

SPF-Net

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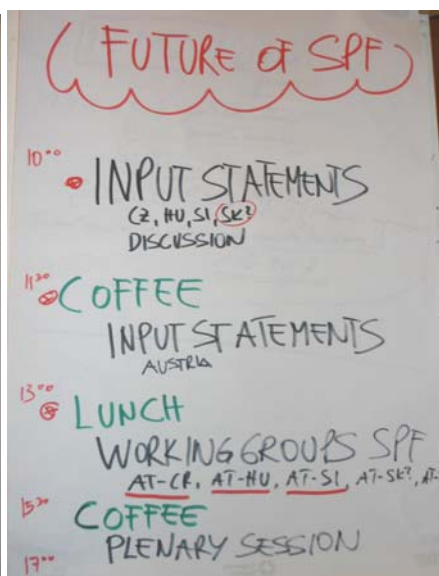
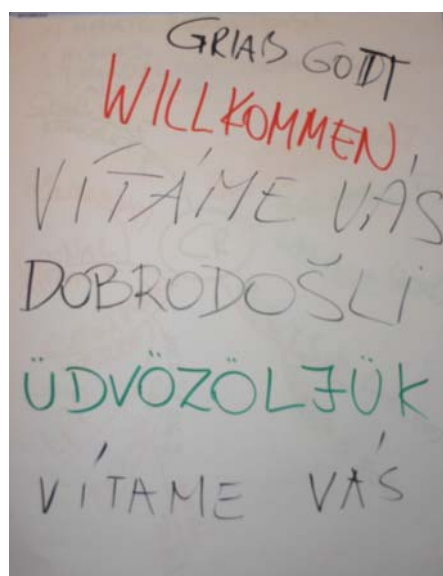


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AGENDA

- 09:30 - 10:00 Registration & coffee
- 10:00 - 11:30 Welcome
by Mr. Martin Kavalek (Iq-Train lead-partner)
Present INTERREG IIIA-Small project-funds (SPF) - status-quo and future procedures within CZ, SK, HU, SI-AT
input statements by Mr. Vladimír Gašpar (Regional Development Agency South Moravia), Mr. Csaba Horváth (Váti Kht.), Mr. Armin Schabus (Government Office of Carinthia)
Discussion
- 11:30 - 12:00 *Coffee break*
- 12:00 - 13:00 Small project fund (SPF)- status-quo and procedures within Austria
The future of SPF - ideas and perceptions of the Austrian regions (results of the inner-Austrian workshop on SPF on the previous day)
input by participants from the previous day
- 13:00 - 14:00 *Lunch break*
- 14:00 - 15:30 Working groups on the future of SPF within the different programmes
- 15:30 - 16:00 *Coffee break*
- 16:00 - 17:00 Plenary session: Results of the working-groups & summing up
- Moderation: Hannes Schaffer, mecca environmental consulting
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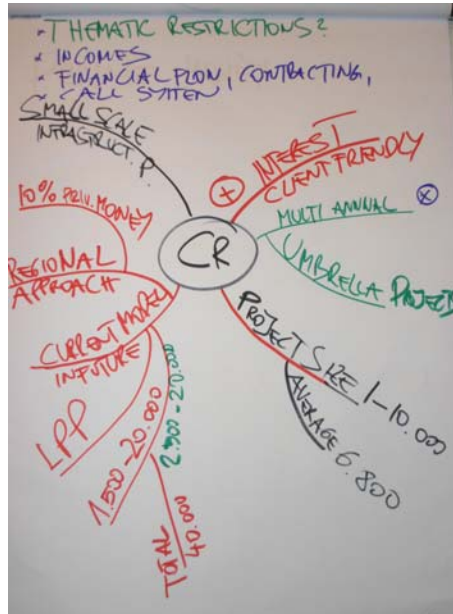


Present INTERREG IIIA-Small project-funds (SPF) - status-quo and suggested future procedures within the new period

Szenario Czech Republic - input by Mr. Vladimír Gašpar:

Mr. Gaspar's presentation can be found in the document "SPF_input_CZ_14Nov06.pdf".

