



Conference on Aid Coordination

Tirana, 2nd and 3rd of April



Aid Effectiveness Agenda in Serbia

Main goals and commitments of GoS in 2008:

- Improved planning in line ministries and overall cross-sector planning and prioritization in connection with foreign assistance
- Improved donor alignment with national priorities
- Initiation of introduction of the Decentralized Implementation System (DIS) for EU funds management
- Improved predictability of external funding

Progress related to Paris Declaration principles:

- Ownership (strengthened capacities for planning, less for implementation)
- Alignment (improved alignment with national priorities, alignment with systems weak)
- Donor harmonization (ad hoc initiatives, not significant progress)
- Mutual accountability and managing for results- to be addressed better, priority for the future



Aid Coordination Mechanisms and Tools- Overall Coordination

- **National Strategic Framework and Multi Annual National Programmatic Document (Needs Assessment) – base for programming of EU funds and bilateral assistance**
- **Calendar for Programming and Reporting on International Assistance to Serbia (coordinated with the relevant national processes and common for all external resources)**
- **Institutional set- up (competence, strategic and operational structures)**
- **ISDACON IS (registering all aid flows and national priority projects- communication, programming and reporting tool)**



Needs Assessment Document

A three-year, multi/inter sector, programmatic document, providing for:

- Brief preview of the current situation, key development goals and priorities, attained level of reforms and expected reforms in the following period
- Inter-sector priorities for international assistance
- The mid-term policy objectives and priority programs within sectors
- Indicators and data sources for aid effectiveness monitoring (Aid effectiveness Agenda for 2008)

Document is reviewed annually to include one additional year each time and to reflect the achieved progress of reforms, funding provided for specified priority projects and new priority projects/programs.

Main principles:

- Unique strategy platform for coordination of planning of external and internal resources
- Priority projects/ activities based on the priority midterm goals defined in the strategic documents

CALENDAR FOR PROGRAMMING AND REPORTING ON INTERNATIONAL ASSISTANCE IN THE REPUBLIC OF SERBIA IN 2008

Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Programming and Reporting												
1	Preparation of the Action plan for programming and reporting on international assistance in 2008											
2	Preparation and adoption of Needs Assessment of the Republic of Serbia for international assistance in the period 2008-2010 ¹											
3	Sector meetings – presentation of the Annual report on international assistance to Serbia in 2007 and of Needs Assessment of the Republic of Serbia for international assistance in the period 2008-2010 ²											
4	Revision of the document „Needs Assessment of the Republic of Serbia for international assistance in the period 2008-2010“											
Implementation												
5	Presentation of the programming process to the Line Ministries and other institutions											
6	Consultations with the civil society representatives											
7	Establishment of Intersectoral Working Groups for IPA programming											
8	Input for the identification of project proposals for IPA 2008											
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10	Consultation meetings with the representatives of the Line Ministries and other institutions and preparation of the list of priority project proposals for development assistance in 2008/09											
11	Preparation of project concepts for the priority proposals list for development assistance in 2008/09 (data entering into the ISDACON IS ³)											
12	Technical evaluation of the project concepts											
13	Definition of the project proposal list for IPA 2008 and further development of the log frames											
14	Meetings of the Intersectoral Working Groups for IPA programming											
15	Consultations with ECO on the project proposals for IPA 2008											
16	IPA project evaluation working group meetings (definition of short list)											
17	Steering Committee meeting – adoption of short list for IPA 2008											
18	Consolidation of project fiches for IPA 2008											
19	Evaluation of project fiches for IPA 2008 (IPA project evaluation working group meetings) and definition of short list											
20	Adoption of the final short list of the project fiches by the Steering Committee											
21	Project fiches are officially sent to the ECO											
22	Sector donor meetings, according to the initiatives of the line ministries											
23	Feedback from the donor representatives on its support to the priority projects											
24	Development of project proposals according to the donor requested application forms											
Reporting												
25	Report on IPA programming ⁴ 2008											
26	Preparation of the Annual report on international assistance to the Republic of Serbia in 2007											
27	Updating of database (ISDACON) on disbursements in 2008											
28	Line ministries prepare their inputs for Annual report on international assistance to the Republic of Serbia in 2008											
Training												
29	Establishment of pool of local consultants for support to programming of IPA											
30	Log frame training											
31	PPF ⁵ operational											
32	Project fiche preparation training											
PPF (Preparation Facility) activities												
33	Baseline indicators setting for aid effectiveness monitoring											
34	Monitoring of indicators' 50' and effectiveness											
35	Preparation of Plan of Activities on Improving the Aid Effectiveness in 2008 ⁶											

¹ ISDACON IS - database, software and network for programming and monitoring of development assistance
² IPA - Instrument of Pre Accession Assistance
³ PPF - Project Preparation Facility
⁴ Activities which refer to IPA programming



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 Sector for Programming and Management of EU funds and Development Assistance

Donor Coordination at Sector level

On-going Initiatives

- Municipal Infrastructure and Local Development, Judiciary Reform, Social Affairs, Health, Education, Agriculture and Statistics
- Establishing a mechanism for consultations with the Civil Society on aid programming

Planned Activities

- Existing Planning Process (annual revision of comprehensive strategic and mid-term goals, development of Annual Operational Plans on sector level- budgeting and aid planning, development of monitoring indicators)
- Sector Approach- Building capacities in relevant institutions for comprehensive and consistent planning, programming, budgeting, implementation and monitoring; aid coordination within the national planning/ programming process



Challenges for the future

- To improve communication and understanding between donors and national stakeholders
- To increase use of national systems (strengthening PFM and PP systems)
- To build monitoring systems for aid, integrated with Gov own monitoring systems (increase in joint accountability and managing for results)
- To make TA/CB more effective
 - Capacity building - 8 years after: insufficient capacities, low sustainability, to consider more efficient and effective modalities to capacity building



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your attention**

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