INTEGRITY PACTS IN COHESION POLICY 2021-2027

SESSION 4 – INTEGRITY PACT SCALING UP

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SESSION 4 OVERVIEW

Scaling up the IPs is about creating the right policy, institutional, and collaborative environment to ensure regular or systematic application of the IPs to strategic contracting projects. In practice, this might mean enacting the following:

- **Formal recognition of the IP in the legislative, regulatory, or policy framework**

- **Boards or committees for strategic contracting project selection**

- **Mechanisms for the accreditation of civil society monitors**

- **IP data management systems**

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FORMAL RECOGNITION IN LEGISLATIVE, REGULATORY, OR POLICY FRAMEWORK

Incorporation of IP in public contracting laws and regulations – Core features, minimum requirements, CSO engagement, sanctions, incentives

Criteria for (mandatory / voluntary) use by contracting authorities and/or in types of contracting projects (e.g., monetary thresholds, policy area, etc.)

Guidelines for the allocation of funds for the IPs in accordance with national budgeting procedures (e.g., earmarked project-related funds, authorities' budget, etc.)

Appointment of a **public body** responsible for technical support, awareness raising, performance monitoring, and data management

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PLATFORMS FOR COLLABORATIVE IP INITIATION AND PREPARATION

Regularly **convening representatives from government, civil society, business, academia, etc.** to:

- Discuss **application approach** and identify / mobilise **sources of funding**

- **Identify and select contracting projects** in line with national development strategies, investment goals, sectoral plans, risk assessments

- Recommend specific **objectives / commitments / activities, and budget allocations**

- **Identify and select** potential **civil society monitors**

Measures to ensure good governance

- Appointment of representatives should be **open and transparent**

- **Meetings' agenda and** documentation on **proceedings should be published in a timely manner**

- Regulations / TORs should include **codes of ethics** and **rules to prevent conflict of interest and favouritism** (e.g., interest and asset disclosure, declarations, etc.)

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MECHANISMS FOR ACCREDITATION OF CIVIL SOCIETY MONITORS

Institutional **mechanisms or procedures to certify CSOs and/or technical experts'** suitability to carry out independent monitoring in an IP

Creation of **national coalitions of CSOs and technical experts** across different sectors / policy areas to ensure availability of monitors

Development of **capacity-building programmes** and **educational resources**

Creation of **"civic monitoring funds"** (e.g., from national budget & donor contributions) to ensure adequate resourcing and independent monitoring

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MANAGEMENT OF INTEGRITY PACT PERFORMANCE DATA

Development of **ad-hoc websites or platforms** containing statistics, information, and documents on **IP implementation and impact**

Tools (e.g., whitelists) to keep track of companies that have signed and IP and adequately fulfilled all the commitments

Inclusion of **monitoring reports** and civil society monitors' recommendations in **public contracting data**

Publication of **information and statistics** on civil society monitors' profile,' activities and performance

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Thank you

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