



Lessons learned from the implementation of IPA and SF and launching the new competitiveness OP

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Operational Programme Regional Competitiveness

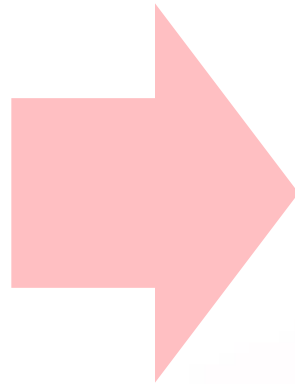
2007-2013





IPA

Regional
Competitiveness
Operational
Programme
2007-2013



**ESI
FUNDS
(ERDF)**

Operational
Programme
Regional
Competitiveness
2007-2013

IPA RCOP

“The Regional Competitiveness Operational Programme (RCOP) shall serve as a basis for using the EU pre-accession assistance for the purpose of achieving the strategic priority of promoting social and economic cohesion within Croatia, based on an improved overall competitiveness.”

ERDF OPRC

„Higher Competitiveness of SMEs and Support to a Knowledge-based Economy”

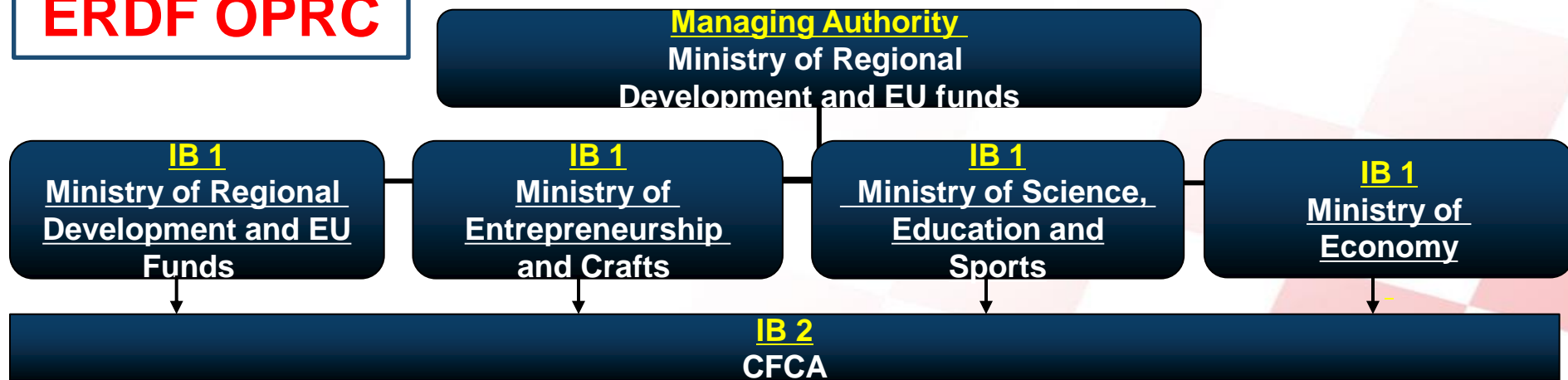
OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES AND STRUCTURES