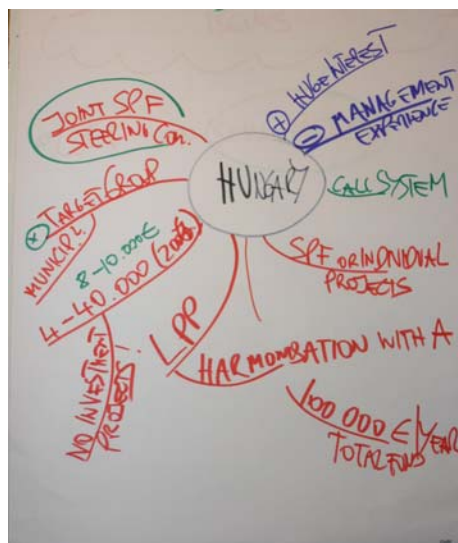
Summary:



Szenario Hungary - input by Mr. Csaba Horváth

Mr. Horváth's presentation can be found in the document "SPF-input_HU_14Nov06.pdf".

Summary:



Szenario AT-SI - input by Mr. Armin Schabus

The programming group for the future bilateral programme AT-SI has already developed an outline of the organisation of the SPF. Two SPF-umbrella projects are planned, Styria-Slovenia and Carinthia-Slovenia.

Mr. Schabus' presentation is can be found in the document "SPF_input_Styria-Carinthia-Slovenia.pdf".

Summary:



Results of the AT-internal workshop on SPF from the previous day

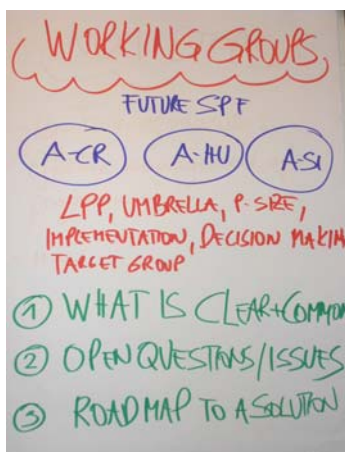
A summary of the results of the AT-internal workshop on SPF on the previous day was presented by the Austrian participants.

The proposal by Upper Austria, Lower Austria and Vienna concerning the future bilateral programme AT-CZ can be found in the document "AT-proposal_AT-CZ_results of 13Nov.pdf" (English summary), the proposal by Lower Austria, the Burgenland, Styria and Carinthia concerning the future programme AT-HU can be found in the document "AT-proposal_AT-HU_results of 13Nov.pdf" (English summary).

For more information on this matter please see the minutes from the previous day (German only).

Bilateral working-groups on future SPF

After the results of the Austrian-internal workshop from the previous day have been presented three bilateral working-groups on the future of SPF were organised (AT-CZ, AT-HU, AT-SI).



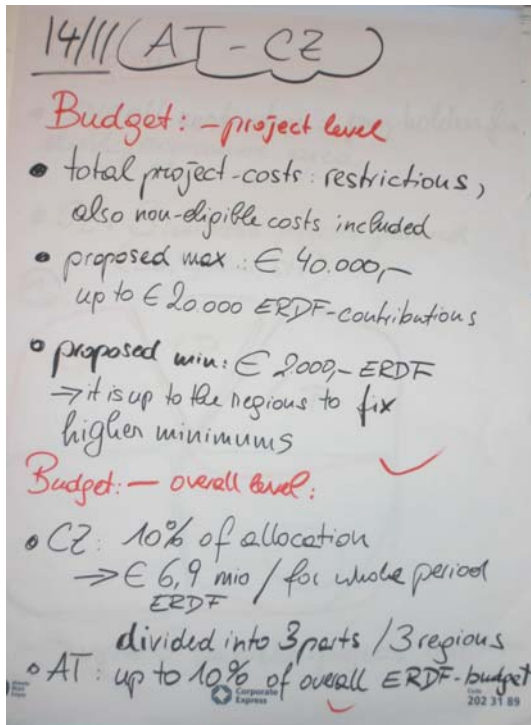
The following questions were asked:

- In which areas have common perspectives already been developed?
- Which topics / issues are still open?
- How should a roadmap to a joint solution look like?



AT-CZ - results of the bilateral working-group

Budget:



SPF-overall budget:

AT and CZ will allocate a quota of (up to) 10% of the overall ERDF-budget for territorial cooperation.

