

Informal Dialogue: Meeting on Territorial Issues in Slovakia

Bratislava: 14 March 2013

Draft Agenda

Venue: Bratislava, Správa účelových zariadení (SÚZA), Drotárska cesta 46

Scope of the dialogue and objectives of the meeting

The starting point for the dialogue is the Commission Services Position paper (Annex, Section A). This specific meeting should focus on how ESI funds could contribute to addressing the various territorial issues of Slovakia, in particular: the persistent disparities between regions, and between rural and urban areas; the links between sectoral, regional and urban policies; the treatment of the capital region of Bratislava; and the possibilities for adopting new approaches presented by the Regulations, such as Integrated Territorial Investments (ITI) and Community-led Local Development (CLLD).

Agenda

9.30 – 10.00

Introduction

COM: Reminder of main issues raised in position paper and possibilities available under new Regulations

SK: outline of iROP: brief outline of institutional responsibilities and structures in relation to territorial matters (e.g. role of various ministries, and role of regions and municipalities)

10.00 – 11:15

Session 1

Review of the challenges and of the strategy to address them in light of the lessons learned in the current programming period.

SK: Reaction to the Commission position paper: outline of planned strategy for the next programming period to address territorial development and territorial concentration in light of the lessons learned in the current programming period.

Discussion

Wrap up: points of agreement, points of disagreement, issues requiring further clarification

11.15 – 11.30	Coffee Break
11.30 – 13.00	<p>Session 2</p> <p>State of play: Preparation of the Integrated regional operational programme</p> <p><i>SK: Demarcation of the IROP and sectoral operational programmes and its reasoning, draft strategy of the IROP, thematic concentration, integrated approach in the IROP, needs of regions and municipalities, principle of partnership</i></p> <p>Treatment of the capital region of Bratislava in the context of EU funding</p> <p><i>SK: Possibilities of funding the activities in Bratislava region in 2014-2020 and current situation of involvement of the capital region of Bratislava in the IROP.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap up: points of agreement, points of disagreement, issues requiring further clarification</i></p>
13.00 – 14.00	Lunch Break
14.00 – 15.00	<p>Session 3</p> <p>Tools for an integrated territorial approach, practical ways of implementation</p> <p><i>SK: Current situation on LEADER implementation in Slovakia, good examples, and assessment of effectiveness</i></p> <p><i>COM: Presentation by REGIO (Christian Svanfeldt) on ITI, including also the concept of integrated territorial strategy. Shared presentation by REGIO and AGRI (Radoslav Jakub) on CLLD.</i></p> <p><i>Discussion</i></p> <p><i>Wrap up: points of agreement, points of disagreement, issues requiring further clarification</i></p>
15.00 - 15.30	<p>Conclusions</p> <p><i>Commitments, next steps</i></p>