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under Art. 10 ERDF

Alpine Space

FIRST PROGRESS REPORT

for the Commission DG XVI

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I. PHASE PREPARATION

BEGINNING OF MARCH – BEGINNING OF APRIL

1. Meeting of programme co-ordinators and project co-ordinators in Salzburg

Already before the Alpine Space Programme was officially approved by the letter of Mr. Eneko Landaburu, General Director, dated March 5th, 1998 (grant letter for community assistance) the member states of the Alpine Space Programme (Austria, Germany and Italy) met on March 3rd, 1998 on invitation of the Austrian Chancellery in Salzburg to discuss the further steps for the project implementation. On the occasion of this meeting the project co-ordinators discussed the following points:

- **Exchange of information**
 - state of programme approval
 - preparation of programme implementation
 - conclusion of the workshop with the project coordinators
 - principles of programme implementation
- **Tasks of the transnational Management and Steering Committee**
- **Role and Tasks of the Common Secretariat**
- **Indicative timetable**

The co-ordinators of the priority activities under measure A, B, C and D (project co-ordinators) mentioned in the Alpine Space Programme were also invited. They informed about the following points:

- **State of work**
 - change of idea/content of the project
 - project preparation/development
 - problems, uncertainties
- **Transnational character of the project**
 - transnational content
 - project partners (form of co-operation, distribution of work)
 - project co-ordination
- **Project financing**
 - financially contribution of the project partners
 - amounts of funds (national funds only or national and EU-funds)
 - double financing excluded
 - uncertainties
- **Envisaged time table**
 - next steps

Procedure of implementation:

On Austria's proposal, the delegations agreed to adopt in principle the procedure of implementation applied to the "Interreg II C CADSES" Programme for the implementation of the "Alpine Space" Programme under Art. 10 ERDF. The most significant difference between the two programmes lies in the method of project finding. With regard to the "Alpine Space" Programme, the first call was conducted only for those priority activities (key projects) identified in the programme. In case one or the other key project is not to be realised the delegations agreed to adopt, the Management Committee will have to discuss whether the funds then unused shall be allocated through a further call and if so, which procedure shall be chosen for this call.

The following rough time-table was determined:

- Detailed information on the application procedure for the project co-ordinators defined in the programme 1998Beginning of April
- Deadline for project submission by the project co-ordinatorsMay 11th, 1998

The following persons / institutions were nominated as Secretariats:

Members of the **Common Secretariat of Alpine Space:**

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2. Meeting of the members of the Common Secretariat in Innsbruck

On March 25th, 1998 the members of the common secretariat met in Innsbruck to discuss the following points:

- Discussion and settlement of the procedure of application (application forms ...)
- Discussion and settlement of the procedure for project assessment (for the limited call for project proposals to identified priority activities A1 to D3)
- Discussion of the rules of the Management Committee (MC)

Based on existing drafts from other Interreg IIC and Art. 10 Programms an application form ("Application form for granting funds of ERDF. Transnational project part") as well as a form for project assessment (summary sheet for transnational projects) were drawn up respectively adapted to the requirements of the Alpine Space Programme.

II. PHASE PROJECT APPLICATION

BEGINNING OF APRIL – MAY 11TH, 1998

The Common Secretariat submitted the application form to the project co-ordinators for A1, A2, A3, C1, C2, D1, D2 and D3 mentioned in the Alpine Space Programme at the beginning of April (in the form of a limited call).

For the special requirements of the national co-financing the respecting national secretariats developed separate application forms which were then submitted to the project co-ordinators together with the transnational application form and the "Specific rules concerning expenditure that may be taken into consideration under art. 10 of the ERDF".

After submission of the application documents the Common Secretariat (= national secretariats, see above) assisted and advised the project co-ordinators and project partners in preparing the application documents.

III. PHASE PROJECT REVIEW

MAY 11TH, 1998 – END OF JUNE

By the deadline May 11th, 1998 the following 8 projects were submitted:

Project	Description
A1	Spatial development and spatial planning in the Alpine area (REGIONALP)
A3	Local authorities network "Alliance in the Alps"
B1	Transnational pilot projects for environmentally sound travel logistics linked with electronic booking and information systems in Alpine tourism regions
C1	Rationalisation, maintenance and reinsertion of public and private services at the local and regional level
C2	Regional and spatial planning instruments for Alpine areas, with special reference to the balanced and sustained development of settlements in densely and sparsely populated regions.
D1	Developing a computer information system for co-ordinating civil protection in transnational regions
D2	Protecting and recovering settlement typologies in small Alpine centres
D3	Water resources in the Alpine space

The first step was the pre-review of the projects by the secretariats. Obvious faults were reported to the project co-ordinators and project partners for correction.