Structure

IPA RCOP

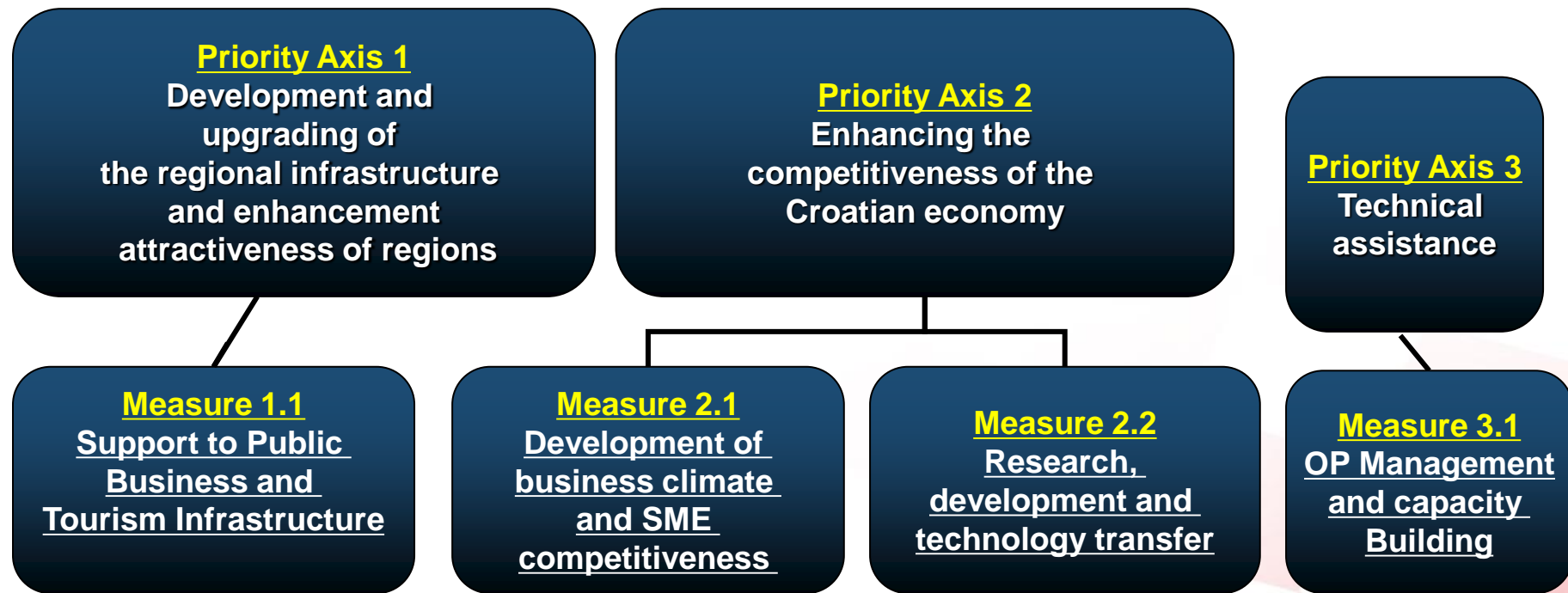


ERDF OPRC



OBJECTIVES, PRIORITIES AND STRUCTURES

Priorities and Measures



FINANCIAL ALLOCATION 2007 - 2013

IPA RCOP

TOTAL : **96.45 M EUR**

81.99 M EUR - EU funds (85%)

14.46 M EUR - National co-financing (15%)

OPRC (ERDF + IPA)

