

Scenario: Czech Republic

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SPF-experiences from the past: problems and successes?

- ▶ Between 2004-2006 the Small Project Fund has played an important role in developing cross-border cooperation
- ▶ Budget for projects covered from the Czech-Austrian Disposition Fund (SPF) between 2004 - 2006 reached approximately 970 000 EUR
- ▶ In total 270 projects have been supported on the Czech - Austrian border from this DF/SPF

Success

- ▶ Big interest among applicants
- ▶ High-level of effectiveness in the implemented activities
- ▶ Functional and client-friendly model of administration - regional development agencies and euroregions

Problems

- ▶ Long time slot for claiming payments from Managing authority
- ▶ Barriers of cooperation (namely language and finances)
- ▶ Complicated monitoring system MONIT

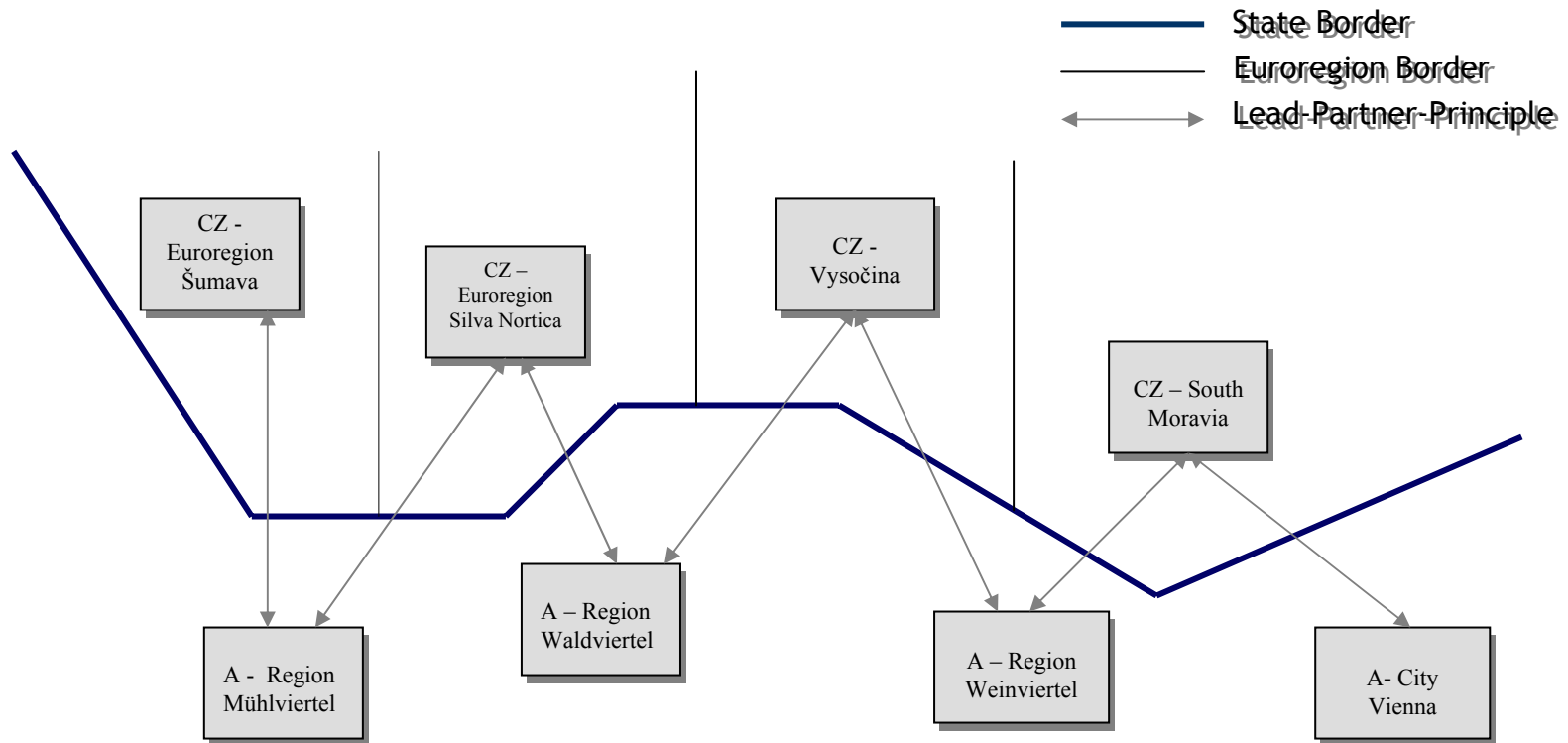
How big were the project-budgets and the funding?

- ▶ Lower ERDF limit for the project was 1000 €
- ▶ Upper ERDF limit for the project was 10 000 € (in the case of euroregion Silva Nortica the limit was 5000 €)
- ▶ ERDF contribution covered 75% of project budget
- ▶ Average ERDF contribution per project was around 4758 €
- ▶ Average project budget was 6758 €

How shall the future SPF-management be organised? Who should be integrated?

- ▶ Current model of Administration of SPF(DF) should be kept also for the future - ie. keep administration on the territory of individual euroregions or Associations of municipalities. Namely, euroregion Šumava and euroregion Bayerischer Wald, euroregion Mühlviertel, euroregion Waldviertel, euroregion Silva Nortica, SOV (Association of Towns of Vysocina), euroregion Weinviertel, SOM JM (Association of Towns and Municipalities od South Moravia), Vienna
- ▶ New period will be slightly complicated for beneficiaries by introducing Lead-Partner-Principle
- ▶ It is advisable to limit the lower and upper limits for ERDF contribution on 1500 to 20 000 EUR

How shall the cooperation with the AT-regions be organised?



Who will be the target group?

Target groups should remain as they are at the current period:

- ▶ Eligible beneficiary: municipality, NGOs, associations of legal entities, schools, nadations, chambers of commerce, agrarian chambers, institutions financed from public fundings, etc.
- ▶ Non-eligible beneficiary: physical persons, political parties, entrepreneurial entities

- ▶ SPF holders: associations of municipalities/euroregions
- ▶ SPF Administrators: RDAs / euroregions

How big will the maximum budget and the maximal funding per project be?

SPF will be part of AF7 of the OP CZ/Austria for next planning period. 10% of financial allocation for AF7 should be given to SPF

The following conditions should be envisaged for implementation of the SPF:

- ▶ Increase ERDF contribution up to 20 000 € per project
- ▶ ERDF contribution represents 85% of project budget, 5% can be covered from state budget and 10% is co-financed by beneficiary
- ▶ Total project budget should not exceed 40 000 €
- ▶ It is advisable to add new category „small-scale infrastructural projects“ with total budget of 40 000 €

Which topics should be tackled?

- ▶ Cultural exchanges
- ▶ Free-time activities
- ▶ Tourism
- ▶ Marketing of the region, conferences/workshops, add papers and materials
- ▶ Planning and development studies, environmental studies etc.
- ▶ Human resources development
- ▶ Economic development
- ▶ Small-scale infrastructural projects focused for example on tourism development