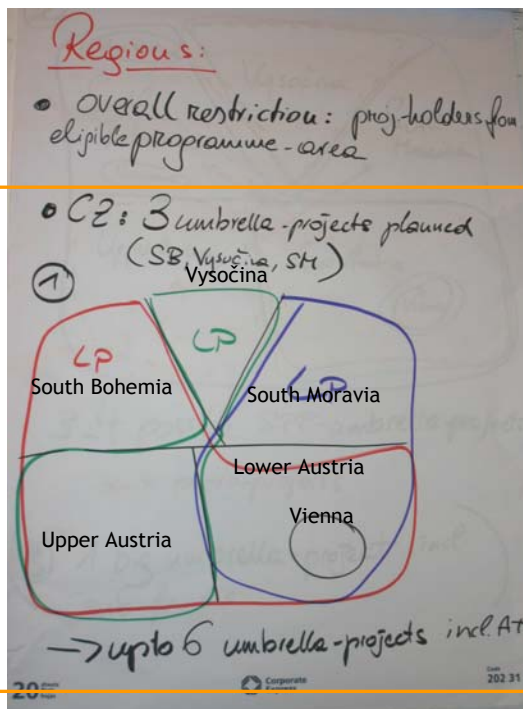
Micro-project-budget:

A minimum of EUR 2.000,- total project-budget was proposed, but it is up to the regions to fix higher minimums.

A maximum of EUR 40.000,- total project-budget including up to EUR 20.000 ERDF-contributions was proposed.

The participants agreed that the total project-budget should also include all non-eligible costs (incl. own contributions).

Regions:



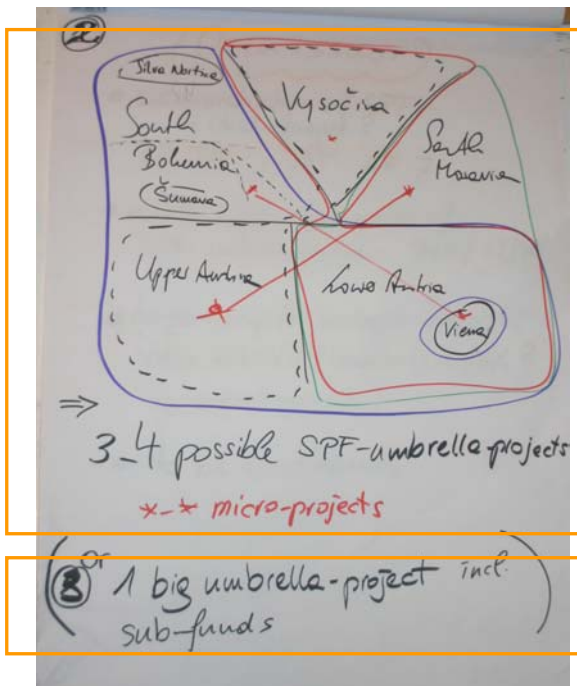
Micro-project-holders from within the whole eligible programme-area are welcome.

The SPF shall be implemented as umbrella-projects which will be subject to the Lead Partner Principle.

3 different suggestions concerning the organisation of these SPF-umbrella projects were discussed:

1. A Czech proposal suggests 3 CZ-umbrella-projects with the respective LPs located in South Bohemia, Vysočina and South Moravia. These umbrella-projects would e.g. cover the coloured framed regions on the flipchart.

The representatives of the AT-regions argued that this proposal would require up to 3 complementary AT-umbrella-projects covering the same territory and would lead to duplicate-organisations.

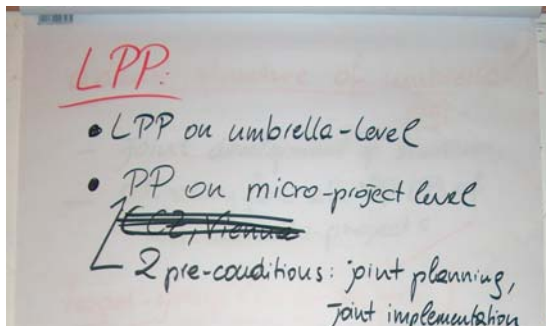


2. To avoid the implementation of duplicate-organisations and to reduce the number of SPF-umbrella-projects the group discussed a modified model for the realisation of SPF-umbrella-projects: Following this model up to 4 SPF-umbrella-projects would be implemented [South Bohemia - Upper Austria - Lower Austria (blue), Vysočina - Lower Austria - Vienna (red), South Moravia - Lower Austria - Vienna (green), Vysočina - Upper Austria (dashed black)]. The lead-partners of these umbrella-projects would be located in AT or CZ.