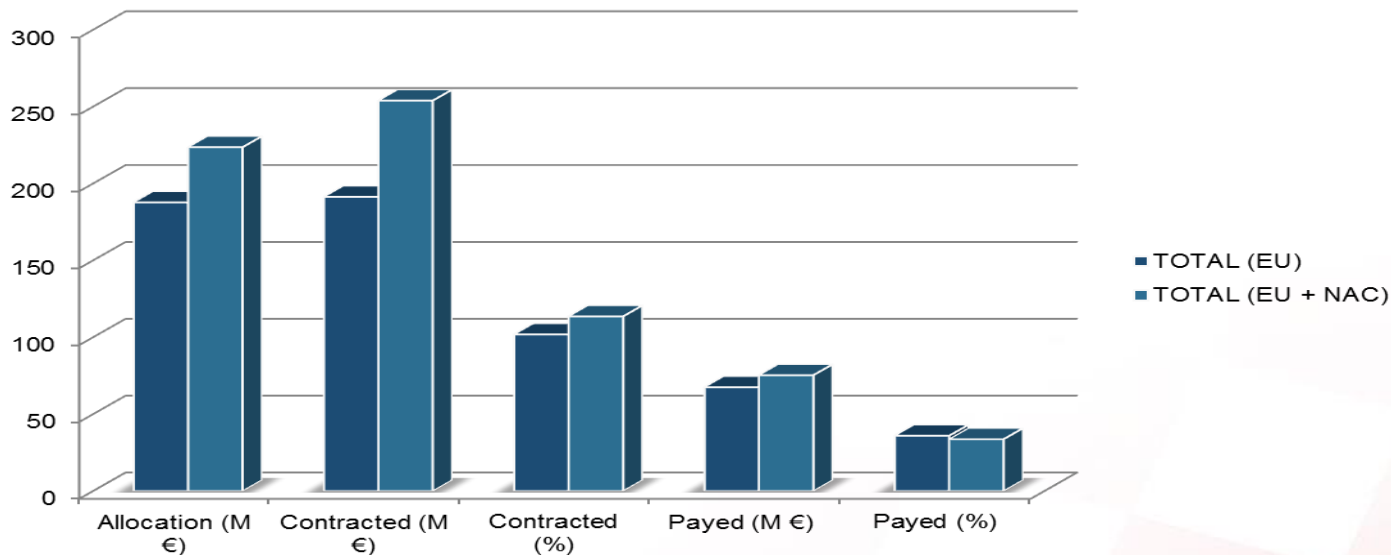
TOTAL : **223.61 M EUR**

187.78 M EUR – Community funding

33.13 M EUR – National counterpart

STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION

As of 31 October 2014



	Allocation (M €)	Contracted (M €)	Contracted (%)	Paid (M €)	Paid (%)
TOTAL (EU)	187,78	191,33	101,89	67,52	35,96
TOTAL (EU + NAC)	223,61	253,93	113,56	75,31	33,68

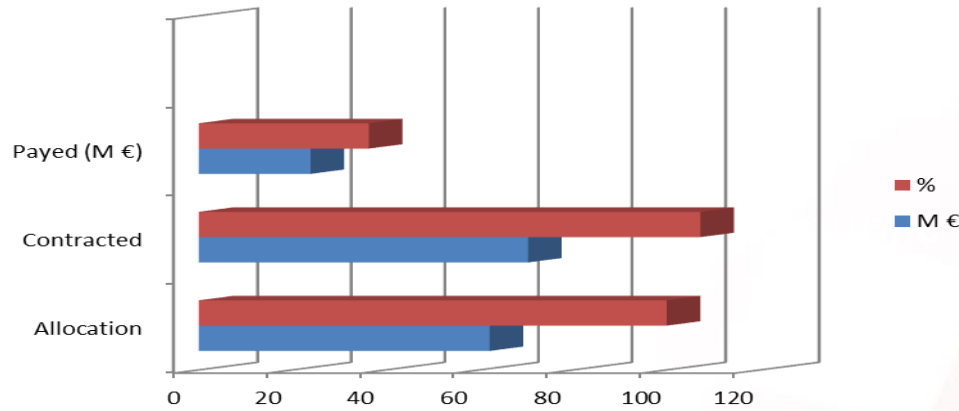
Priority Axis 1 “Development and upgrading of the regional infrastructure and raising the attractiveness of regions”

Measure 1.1 Support to public infrastructure

Interventions Support to public business and tourism infrastructure

Responsible Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds

Reallisation As of 31 October 2014



TOTAL (EU)	Allocation	Contracted	Paid
M €	62,16	70,38	23,87
%	100	107,18	36,36

Priority Axis 1

Measure 1.1 Support to public infrastructure

Grant scheme: Business- and Tourism related infrastructure (65,66 M €) –

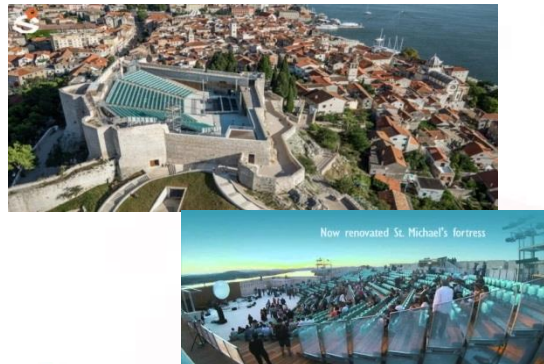
- 4 calls
- 45 contracts signed
- 70,38 M€ contracted

