Minutes
Fourth Meeting: ENEA-MA Working Group on mainstreaming the environment into 2014-2020 Cohesion Policy
21 September 2015

Participants
- EC: DG ENV (Y. Izabel and A. Payne) and DG REGIO (C. Kovács and S. Happaerts).

Welcome (Zsolt V. Nemeth, Secretary of State)
- Welcome to all participants.
- Introduction regarding the key achievements of Hungary in the field of environment, including also the contributions made by the Cohesion Policy.
- Role of the ENEA-MA in supporting the integration of environmental aspects into the Cohesion Policy programmes and projects.

Main goals and organisation of the meeting (A. Payne, DG ENV)
- Analysis of the results of the Survey on Environmental Integration in Cohesion Policy.
- Work organisation: work in small groups to develop specific sections/contributions to the report
  Section 1: Information about the respondent (part of introduction)

MORNING SESSION
WG 1: Section 2: Introductory questions
WG 2: Section 3: Project preparation, appraisal and contract requirements
WG 3: Section 4: Assistance to project beneficiaries
WG 4: Section 6: Monitoring and evaluation

Presentations of work results from the morning session followed by discussion and further recommendations/conclusions

AFTERNOON SESSION
WG 1: Section 5: Partnership
WG 2: Section 7: Assistance to SMEs and Section 8: Strategic Environmental Assessment
WG 3: Section 9: Addressing resource efficiency, climate change mitigation and adaptation, biodiversity, disaster resilience and risk prevention and management [issues specifically listed in the Article 8 of the Common Provisions Regulation]
WG 4: Section 10: Transferring experience from major projects and Section 11: Closing questions

Presentations of work results from the afternoon session followed by discussion and further recommendations/conclusions.

Analysis of the results of the questionnaire: Introduction
- In total, 45 questionnaires have been received from 21 MS (as of 19/09/2015): SK (4), AT (1), FI (3), DE (5), RO (1), PL (4), SE (1), SI (2), HU (4), UK (2), ES (3), DK (1), EL (3), BG (1), NL (2), LV (1), CZ (2), PT (1), EE (1), IT (1), BE (2).
- There was a following split of replies among different authorities: Managing Authorities (35), Managing Environmental Authority (4), Environmental Authority (5), Other (1). Managing Authorities represented different OPs: mainstream OPs (ERDF, ESF and CF), ETC (7), Human Resources (1) and Technical Assistance (1).
- The replies to the questionnaires also included other documents attached (listed below):
Q. 12 Please provide an internet link and/or attach an example of env. integration criterion/ia as approved by the Monitoring Committee for your OP.

- PL, Eastern Poland OP, Railway infrastructure (Polish)
- PL, Eastern Poland OP, Road infrastructure (Polish)
- Funding Agreement, Cross cutting theme, Wales, UK
- Joint Cross Cutting Team Assessment Form, Wales, UK
- The Business Planning Stage and cross cutting theme, UK
- Compatibility check sheet of the project with the SEA of OP, EL-BG
- Critères de sélection pour les projets publics, PROGRAMME OPERATIONNEL « WALLONIE-2020.EU », BE
- Horizontal principles, FI (Finish)
- Horizontal integration of environmental sustainability in period 2007-2013 in Hungary

Q. 14 Do you have regional or national guidelines to support environmental integration requirements.

- Ex ante evaluation, IT (Italian)
- Energy efficiency and climate risk, HU

Analysis of the results of the questionnaire: work in eight sub-groups

(four WGs in the morning and four WGs in the afternoon)

At the beginning of this session, A. Payne introduced an example of an approach to be followed by the WGs to ensure good basis for producing a document presenting the results of the survey. It is summarised in the box below.

| 1. Table to collect quantitative results |
| 2. Box(es) to collect examples/further information (sometimes more than one box with further info, depending on questions) |
| 3. Formulate conclusions/recommendations on the basis of (1) & (2) |
| 4. Identify a few good practices on the basis of the information from the box/es (review language, etc. so they are ready) |

• More detailed guidance on "What to do?" is included in Annex I.
• Work in the eight subgroups: each of the WGs submitted the results of their work in an electronic format. To be compiled by DG ENV into one document.

Next steps

• Questionnaire results (first deliverable): to be compiled, further analysed and structured by DG ENV in cooperation with DG REGIO, and subsequently disseminated to members of the WG for additional inputs (draft to be available in November for dissemination to members of the WG to allow sufficient time for comments before the plenary meeting).

• Final Report (second deliverable): formulate good practice guidelines/recommendations and quantitative analysis of the results of the negotiations of the OPs. [Be careful in using the term 'guidelines'; taking into account a non-binding nature of the document.] The draft report should be available 1 or 2 weeks before the next ENEA-MA Plenary Meeting (1 December 2015).
Annex 1

“What to do within WGs?”

Q 4. Do any legal instruments or other arrangements exist in your MS to apply the environmental integration/sustainable development requirements as a horizontal principle according to Article 8 of the Common Provisions Regulation?

(1) Table to collect quantitative results

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(2) Table to collect [also review] answers from the box "If Yes to legal instruments, please summarise its scope and/or provide a link to a specific reference.” Include reference which MS

(3) Table to collect [also review] answers from the box "If Yes to other arrangements, please describe and/or provide a link.” Include reference which MS

(4) Formulate conclusions and recommendations on the basis of (1), (2) and (3).
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(5) Good practices boxes (a few best/good practices) on the basis of (2) and (3).