The project-partners of the micro-projects should be able to cooperate across all areas of all SPF-umbrella-funds.

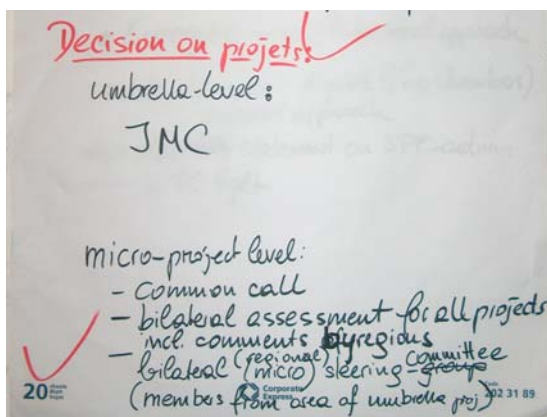
3. Also the implementation of just one SPF-umbrella-project was shortly discussed but not further pursued.

Lead Partner Principle (LPP):



The implementation of an SPF-umbrella-project allows avoiding the LPP-principle on the micro-project-level. Nevertheless also the micro-project-partners will have to prove their cross-border cooperation by fulfilling some pre-conditions. The criteria “joint planning” and “joint implementation” were discussed as minimum-requirements.

Decision on projects:

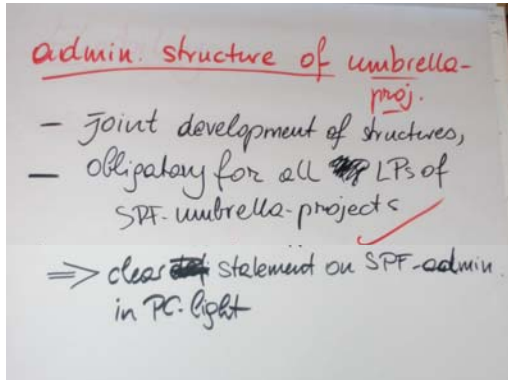


Decisions on umbrella-project-level will be taken by the Joint Monitoring Committee.

Decisions on micro-project-level shall be taken by a “bilateral regional steering-committee” including members from the area of the umbrella-project after a bilateral assessment which shall include comments by the regions.

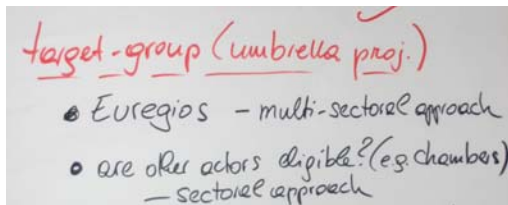


Administrational structure of the SPF-umbrella project:



The administrative structures for an SPF-umbrella project will jointly be developed and laid down in the PC-light.

Possible SPF-project-holders:

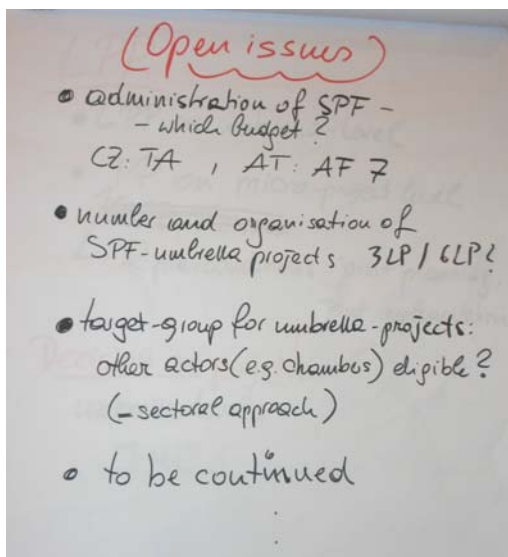


Two possible options were vividly discussed by the working-group members:

- a multi-sectoral approach including Euregios as LP and
- a sectoral approach including multiple possible project-holders (e.g. chambers, NGOs,...)

The CZ-participants and Lower Austria favoured a multi-sectoral approach whereas Upper Austria and Vienna - a region without Euregios or Regional Managements - didn't want to exclude the possibility for a sectoral approach.

Open issues:



How many SPF-umbrella projects shall be implemented?

How should these SPF-projects be organised?

What kind of organisations shall act as SPF-lead partners?

From within which budget will the administration of the SPF be financed?

