



INVITATION

The Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds and the Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia have the pleasure of inviting you to the closing ceremony of the project

«Ex-ante Evaluation of Programming Documents and Strengthening Evaluation Capacity for EU Funds Post-Accession»

financed under EU IPA 2008 Programme for Croatia

The Closing ceremony will be held on Tuesday, 23 April 2013, at 13.00, at Fourpoints by Sheraton Panorama Hotel, Trg Krešimira Čosića 9, Zagreb.

The objective of this project worth € 469.830,00 was to contribute to the effective implementation and management of EU Cohesion Policy funds in Croatia. Specifically, researchers carried out evaluations of EU funded programming documents and undertook additional evaluation activities to improve the overall quality of programming documents.

Secondly, the project aimed to strengthen the evaluation capacity of the key institutions involved in the management of EU Cohesion Policy in Croatia and put in place mechanisms for MRDEUF coordination of evaluation activities of the EU Cohesion Policy funding.

The achieved results of the project were:

- Ex-ante evaluation of NSRF;
- Ex-ante evaluation related Cohesion Policy OPs (Transport, Environment, Regional Competitiveness and Human Resources Development) and programming document under the EU Common Fisheries Policy for the period 2007-2013;
- Interim evaluations of counterpart IPA III and IV component OPs and preliminary assessments of programming intervention logic for the 2014-2020 EU financial perspective;
- A "roadmap" for a national evaluation system;
- A training program of 24 units in 8 modules designed and delivered;
- Institution building for the inter-institutional Evaluation Working Group was guided and supported;
- A number of guidance and operative documents were produced, such as: Guidelines for drafting Terms of Reference for evaluation and for drafting evaluation plans for 2014-2020; 6 evaluation Plans for OPs and NSRF for 2013; revision of the national "Evaluation Strategy" and of the Evaluation Manual.

Project outcomes are intended to assist the Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds (as a Coordinating Body in the context of EU funds management and control system) in putting into place an appropriate framework for the evaluation of development programmes funded through the EU pre-accession and Cohesion policy instruments. Setting up such a framework is considered as an important pre-requisite for sustaining and fostering efficient socio-economic development of the Republic of Croatia.

Mr. Matija Derk, Assistant Minister, Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds, **Mr. Richard Masa**, Head of Operations Section, Delegation of the European Union to the Republic of Croatia, **Dr. Simona Milio**, Project Director, LSE Enterprise Limited, **Dr. Antonis Mousios**, Team Leader – Key expert 1, Euroconsultants SA and **Mr. Antonio Strazzullo**, Key expert 2, Sign s.r.l., Sustainability, Innovation and Governance Network will address the participants.

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