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| **Annual Examination Meeting of Cohesion Policy Operational Programmes in Lithuania** | Finansuojama iš Techninės paramos veiksmų programos |

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| 25/11/2015– 27/11/2015  **Vilnius, Lithuania**  **Draft AGENDA** |

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| **25 November 2015**  **Venue: TBC** | |
| *8.45–9.00* | ***Registration, welcome coffee*** |
| 9.00–9.30 | **State of play of the implementation** of Operational Programme for Human Resources Development CCI 2007LT051P0001 and Operational Programme for Technical Assistance and CCI 2007LT051P0002 (ESF OPs) by priorities*(****Ministry of Finance,*** *remarks by DG EMPL)*   * Use of funds, results in relation to targets, main changes achieved etc. * Evaluations and main results / recommendations |
| 9.30–9.40 | **Annual Implementation Reports 2014 of the ESF OPs** (*Commission overview*) |
| 9.40–10.50 | Up-date on topics in Employment area *(****Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour****, remarks by DG EMPL)*:   * Main on-going reforms / modifications of legal framework since the last year, especially those relating to CSRs (employment support policy, active ageing, etc.). * Implementation of ALMP measures (overview of yearly statistics with special focus on: ALMP coverage, budget, spending, indicators, target groups, evaluation, effectiveness breaking down the reporting data of ALMP measures according to the target groups (in particular low skilled and long-term unemployed); * Progress of projects implemented under ''Youth Action Team'' initiative. * Implementation of the Entrepreneurship Promotion Fund, including the presentation of statistics on how many people got a loan among those who attended / successfully completed the training *(****Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour; INVEGA****)*.   Follow-up of the Commission comments following the AEM 2014 *(****Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour****)*:   * The MA agreed to evaluate the impact of the shortened period (from 12 months to 6 months) of the minimum obligatory period to keep people in job position in vocational training measure (cf. the modification of the Law on Support of Employment). Therefore, the MA is invited to present the main findings and conclusions with regard to the new provisions. * State of play of creation of the information and monitoring system that should help to identify unregistered NEETs. |
| *10.50–11.00* | *Coffee break* |
| 11.00–12.00 | Up-date on topics in Education area *(****Ministry of Education and Science****, remarks by DG EMPL)*:  Overview of the main on-going reforms /changes especially those relating to CSRs (Lifelong learning, work-based learning and apprenticeship, promotion of vocational education, attainment in basic skills, modernization of teacher training, labour market relevance, practical training centers etc.) |
| *12.00–13.00* | *Lunch* |
| 13.00–17.00 | **Project visits**: “Center of social services in a local community” (VP3-2.4-SADM-01-R-02-002), “Employment of social vulnerable persons using co-operation and complex assistance” (VP1-1.3-SADM-02-K-03-038), “Services of complex employment in Vilnius city” (VP1-1.3-SADM-02-K-03-037); project beneficiaries – The Blessed J. Matulatis social center; The Blessed J. Matulatis family support center. |
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| **26 November**  **Venue: TBC** | |
| *13.00–13.15* | ***Registration*** |
| 13.15–13.25 | **Annual Implementation Reports 2014 (ERDF/CF OPs)**   * Commission's overview (*DG REGIO*) |
| 13.25–14.25 | **Status of implementation of OP "Promotion of Cohesion"  (CCI 2007LT161PO001)** *(LT, remarks by DG REGIO)*   * State of play and expectations on overall financial progress (contracting and payments to beneficiaries), Impact of OP beyond the indicator data *(****Ministry of Finance****)* * Update on waste and water investments *(****Ministry of Environment****)*   *In the waste sector, there is a risk of some funds not being spent due to the delays in the MBT projects and lack of co-financing on the beneficiaries' side. Please clarify (per each project) if this risk still applicable and what concrete measures are/will be introduced in order to finalize those projects.*  *The result of the investments into waste water treatment is rather limited. With EUR 525 million (out of EUR 567 million planned) already invested in the sector only a 2% increase of connections to the centralised sewage collection system was achieved (OP result indicator: 4 % of the new connections). Please provide the updated information on this indicator; what concrete measures are/will be taken to ensure maximum connectivity rates and the most efficient use of the newly developed infrastructure.*   * Jessica holding fund for energy efficiency in housing: update on implementation and financing *(****Ministry of Environment; European Investment Bank****)*   *Latest implementation progress of the Jessica HF: absorption rate, EU leverage, leverage of public resources; financing of the programme; do all national funds committed in the contract will be transferred? A demand for the loans seems to be very high, how it will be financed? From which resources grant part will be covered? What will be the demarcation line between two financing periods?* |
| 14.25–15.25 | **Status of implementation of OP "Economic Growth"  (CCI 2007LT161PO002)** *(LT, remarks by DG REGIO)*   * State of play and expectations on overall financial progress (contracting and payments to beneficiaries), Impact of OP beyond the indicator data *(****Ministry of Finance****)* * Update on RTD and SME support measures (***Ministry of Education and Science; Ministry of Economy***)   *Please present the recent progress and achievement of the following indictors:*  *o Contracts signed between research institutions and SMEs (how many contracts have been signed, preliminary value, prospects; what is done to facilitate this co-operation, implementation of the business plans of valleys, etc.); Explain the risk regarding completion and functioning of valley projects. Please indicate the actual usage of the infrastructures of the science valleys. Please provide the explanation per each valley.*  *o Number of active enterprises in EU funds-supported incubators (how many; is the space in the incubators fully booked; what is the quality of the services; customer satisfaction, what are the growth results of those SMEs, etc.).*  *o Area of public territories prepared for investments, hectares (are those territories functioning; how many investors attracted; % of territory in use; prospects and marketing strategies, etc.).*   * Progress of rail and water sectors investments *(****Ministry of Transport and Communications****)*   *In the rail and water transport sectors the achievement of the outputs and results is the lowest and dependent on the successful completion of key projects by the end of 2015. Please present the recent progress and achievement of indictors. Explain the risk regarding projects completion and functioning).*   * Holding funds for SMEs: update on implementation *(****Ministry of Economy****)*   *Latest implementation progress of Invega HF.* |
| *15.25–15.35* | *Coffee break* |
| 15.35–15.50 | **Major projects** *(****Ministry of Finance****, remarks by DG REGIO)*   * Status of physical and financial implementation of each major project * Results by relation to project targets |
| 15.50–16.10 | **State of play Snoras Bank bankruptcy** *(****European Social Fund Agency; INVEGA****, remarks by DG REGIO)*  The impact of the bankruptcies of SNORAS bank and UKIO bank on the INVEGA holding fund and Entrepreneurship development fund. Mitigation measures and impact on closure (for ERDF/CF and ESF programmes).  *Please explain in details what is actual financial impact of SNORAS bank and UKIO bank on the INVEGA HF and* *Entrepreneurship development fund. What mitigation measures were taken; what are the results or those measures? What are Lithuania's plans on how to deal with those issues during the closure?* |
| 16.10–17.00 | **Any other business and closing remarks** *(****Ministry of Finance****, remarks by DG REGIO)*   * Lessons learned from 2007-2013 programming period to be addressed in the 2014-2020 (project selection process; monitoring of indicators, etc.) * Preparation for closure (for ERDF/CF and ESF programmes) |
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| **27 November** | |
| 8.30–11.30 | **Project visit:** “Establishment of Joint life science center” (VP2-1.1-ŠMM-04-V-01-016); project beneficiary – Vilnius university. |
| *11.30–12.30* | *Lunch* |