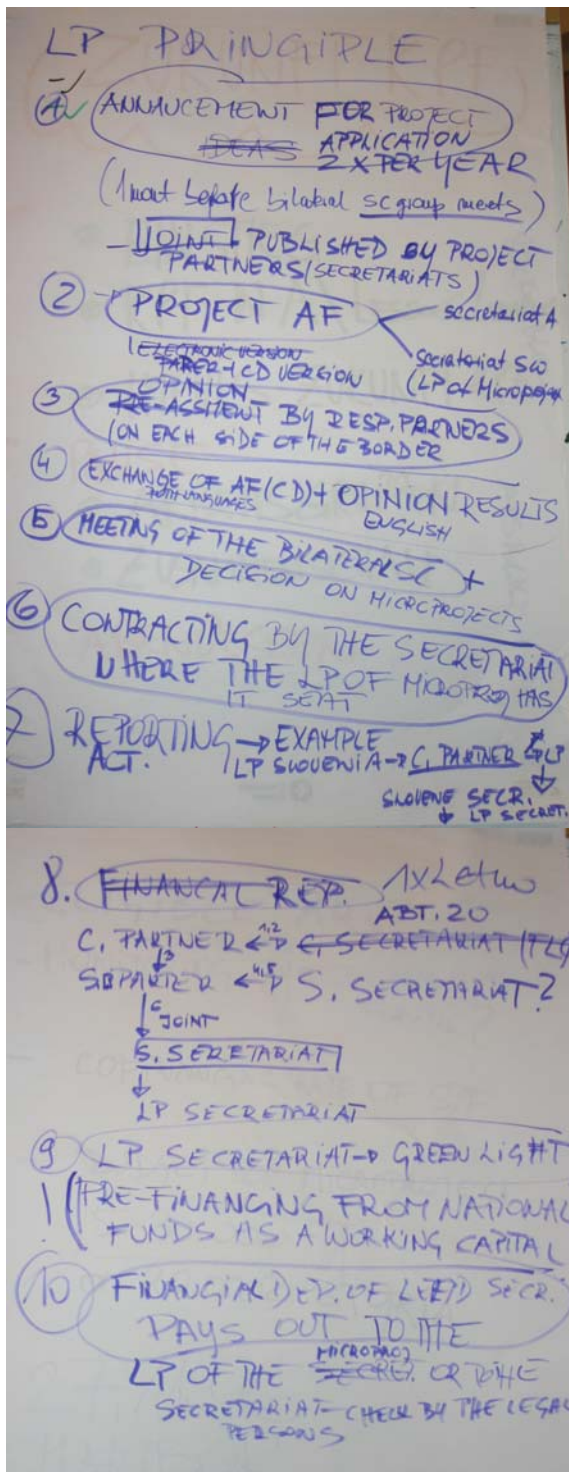
CZ-proposal: Technical Assistance, AT-proposal: Action Field 7

AT-SI - results of the bilateral working-group

Unlike other programmes the bilateral programming - group AT-SI has already developed a common perception and an outline for the implementation of the future SPF (see also the input-statement AT-SI "SPF-input_Styria_Carinthia_Slovenia.pdf").

Since the outline of the future cooperation has already been fixed the workshop group therefore focused on details concerning the organisation and administration of the SPF and the micro-projects.

Administrational structure:

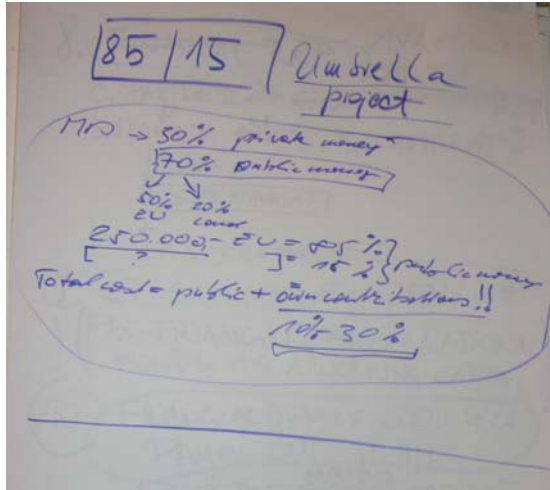


Two SPF-umbrella-projects will be implemented (Styria-Slovenia, Carinthia-Slovenia).

The workshop-group developed a proposal for the project-cycle including 10-steps, starting with the call for projects twice per year and ending with the ERDF-payment.

