

Republic of Croatia

Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical
Planning and Construction

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External assistance - COORDINATION PRINCIPLES

- Central competent authorities: Ministry of Finance, Central State Office for Development Strategy and Coordination of EU Funds (CODEF), Ministry of Foreign Affairs and European Integration
- permanent Government Coordination Group (high level)
- Multiannual state budget; external assistance integrated into budgetary procedures and defined by the Budget Law
- DIS system in place (management, control)
- EDIS – expected end 2010

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR – COORDINATION PRINCIPLES

Lead role of the Ministry of Environmental Protection, Physical Planning and Construction (MEPPPC) for:

- Chapter 27 Environment - Government Decision; WG for preparation of negotiations
- IPA component I – Environment sector - monitoring/coordination tools: Sectoral Monitoring Committee, monitoring reports, sectoral analysis, monthly meetings in the MEPPPC

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR – COORDINATION PRINCIPLES

- MEPPPC: Managing Authority for IPA IIIB, Environmental Protection Operating Programme – Government decision
- Operating structure IPA IIIB:
 - MEPPPC/HOS,
 - Ministry of Regional Development, Forestry and Water Management,
 - Eco-fund, Croatian Waters, Central Finance and Contracting Agency
 - Internal procedures defined through manuals and agreements

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR – COORDINATION PRINCIPLES

National strategic documents: streamlining the donor assistance; ensuring beneficiary country ownership

- National Environmental Strategy; National Environmental Action Plan, 2002 (in cooperation with the World Bank); collaborative approach to drafting the NEAP; waste and water priorities
- Donor Conference – Environment, Zagreb, Sep 2001
- NEAP and Priority Action Plan presented
- PAP– covered all components of environmental assistance; basic project info (61)

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR – COORDINATION PRINCIPLES

Environmental sector – accession driven

Sectoral strategic documents:

- National Waste Management Strategy 2005
- Waste Management Plan, 2007 – 2015
- Water Management Strategy, 2008
- ISPA National Strategy, 2005 – infrastructure projects (waste and water) – project identification sheets
- IPA Environmental Protection Operational Programme 2007 (waste and water) – project identification sheets
- National Strategic Reference Framework (S&CF) and Operating programme– underway; number of priorities to expand

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR – national contribution

- Mobilisation of national resources: e.g. Environmental Protection and Energy Efficiency Fund (www.fzoeu.hr) – operational as of 2004, extrabudgetary fund
- EPEEF: remediation of landfills and closure of dumpsites, establishment of waste management centres, remediation of hot spots

ENVIRONMENT SECTOR – lessons learnt/challenges ahead

- Strengthening administrative capacity and ownership, at all levels!
- Risk: not being able to absorb the assistance
- involvement of relevant stakeholders (counties, civil society...) participation through WGs, monitoring committees...
- Increased involvement of IFIs in the infrastructure projects