After that the secretariats evaluated resp. reviewed the projects with the summary sheet for transnational projects. On the occasion of a meeting of the Common Secretariat in Innsbruck on June 22nd and 23rd, 1998 the results of the evaluation / review were discussed and co-ordinated resp. adjusted. For the summarised results see enclosure 1 and financial table (enclosure 2).

IV. PHASE PROJECT APPROVAL

END OF JUNE – END OF JULY

The results of the project review / evaluation of the Common Secretariat were presented to the Austrian national committee on July 7th, 1998 and to the Italian national committee on July 8th, 1998. Both committees approved the projects resp. the recommendations of the Common Secretariat. The German national committee approved the projects in it's meeting on June 17th, 1998 resp. in a written procedure in July 1998.

On July 20th, 1998 the results of the project review / evaluation were presented to the transnational Management Committee. The Management Committee confirmed the results of the project reviews resp. the approvals of the national committees.

For the project C1 Italy applied for the supplementation of an additional partner (Autonomous province of Trento). Since the national committees of Austria (July 7th, 1998) and Germany (June 17th, 1998) did not have a chance for a formal review of this supplementation due to its late receipt, the Management Committee decided to execute a "Written Procedure" according to art. 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the Management Committee (only for the supplementation of Trento).

Referring to project C1 Mr. Dufeil called attention to the unbalanced distribution of national co-financing (I: 294.000, A: 50.000 ECU ERDF) which will increase even more due to Italy's proposal to enlarge its contribution for 38.000 ECU ERDF-funds (76.000 ECU total) because of the new participant in the project.

Thus the Management Committee gave the following recommendation: "The project is open for participation. In the endeavour to find new partners, non-member states such as Slovenia, Liechtenstein and Switzerland should be encouraged to participate." The Austrian side states that there are similar projects in Tyrol and Vorarlberg which are/were, however, financed by national funds only. A combination of the Austrian projects with C1 shall be aimed.

V. PHASE (INDICATIVE) NEXT STEPS

OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- Finishing of the minutes of the Management Committee (MC) and finishing of the Rules of Procedure of the MC according to the comments and amendments of the members of the Management Committee (MC).
- Finishing of the "Written Procedure" of the project amendment of C1 (Partner Autonomous Province of Trento)
- Holding the next chairmanship, Germany will organise the second meeting of the Management Committee taking place not later than in early 1999.
- Preparation and execution of the second call resp. the deadlines for project application
- The member states are asked to prepare standards of evaluation.
- The secretariats will draft a proposal for the execution of the monitoring and its indications.

Enclosure

Enclosure 1

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Summary sheet of project-assessment (after the 1. Call, state July 9,1998)

Project	No.	Project-co-ordinator	Project-partner	Financial contribution of partners ERDF-Funds (1.000 ECU)				Results of the evaluation	
				A	D	I	total	G.I. ¹	Recommendation of the common Secretariat
Spatial development and spatial planning in the Alpine area (REGIONALP)	A1	A	I, CH	120	0	143	263 ²	B (good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u> 1. Submission of table 5.1 (including a detailed list of costs for points 1,2,4 and 6) of the application form for all partners (costs <u>must</u> be indicated in ECU). ³
Local authorities network "Alliance in the Alps"	A3	D	A, I	40	275	47	362	B (good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u> 1. Submission of table 5.1 (including a detailed list of costs for points 1,2,4 and 6) of the application form for all the Italian partners (costs must be indicated in ECU). ³ 2. Some project parts are planned for a later beginning (2. Call) – the MC is recommended to admit these possibilities.

¹ G.I = General Impression

² Co-operation of non-member states: Switzerland (financial contribution 60.000 ECU), Slovenia and Germany (observer Status)

³ Regarding this point the Austrian National Committee thinks that a detailed list of costs (of the point 1,2,4 and 6) is not necessary at this time because most of the project-partners will invite tenders for the projects after the approval by the MC. So they do not know the detailed costs of this points at this time.

