

IMPLEMENTATION OF E-COHESION

General characteristics



No. of **targeted national/regional operational programmes** covering ERDF/CF: **1**



No. of **e-Cohesion systems**: **2**

At a glance:

e-Cohesion systems: Two systems identified, one national (**IWBecos**) and one regional (**FPAK**) – the systems do not cover Interreg programmes.

Introduction of the systems: The identified systems were introduced operationally in the funding period 2014 - 2021.

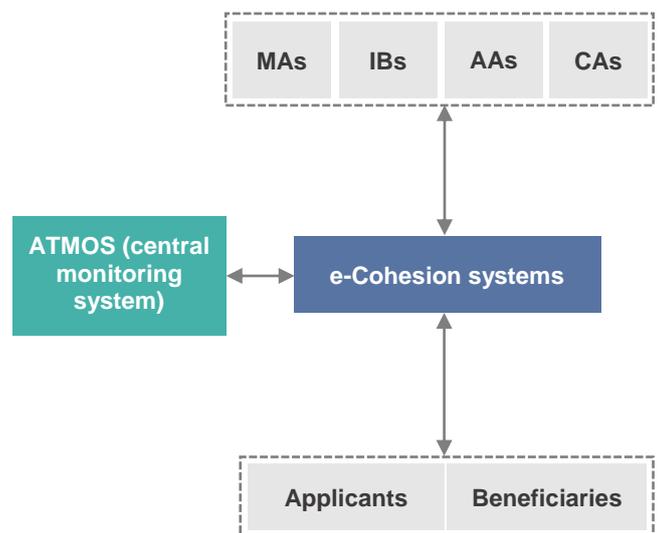
Implementation mode: Decentralised.

Use during 2021-2027: One system (FPAK) will be updated so that it can be used by other Intermediate Bodies in the future and meet the new requirements of the EU Commission.

Fund coverage of the systems: ERDF CF

Context and structure of e-Cohesion

- Austria's implementation of e-Cohesion is **decentralised** – both identified systems cover the country's only national OP "Investments in Growth and Employment Austria 2014-2020";
- **FPAK** is only used in the Austrian region City of Vienna;
- **IWBecos** was introduced for regions in Austria **that do not have their own e-Cohesion system**. The system has not yet been used by any beneficiary;
- The identified e-Cohesion systems are linked to the **central monitoring system for ESIF (ATMOS)**;
- The systems are not integrated with the **European Commission's System for Fund Management (SFC2014)**;
- Both systems support access to submitted data for all major authorities and Intermediate Bodies;
- Both systems are able to support not only the key processes related to implementation but also the application process - **ESIF applicants and beneficiaries** using FPAK exchange information directly with the system.



Implementation of e-Cohesion



Principles: Interoperability and once-only encoding

- Identified e-Cohesion systems **support once-only encoding on the project-level**: Data and documents provided by beneficiaries are shared with all relevant authorities;
- The systems **support the pre-filling of information**: Information is pre-filled based on data entered during the project application and during previous steps of the operation.



e-Cohesion features: Coverage of processes and functionalities

- **One identified system (FPAK) supports all operations related to project application and implementation** (progress reports, modification requests, payment claims and management verifications / on-the-spot checks);
- **The systems support functionalities which ensure user-friendliness** (interactive forms, automatic calculations, checks for incorrect/missing data, system-generated alerts, online status tracking, access to already processed data).

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