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CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION ON THE EU/NIS BORDERS: REGIONAL PERSPECTIVE

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HISTORY

- **1997-2002**

Tacis CBC SPF; PHARE CBC

Leading partner: EU-15

Funding:

PHARE:

for EU-15 + PHARE border regions

Tacis:

for EU-15 + PHARE border regions +
Tacis border regions

HISTORY

- **1997-2002**

Tacis CBC SPF; PHARE CBC

Program management: European Commission
(Brussels)

Project selection: European Commission
(contracted Management Authority)

Project contracting: European Commission
(contracted Management Authority)

National level involvement: Consultation

CBC regions involvement: None

HISTORY

- **1997-2002**

Tacis CBC SPF; PHARE CBC

Specific legal/organisational environment inside CBC territory:

PHARE CBC territory:

Framework agreement on national level; EU support on central level

Tacis CBC territory:

Framework agreement on national level; EU support on central level

HISTORY

- **1997-2002**

Tacis CBC SPF; PHARE CBC

Benefits and outcomes for NIS CBC territories:

People-to-people contacts –

NGOs YES Local/Regional governments YES

Capacity building / Organisational Strengthening –

NGOs YES Local/Regional governments NO

Budget capacity building –

NGOs YES Local/Regional governments NO

HISTORY

- **2002-2004**

Tacis CBC SPF; INTERREG IIIA

Leading partner: INTERREG IIIA border regions

Funding:

INTERREG:
for INTERREG IIIA border regions

Tacis:
for INTERREG IIIA border regions +
Tacis border regions

HISTORY

- **2002-2004**

Tacis CBC SPF; INTERREG IIIA

Program management: European Commission (Brussels)

Project selection: European Commission (contracted Management Authority)

Project contracting: European Commission (contracted Management Authority)

National level involvement: Consultation

CBC regions involvement: None

HISTORY

- **2002-2004**
Tacis CBC SPF; INTERREG IIIA

Specific legal/organisational environment inside CBC territory:

INTERREG IIIA territory:
Pre-accession programs and activities (legislation, regional and local government development, etc.); Structural funds

Tacis CBC territory:
Framework agreement on national level; EU support on central level

HISTORY

- **2002-2004**
Tacis CBC SPF; INTERREG IIIA

Benefits and outcomes for NIS CBC territories:

People-to-people contacts –
NGOs YES Local/Regional governments YES

Capacity building / Organisational Strengthening –
NGOs YES Local/Regional governments NO

Budget capacity building –
NGOs YES Local/Regional governments NO

LATE HISTORY

- **2004-2006**
Neighbourhood Program

Leading partner: Any partner from CBC territories

Funding:

ERDF:
for INTERREG A border regions

Tacis:
for INTERREG A border regions + Tacis border regions

LATE HISTORY

- **2004-2006**
Neighbourhood Program

Program management: Management Authority (EU member state), EC Delegation (limited)

Project selection: Management Authority (EU member state), Monitoring Committee, EC Delegation

Project contracting: Contracting Authority (EU member state), EC Delegation

National level involvement: Monitoring Committee membership

CBC regions involvement: Monitoring Committee membership

LATE HISTORY

- **2004-2006**
Neighbourhood Program

*Specific legal/organisational environment
inside CBC territory:*

INTERREG territory:
ERDF funds; EU other funds; national regional
development funds

Tacis territory:
Framework agreement on national level; EU
support on central level

LATE HISTORY

- **2004-2006**
Neighbourhood Program

Benefits and outcomes for NIS CBC territories:

People-to-people contacts –
NGOs YES Local/Regional governments YES

Capacity building / Organisational Strengthening –
NGOs YES Local/Regional governments NO

Budget capacity building –
NGOs YES Local/Regional governments NO

CHALLENGES of 2007-2013

- Four NIS states (Belarus, Moldova, Russia, Ukraine) demonstrate individual patterns of transition processes
- The relations between the EU and these states are also different
- Possibilities for regional authorities' capacity development are different and limited
- Advantages provided for by ENPI CBC re. regional infrastructure development depend on national law harmonized with PRAG
- Large disproportion in financial allocations across the border leads to another "dividing curtain"

CHALLENGES of 2007-2013:

What is important for success?

UKRAINE:

Targeted effort at:

- **Harmonizing national legislation with PRAG re. regional infrastructure development;**
- **Development of institutional structure to support and improve project management capacity at regional and local levels;**
- **Introduce additional specific CBC programs, e.g. Carpathian Area development program (based on Carpathian Convention, compare with Alpine Convention)**

Thank you!
and
Merry Christmas!



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