



## Szenario: Austria/Slovenia

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## SPF-experiences from the past: problems and successes?

- ▲ No implementation of SPF in the frame of INTERREG IIIA in Slovenia (PHARE SPF) - only on Austrian (Styria/Carinthian) side
- ▲ Carinthia: positive feedback from the sp-holders and from the SLC; also on formal requirements (Call system, application form, treaty and FLC workshops)
- ▲ Styria: positive results of SPF-projects (especially on cross-border effect)

## How big were the project-budgets and the funding?

- ▲ Carinthia: min. 8.000,- max. 15.000,- total costs
- ▲ Funding: 50% EU-EFRE and 20% Land Carinthia
- ▲ Styria: max. 5000,- total costs
- ▲ Funding: 50% EU-EFRE, 15 % Land Styria, 5 % Euregio

# How shall the future SPF-management be organised?

## Agreed issues

- ▲ 2 separate SPF's for Styria - Slovenia (with Burgenland?) and Carinthia - Slovenia
- ▲ SPF as an integrated part of a LP-project, which includes all cross border co-operation activities of RM/RDA and EUREGIO (e.g. personal costs for RM)
- ▲ Harmonization of both SPF according to guidelines, eligible costs and requirements etc. as far as possible
- ▲ Starting with a bilateral information campaign - information should be provided by all partners
- ▲ Each partner is responsible for the pre-assessment of project applications - result is a (ranking) list
- ▲ No political decision on micro projects - decision should be taken in a bilateral steering group, consisting of all partners
- ▲ Maximum duration for micro projects is one year - one final report is necessary; prolongation of a project is possible.
- ▲ Content should focus on „people to people“ activities, but it could happen that as a result an objective 3 project could follow
- ▲ Project applicants - target groups: NGO's, associations (e.g. social, cultural, sport), schools and municipalities. No support for single enterprises
- ▲ Minimum common/bilateral project costs: 5.000,-
- ▲ „in kind contributions“ should be eligible
- ▲ The slov. Regions of Koroska and Savinjska could participate in both SPF projects

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## Open questions

- ▲ **If the LP-principle is also necessary for micro projects**
- ▲ If the common/bilateral budget maximum should be not exceeding 30.000,-
- ▲ If a call system should be established. It was discussed, that two calls per year could be possible
- ▲ Who will be the LP of the umbrella project
- ▲ How the contracting of the micro projects is organised. This depends last but not least on the question, if the LP-principle is also a requirement for micro projects
- ▲ How the financial flow is organised
- ▲ If investment costs should be eligible. The discussion was on possible limitation of this category. The same applies accordingly to personal costs
- ▲ If the region of Ljubljana should be also accepted as eligible area
- ▲ The common yearly budget for implementing SPF projects is open. A suggestion was about 500.000,-/year