Project	No.	Project-co-ordinator	Project-partner	Financial contribution of partners ERDF-Funds (1.000 ECU)				Results of the evaluation	
				A	D	I	total	G.I.	Recommendation of the common Secretariat
Transnational pilot projects for environmentally sound travel logistics linked with electronic booking and information systems in Alpine tourism regions	B1	A	D, I	800	300	388	1.488	B (good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The specifications of the financial contribution of Germany in the Letter of Commitment have to correspond with the specifications in the financial tables. Submission of table 5.1 (including a detailed list of costs for points 1,2,4 and 6) of the application form for all partners (costs <u>must</u> be indicated in ECU).³ The project partners are requested to describe point 3.3 of the application form in greater detail, especially the transnational co-operation of the partners
Rationalisation, maintenance and reinsertion of public and private services at the local and regional level	C1	I	A	50	0	294	344	B (good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Re-formulation of the application form as a unique document and not as a sum of the Italian plus the Austrian parts. Submission of table 5.1 (including a detailed list of costs for points 1,2,4 and 6) of the application form for all partners (costs <u>must</u> be indicated in ECU).³
Regional and spatial planning instruments for Alpine areas, with special reference to the balanced and sustained development of settlements in densely and sparsely populated regions.	C2	A	D, I	370	225	38	633	B (good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> It has to be clarified if partner 1 can pay a financial contribution (according to the minimum requirements 4.4.1 of the Alpine Space Programme a partner can only be a partner if he pays a financial contribution) Some project parts are planned for a later beginning (2nd Call) – the MC is recommended to admit these possibilities.

Project	No.	Project-coordinator	Project-partner	Financial contribution of partners ERDF-Funds (1.000 ECU)				Results of the evaluation	
				A	D	I	total	G.I.	Recommendation of the common Secretariat
Developing a computer information system for co-ordinating civil protection in transnational regions	D1	I	A	50	0	349	399	B (good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u> 1. Submission of table 5.1 (including a detailed list of costs for points 1,2,4 and 6) of the application form for Friuli-Venezia Giulia (costs <u>must</u> be indicated in ECU). ³
Protecting and recovering settlement typologies in small Alpine centres	D2	I	A	150	0	325	475	B (good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u> 1. The amount of 385.000 ECU from Italian private funds is initially deleted from the financial tables of the project; it will be possible to include it presenting a regular Letter of Commitment before the next deadline (to be fixed). 2. Re-formulation of the application form as a unique document and not as a sum of the Italian plus the Austrian parts. 3. Submission of table 5.1 (including a detailed list of costs for points 1,2,4 and 6) of the application form for all partners (costs <u>must</u> be indicated in ECU). ³
Water resources in the Alpine space	D3	I	A, D	200	40	205	445	A (very good)	<u>I. Approval of project and allocation of funds</u>

Distribution of expenditure (1.000 ECU) after the 1. Call and difference to the Programme expenditure

Enclosure 2

Measures / Projects	Italy			Germany			Austria			total		
	total	EU	NAT	total	EU	NAT	total	EU	NAT	total	EU	NAT
Project A 1	286	143	143	0	0	0	240	120	120	526	263	263
Project A 2**												
Project A 3	94	47	47	550	275	275	80	40	40	724	362	362
Measure A:	380	190	190	550	275	275	320	160	160	1.250	625	625
Diff. A*:	68	34	34	150	75	75	80	40	40	298	149	149
Project B 1	776	388	388	600	300	300	2.000	800	1.200	3.376	1.488	1.888
Measure B:	776	388	388	600	300	300	2.000	800	1.200	3.376	1.488	1.888
Diff. B*:	-74	-37	-37	0	0	0	-400	0	-400	-474	-37	-437
Project C 1	588	294	294	0	0	0	100	50	50	688	344	344
Project C 2	76	38	38	450	225	225	740	370	370	1.266	633	633
Measure C:	664	332	332	450	225	225	840	420	420	1.954	977	977
Diff. C*:	156	78	78	70	35	35	760	380	380	986	493	493
Project D 1	698	349	349	0	0	0	100	50	50	798	399	399
Project D 2	650	325	325	0	0	0	300	150	150	950	475	475
Project D 3	410	205	205	80	40	40	400	200	200	890	445	445
Measure D:	1.758	879	879	80	40	40	800	400	400	2.638	1.319	1.319
Diff. D*:	72	36	36	0	0	0	-600	-300	-300	-528	-264	-264
A+B+C+D	3.578	1.789	1.789	1.680	840	840	3.960	1.780	2.180	9.218	4.409	4.809
Diff. A+B+C+D*	222	111	111	220	110	110	-160	120	-280	282	341	-59
Measure E: Tech. assistance	200	100	100	100	50	50	200	100	100	500	250	250
Total expend.	3.778	1.889	1.889	1.780	890	890	4.160	1.880	2.280	9.718	4.659	5.059
Diff.*	222	111	111	220	110	110	-160	120	-280	282	341	-59

* Difference to the Programme Document "Alpine Space"

NAT= total national cofinancing

** will be submitted in the 2 nd Call

EU= total Community Assistance