Examples for projects

*Memorial center Faust Vrančić
on island Prvić*



*Revitalization of St. Michael's
Fortress in Šibenik*



*Business incubator BIOS
Osijek*



Priority Axis 2 Enhancing the competitiveness of the Croatian economy

Measure 2.1. Development of business climate and SME competitiveness

Interventions

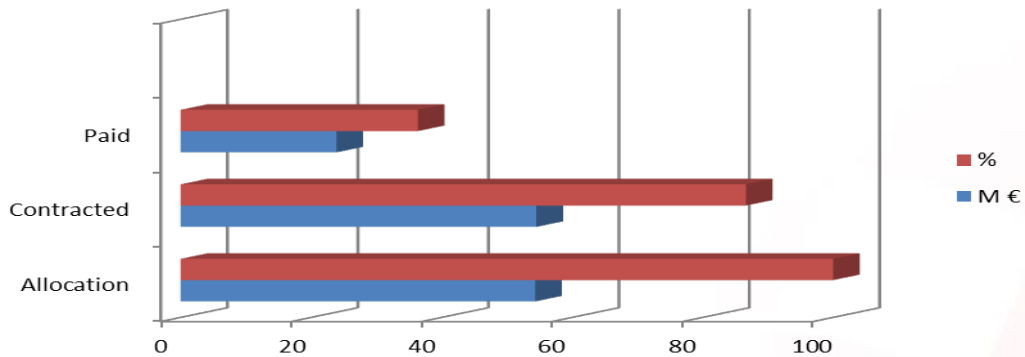
- Improvement of SMEs' competitiveness
- Improvement of public business support

Responsible

Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts

Realisation

As of 31 October 2014



TOTAL (EU)	Allocation	Contracted	Paid
M €	57,37	52,66	23,87
%	100	92	36,36

Grant schemes

Support for strengthening SME competitiveness (IPA)

- 51 contract signed
- 7,7, M EUR (+ private co-financing)

SMETUR (ERDF)

- 28 contracts signed (19 +9)
- 32,8 M EUR (+ private co-financing)

ICT

- 55 contracts signed
- 4,5 M EUR (+ private co-financing)

Operations

- 2.1.1. Improvement of administrative efficiency at national level
- 2.1.2. Improving business competitiveness through e-business services
- 2.1.3. Providing advisory services to SMEs
- 2.1.4. Development of Investment Climate
- 2.1.5. Support for cluster development
- 2.1.7. Improving information to the Croatian business community
- 2.1.8. Strengthening the competitiveness of the Croatian crafts by ICT

Examples of projects

GS SMETUR



e-BUSINESS



Priority Axis 2 Enhancing the competitiveness of the Croatian economy

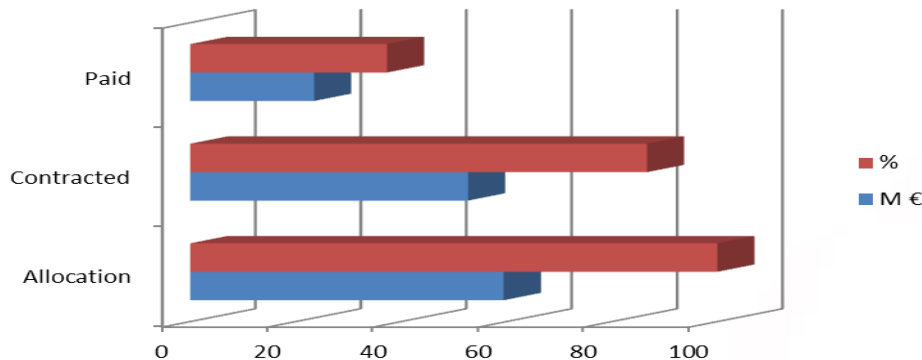
Measure 2.2. Research, development and technology transfer

Interventions

- Support to development of technology transfer capacities
- Support to development of R&D infrastructure