The flipchart-photos on the left side show a detailed description of these 10 steps.

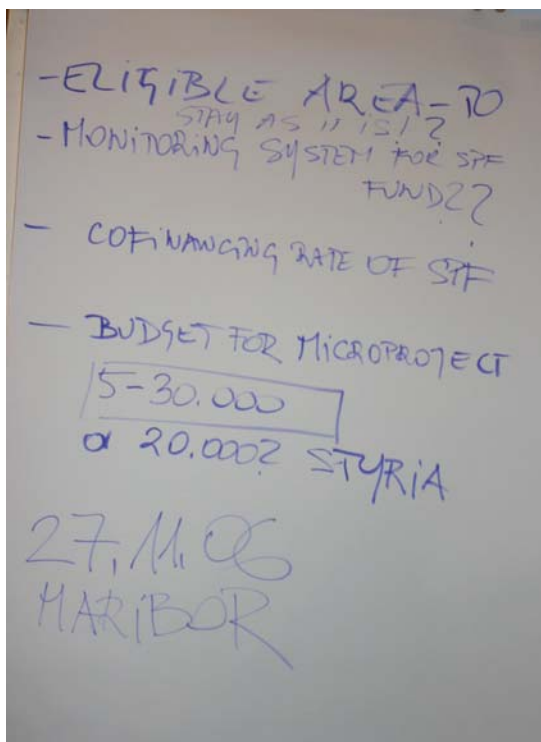
Micro project-budget - own contributions by the project-partners:



Micro-project partners will have to provide own-contributions.

The rate of required own-contributions as well as if this rate is fixed or flexible is still matter of negotiations.

Open issues:



Shall Ljubljana be included within the eligible area?

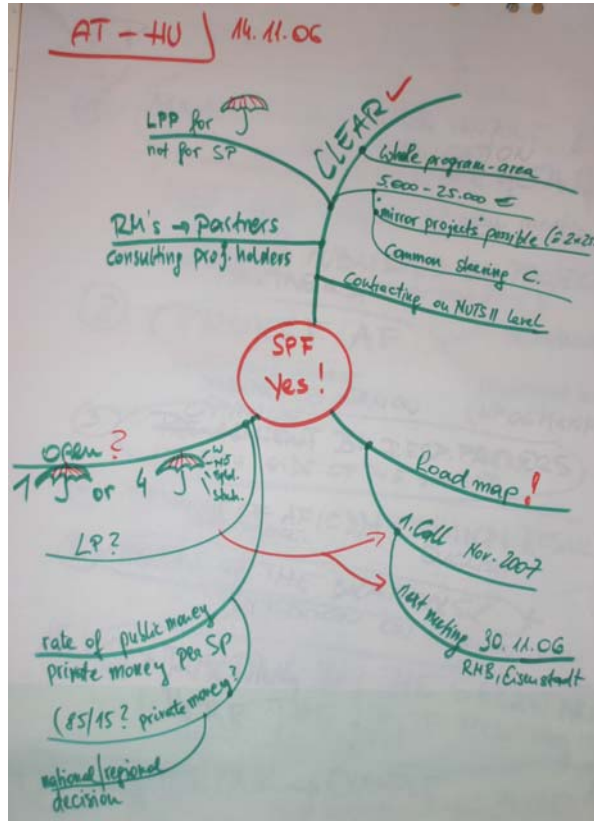
What kind of monitoring-system shall be implemented for micro-projects?

What co-financing rate shall be applied?

What will be the maximum project-budget for a micro-project (EUR 20.000 or 30.000)?

The next bilateral meeting concerning the future SPF is scheduled for 27 November 06.

AT-HU - results of the bilateral working-group



Already solved issues:

The SPF shall be implemented as an umbrella-project which will be subject to the LPP.

Regional Managements shall be umbrella-project-holders.

The whole programme-area shall be eligible.

The project-budget of a micro-project shall range from min. EUR 5.000 to max. 25.000.

Mirror-projects shall be possible.

A common steering-committee shall decide about micro-projects.

A first call for projects is envisaged for November 07.

Open issues:

How many SPF-umbrella-projects shall be implemented (1 or 4) and who will be lead-partner?

Micro project-budget: What co-financing rate shall be applied? What will be the rate for public / private money per project? Will own-contributions be required?

A road-map for the implementation of the SPF shall be developed during a bilateral meeting scheduled for 30 November 06.



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