

IMPLEMENTATION OF E-COHESION

General characteristics



IRELAND



No. of **targeted national/regional operational programmes** covering ERDF/CF: **2**



No. of **e-Cohesion systems**: **1**

At a glance:

e-Cohesion system: eCohesion system

Introduction of the systems: Unknown.

Type of system: National system - it covers only regional OPs and does not support any Interreg programmes.

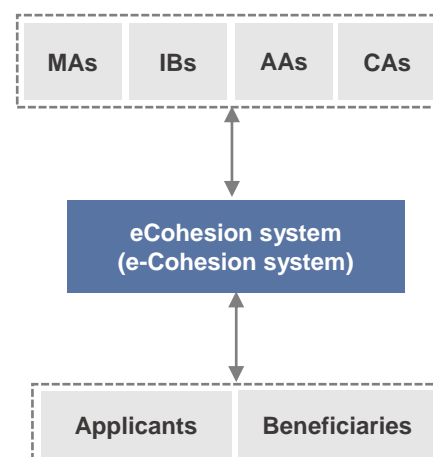
Implementation mode: Highly centralised.

Use during 2021-2027: Unknown.

Fund coverage of the system: ☒ ERDF ☐ CF

Context and structure of e-Cohesion

- Ireland's implementation of e-Cohesion is **highly centralised** – eCohesion system is the only system used in the country and covers 2 regional OPs;
- All major **authorities** access the data submitted by applicants and beneficiaries through the e-Cohesion system;
- eCohesion system supports not only the key processes related to implementation, but also handles the application process - ESIF **applicants and beneficiaries** exchange information directly using eCohesion system;
- It is unknown whether the system is connected to any other systems or registers.



Implementation of e-Cohesion



Principles: Interoperability and once-only encoding

- eCohesion system **supports once-only encoding**. Data and documents provided by beneficiaries are shared with all relevant authorities;
- There is **extensive parallel exchange** of data shared through channels other than eCohesion system;
- The system supports 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

- eCohesion system supports most operations related to project application and implementation** (application, progress reports, payment claims and management verifications/on-the-spot checks);
- The system supports 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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