Responsible

Ministry of Science, Education and Sports



TOTAL (EU)	Allocation	Contracted	Paid
M €	59,45	52,66	23,46
%	100	86,63	37,3

Grant schemes

Science and Innovation Investment Fund, (SIIF II)

- 19 contracts signed
- 11,16 M €

Strengthening Research and Innovation Potential (STRIP)

- 19 contracts signed
- 12,85 M €

Rijeka University

R&D Infrastructure at Rijeka University Campus

total value 16.3 M €

BIOCENTRE

Biosciences Technology Commercialisation and Incubation Centre

total value 23,62 M €

Examples of projects

BIOCENTRE



Marasca Sour Cherry as an Ingredient for Functional Food



Problems in implementation

- Insufficient experience in contracting = problems
- Changes of the dossier, filling in legal templates
- Submission prescribed forms, attachments and supporting documents
- Issue the necessary permits related to construction
- The mismatch of project applications with the objectives of the Call
- Inadequate quality of applications
- Financial capacity of applicants - failure to provide co-financing
- Processing of applications – time consuming and complicated

Lessons learned

- Strategic planning and programming
- National priorities clearly defined for multi-annual period
- Consensus about the priorities at the governmental level
- Concentration of resources (needs always exceed available funds)
- Early consultations with partners in the identification of priorities
- Importance of preliminary agreement with EC on funding areas and priorities

Lessons learned

- Administrative capacity
- Clear distribution of roles and responsibilities
- Fulfilment of auditors' findings and strict respect of deadlines
- Sufficient number of staff
- Staff retention policy
- Support from state officials level
- Continuous training for project preparation and implementation
- Capacity building at regional and local level for strategic planning, project preparation and implementation (joint regional projects)

Publicity and Visibility



Launching the new competitiveness OP

OP Competitiveness and Cohesion 2014-2020 (OP CC)



- **Partnership Agreement** - adopted in October 2014.

Implemented through 4 Operational Programmes:

1. **Competitiveness and Cohesion** - adopted in December 2014.
2. **Efficient Human Resources** - adopted in December 2014.
3. **Operational Programme for Fisheries** - in procedure
4. **Rural Development Programme** - in procedure



OP Competitiveness and Cohesion

6,881 bn EUR

ERDF
4,321 bn EUR

CF
2,559 bn EUR

10 Priority Axis
23 Investment Priorities
48 Specific Objectives

EU funds: Competitive entrepreneurship for new jobs



970 m EUR



Improving SMEs
innovativeness



Increasing SMEs
efficiency and growth



Better access to
finance for SMEs



Creating favorable
environment for the
development of
entrepreneurship

OPCC 2014-2020

Priority Axis 3 – Business Competitiveness

INVESTMENT PRIORITY (IP)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (SC)	INDICATIVE ALOCATION	IB 1
3a Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators	SC 3a1 Better access to finance for SMEs	250.000.000 €	Ministry of Entrepreneurship and Crafts
	SC 3a2 Enabling favorable environment for business creation and development	233.000.000 €	
3d Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes	SC 3d1 SMEs' development and growth improved in domestic and foreign markets	307.000.000 €	
	SC 3d2 SMEs innovativeness enhanced	180.000.000 €	
Total		970.000.000 €	

Priority Axis 1: Strengthening the Economy by applying Research and Innovation

INVESTMENT PRIORITY (IP)	SPECIFIC OBJECTIVE (SC)	INDICATIVE ALOCATION	IB 1
1a Improving infrastructure and capacity for research and innovation (R & I) in order to develop the success R & I and promoting centers of competence, in particular those of EU interest	SC 1a1 Increased capacity of sector research and development (R & D) for carrying out research of high quality and meeting the needs of economy	334.321.739 €	Ministry of Science, Education and Sport
3d To promote business investment in innovation and research....	SC 1b1 New products and services as a result of activities of research, development and innovation (R & D & I)	205.000.000 €	Ministry of Economy
	SC 1b2 Strengthening the activities of research, development and innovation (R & D & I) business sector through the creation of a favorable innovation environment	125.470.426 €	
Total		664.792.165 €	

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