about Monitoring Committees officially public but often not to be found
- technical costs of representation not covered
- weight of MCs: real decisions made elsewhere



Topics of Analysis

- Implementation
 - huge bureaucracy
 - stricter national rules than required by EU
 - durability of results, continuation not ensured
 - For NGO smaller projects: global grant



Main challenges, recommendations

- Support role of monitory committees.
 - Proporcional composition of MC's.
 - Equall access (technical costs)
- Good public schedule of programming include schedule of public participation.
- Stronger focuse on evaluation of inpact of projects nieder only monitoring of activities.

Thank you for your attention!

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