



*DI process in Europe: what has been
done so far with ESF and ERDF?*

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Situation 2008

- Billiards of Euro go to social and health infrastructure in this financial period.
- From a country“ case” studies we can estimate big percentage of this money go for “strengthening” institutional care.
- Predominant understanding of geographic desk officer- social and health care is subsidiary issue- responsibility of a members states.

Developments 2009

- Commissioner Spidla is setting up Ad Hoc working group for righting a report on the “ Transition of Institutional to Community Based Care”.
- 7 relevant EU umbrella NGO as members.
- As observers representatives from DG / Empl, Regio, Sanco, Justice/.
- The Ad Hoc Expert Group was assisted by a secretariat composed of Jan Jarab and Silvio Grieco (European Commission).
- Report finishing on the end of 2009.



2009

- After Mogiljevo “ case” DG Region is proposing to Bulgarian government to use part of ERDF for refurbishing institution for children.
- In parallel with working on report a working group “ for Bulgaria case” is set up.
- DG Regio and Dg Empl are facilitated to work together on a planning as well negotiating within Bulgaria.
- Bulgarian governmental representatives are asked to come to some of the meetings.

Development 2010

- New E. Commission- to whom a topic belongs? Negotiation with Reding and Andor.
- Report translated to all EU languages by Dg Empl.
- Ad Hoc group continue as European DI Expert Group- Eurochild become member.
- Launching of the report by Andor / May/
- Two trainings about DI for geographic desk officers Dg Empl Dg Regio.
- Support to Bulg. Government and NGO by members of the group.
- Conference “Forgotten Rights- Forgotten Citizens-E. office of High Commissioner for Human

2011

- Commenting a Hungarian plane for “DI program” covered from SF.
- Commenting a program for use of 40 mil Euro fro social and health infrastructure in Slovakia.
- Supporting Slovakia Dg Regio geographic desk in negotiations in Slovakia.
- “Serbia” case- negotiation with Commissioner Fule Cabinet and Dg Enlargement.
- DI conference in CR- workshop key elements of DI.
- Opening a membership of a Group /ESN/.

Situation now

- Report on DI is by some of DO used as a frame-reference document in negotiation with governments.
- DGRegio-Dg Empl held inter-services meeting / Dg SANCO is interested to be part of/.
- EDIEG do not have any official status, but is used by Commission. On regular meetings as “observers” Dg rep., UN rep are present.

Situation now

- Among some of DO is understanding – use of SF for institutions is against interest of a clients- they are obliged to be a watch dogs.
- Among some of DO there is understanding ESF ERDF has to be coordinated.
- DI as priority in EU disability strategy but not in Child protection strategy.

What is needed

- Local info about use of SF
- Local info about DI processes
- National Coalition for facilitating of DI
- Coalition of Governments for DI
- Clear ownership of DI within Commission
- Higher involvement of E Parliament
- Next financial SF period-Guidelines and measurement of impact of SF