

## Chapter 22 - Regional policy and coordination of structural instruments

1. Please provide further clarification on the future coordinator and future main players in the cohesion policy. From an institutional point of view, IPA (currently components I and II) is managed by the Ministry of Finance together with the European Integration Office. For components III to V, line ministries with CFCU should become the operating structures. The overall coordination of IPA lays with the National IPA Coordinator and the coordination of components III and IV with the Strategic Coordinator. None of these functions is planned to be located in the MERD. We would like to have a confirmation that indeed the Ministry of Economy and Regional Development is envisaged to be the future body coordinating cohesion policy. The institutional set up of IPA components III and IV (which are precursor of future cohesion policy), should continue (with necessary modifications) after accession.
2. **Question 2** the overall situation in regional development is not fully clear. There are a number of bodies playing different roles on national and regional levels. A chart or table would help to understand the organisational set up in Serbia. A specific approach is taken in case of regions Vojvodina and Kosovo and Metohija. The new NARD and the network of nine RDAs currently being set up should be clearly described.
3. **Question.2.c** Please provide more specific details about the unit inside the Ministry which has the role of secretariat.
4. **2.d:** the same bodies as at points a, b, c are mentioned and the question is about "other responsible administrative units". Are Line Ministries not involved?
5. **2.f:** the answer to the question is not clear. Both the line ministries and the National Agency for Regional Development are responsible for implementation and management of projects of national interests. What is the demarcation line? Which projects fall under the agency and which under line ministries? Moreover there is no reference to the CFCU which is planned to implement all IPA projects. How will the transfer of knowledge be assured from CFCU to line ministries?
6. **2.i:** From the answer it is not clear whether the RDAs are responsible for implementation and monitoring of programmes at NUTS 2 level. How will the RDAs coexist if there are three RDAs in one region?
7. **Question 3** Please complete the answer clarifying whether the Annual Decision on the Budget of local self-government will include budget for cohesion and/or regional policy.
8. **Question 4** Please complete the answer by indicating whether there is a breakdown of the budget allocation between the central and sub-national levels.
9. **Question 5.a)** (state aid) Please indicate when the state aid control will become functional in Serbia (regulatory framework established in March 2010 but what about implementation?)

10. **Question 7** Please provide a reply to the specific question. The reference to the reply given under question 11 in the chapter *Economic criteria* does not answer the question.
11. **Question 9** Please clarify "How co-financing at regional or local level will be secured".
12. **Question 11** Please specify "which are the regional and local, economic and social or other partners from whom national co-financing is expected" and what system will secure this.
13. **Question 12** is not answered as regards the autonomy for borrowing funds.
14. **Question 13** Please provide more information on how the draft Strategy of PUCs transformation, suspended since October 2009, is proceeding.
15. **Question 14** Please complete the answer to cover "financial control".
16. **Question 16** Please complete the answer by listing the structures that are deconcentrated.
17. **Question 17** Please include the current situation of the negotiations with Eurostat.
18. **Question 21** Please specify the criteria for RDAs accreditation.
19. In the answer to **question 24** in the section 'environmental protection' there is nothing about the water and wastewater subsectors. Could you confirm that in these areas the tasks were not delegated?
20. **Question 31** refers also to territorial cooperation. Please provide information in this respect.
21. **Question 38** The answer does not mention the Ministry of Public Administration and Local Self-Government, responsible for coordination and management of PAR, nor the Public Administration Reform Council. Please clarify.
22. In the answer to **question 41** we would like to see the numbers for future component III structures appear in the table. The Line Ministries are listed but it seems that the numbers refer only to other components (components IV and V). We do not have clear figures about the number of staff for the AA, CAO and NAO (and their technical secretariats). What the 3 employees for the Ministry of Finance represent (table on page 60)? Is a workload analysis done periodically? Please also provide more details about the staff turnover.
23. **Question 43** Please complete the answer with information on the Strategy on professional development of civil servants.
24. **Question 45** is not really answered. What are the plans for staff increase?
25. **Question 46** It is not clearly indicated if the administration faces difficulties in recruiting and retaining officials and if there are differences in salaries or other working conditions between ministries or between ministries and CFCU, NAO or other related agencies.

26. **Question 47** It is not clearly indicated if the level of remuneration in the public service is competitive with the private sector.
27. **Question 48** Please provide further information on the financial means, instruments to achieve goals, performance indicators and implementation structures.
28. **Questions 49-52** Please explain how linkage between plans/strategies and the process of national investment and budget planning will be ensured. Please explain how co-ordination of the bodies involved will be ensured.
29. **Question 57** has not been answered (except for some information about preparations under component I). Please reflect in your answer all the questions asked under the 4 bullet points.
30. **Question 58** has not been fully answered. Are the regional/local strategies coherent with national plans? Have the line ministries participated in the development of these plans, have they been consulted?
31. **Question 61** The answer does not include a reference to the Law on Budget System. Please clarify.
32. **Question 78** Reference is made to the harmonization of data/statistics at the European level. When will the requested data become available?