

IMPLEMENTATION OF E-COHESION

General characteristics



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

1



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

1

At a glance:

e-Cohesion system: IAS (ΟΠΣ)

Introduction of the system: Operational since 2000.

Type of the system: National system - it covers the only national OP and does not support any Interreg programmes.

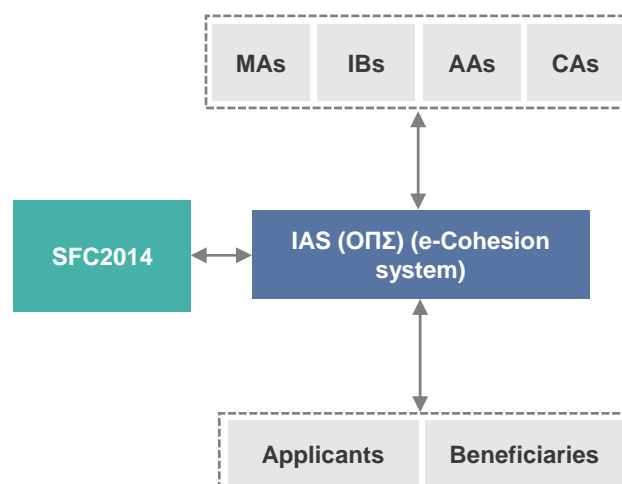
Implementation mode: Highly centralised.

Use during 2021-2027: The system will be updated to adapt to the new regulations of the 2021-2027 programming period.

Fund coverage of the system: ☒ ERDF ☒ CF

Context and structure of e-Cohesion

- Cyprus' implementation of e-Cohesion is **highly centralised** – IAS (ΟΠΣ) is the only system used in the country and covers the only national OP "Competitiveness and sustainable development" for 2014-2020";
- IAS (ΟΠΣ) is integrated with the **European Commission's System for Fund Management (SFC2014)** but is not linked to other **national governmental registers**;
- All major authorities access the data submitted by applicants and beneficiaries through the e-Cohesion system;
- The e-Cohesion system supports not only the key processes related to implementation, but also handles the application process - ESIF **applicants and beneficiaries** exchange information directly using IAS (ΟΠΣ);
- The **use of IAS (ΟΠΣ) is mandatory for project-management**.



Implementation of e-Cohesion



Principles: Interoperability and once-only encoding

- IAS (ΟΠΣ) supports **once-only encoding at the project-level**: Data and documents provided by beneficiaries are shared with all relevant authorities, and this has minimised administrative burdens;
- 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; however, there is no interoperability with other national registers, meaning that IAS (ΟΠΣ) does not prefill information based on other external sources.



e-Cohesion features: Coverage of processes and functionalities

- IAS (ΟΠΣ) supports **all processes related to project application and implementation** (progress reports, modification requests, payment claims and management verifications / on-the-spot checks);
- IAS (ΟΠΣ) supports **all functionalities associated with user-friendliness** (interactive forms, automatic calculations, checks for incorrect/missing data, system-generated alerts, online status tracking, validity of e-signature and availability of previous data).



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