Third Meeting of the ENEA-MA WG

15 June 2015
Brussels
Objectives of today's meeting

- Finalise questionnaire and an introductory email (+ deadlines)
- Discuss the organisation of ENEA-MA session at Open Days (make sure that we have good questions in the questionnaire regarding SMEs)
- Advance the preparations of the report
- Agree on next steps
- Schedule of work (next meeting: Budapest, 21 September 2015)
Contributions

Bankwatch
Further elaborated version of the "NGO recommendations for partnership during implementation and monitoring"

Estonian contribution
Overview of the project "Infrastructure development of the Environmental Education Centre of Pärnu County"

Finish contribution
The report on “Environmental Integration In the Implementation of Structural Funds Programmes in Finland” of the previous period can be found on The University of Helsinki website. The report contains information on environmental aspects of implementation (project selection, monitoring, reporting, evaluation, etc.).
**Greek contribution**

“Sustainable Urban Development” (funding): according to the article 7 of the CPR that MSs, at least 5% of the ERDF, shall invest in integrated actions for Sustainable Urban Development. The categories of interventions for Sustainable Urban Development may include in the TOs 4, 6, 7 and focus on:

- The promotion of low carbon strategies for urban areas (energy + climate change projects, transport projects)
- The improvement of urban environment (air quality, combating noise, sustainable transport, efficient and effective waste + water management etc.)
- The promotion of sustainable urban mobility (sustainable transport, climate change mitigation issues) and
- supporting the physical and economic regeneration of deprived areas (air quality, climate change mitigation projects)
Hungarian contribution
Case-study – for the calls for proposals – environmental commitments.

Spanish contribution
• The document “Spanish Environmental Authorities Network” for the box on ES network experience.
  • The document “Spanish example of environmental integration (ERDF)” as an example of ES experience of environmental questions included in a non-mayor project application.

European Commission
• Definition of environmental integration
• Chapter on major projects
Making savings: Cohesion Policy for a low-carbon and resource-efficient Europe
14 October between 11:15-13:00
(European Commission, Centre Borschette, Room 1A)

New Cohesion Policy programmes envisage support to green growth – a transition to a green, low-carbon, resource-efficient economy.

Moving towards green growth may be particularly challenging for SMEs, taking into account resource constraints. Nevertheless, many lessons of good practice have been learnt within the previous programming periods.

The workshop will start with an overview of Cohesion Policy support to SMEs and green growth. It will be followed by good practice examples and reflections of civil society. It will conclude with a discussion on how to further strengthen Cohesion Policy support to SMEs in their quest towards green growth.
Joint moderation: Georges Kremlis (Head of Unit, DG ENV) and Colin Wolfe (Head of Unit, DG REGIO)

1. Introduction: “Resource efficiency in the 2014-2020 period: opportunities for SMEs” Gyöngyvér Gyene, Senior Advisor, Prime Minister's Office, Hungary
   (Introduction; A review of the Partnership Agreements and Operational Programmes to support SMEs in improving their resource/energy efficiency and new jobs creation)

2. “Bioplastic as SME opportunity” Kristy-Barbara Lange, Deputy Managing Director, European Bioplastics (not-for-profit European association of bioplastics producers)

3. “Cohesion Policy funds as an important cornerstone of SME financing to support green growth” Simone Hagenauer, Project Manager Clusters, Ecoplus: The Business Agency of Lower Austria Ltd, Austria

4. "No time to waste: European Structural and Investment Funds for a resource-efficient Europe" Markus Trilling, Bankwatch/Friends of the Earth Europe
Workshop organisation: four presentations followed by a facilitated discussion, structured around a key question on:

"How to further strengthen Cohesion Policy support to SMEs in their quest towards green growth?"
Extra questions for the questionnaire (double-checking)

Biodiversity (some alternative wording)

What are the environmental requirements implemented as horizontal requirements in cohesion policy implementation in your country? e.g., biodiversity, CO2 emissions, etc.

What are the requirements in regards to biodiversity? How do you promote nature-based solutions (e.g. Green Infrastructure) for achieving multiple environmental and socio-economic objectives in a more cost-effective way than through standard technological solutions?

- 2007-2013 experience
- 2014-2020 arrangements already in place:

Tools used to implement horizontal requirements. Please describe policy instruments you use, e.g. Green infrastructure, to foster the implementation.
**SEA** *(some alternative wording)*

How the existence of SEA changed the environmental dimension of the OP?

Do you think that SEA had an impact on the choices in your OPs. Please provide an example.
YES NO BOX

Did you have to give up some kind of investments following SEA? Did you leave something?
Report on the evaluation of the SEA Directive (1 Q)


Q.3 Can you list the plans and programmes co-financed by the European Union (2014-2020) to which the SEA Directive was deemed applicable and an SEA procedure was performed? Were specific guidelines/scoping documents prepared? Are there any specific issues to report regarding the implementation of the SEA directive to the ESI European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) 2014-2020 programmes?