

CENTRAL EUROPE PROGRAMME 2007-2013



Lead Applicant Briefing
3rd Call for proposals

Programme framework and
timeline

JTS CENTRAL EUROPE
PROGRAMME

CENTRAL EUROPE PROGRAMME AREA



8 EU countries
1 third country

Surface:
Around 1,050,000 km²

Population:
Around 148 million citizens

4 Programme Priorities:

- Innovation
- Accessibility
- Environment
- Competitiveness and attractiveness of cities and regions



PROGRAMME GOALS AND THEMATIC PRIORITIES



- ✓ Strengthening territorial cohesion
- ✓ Promoting internal integration
- ✓ Enhancing competitiveness of Central Europe

Priority 1: Facilitating Innovation across Central Europe

Priority 2: Improving Accessibility of and within Central Europe

Priority 3: Using our Environment Responsibly

Priority 4: Enhancing Competitiveness and Attractiveness of Cities and Regions



PROGRAMME STATE OF THE ART



- **2 Calls for Proposals** already launched and projects selected and approved for funding
- ~ **60%** of the total ERDF Programme budget **already allocated** (around 139 Mio € ERDF funds)
- **66 projects approved**
 - 1st Call: 29 projects
 - 2nd Call: 37 projects

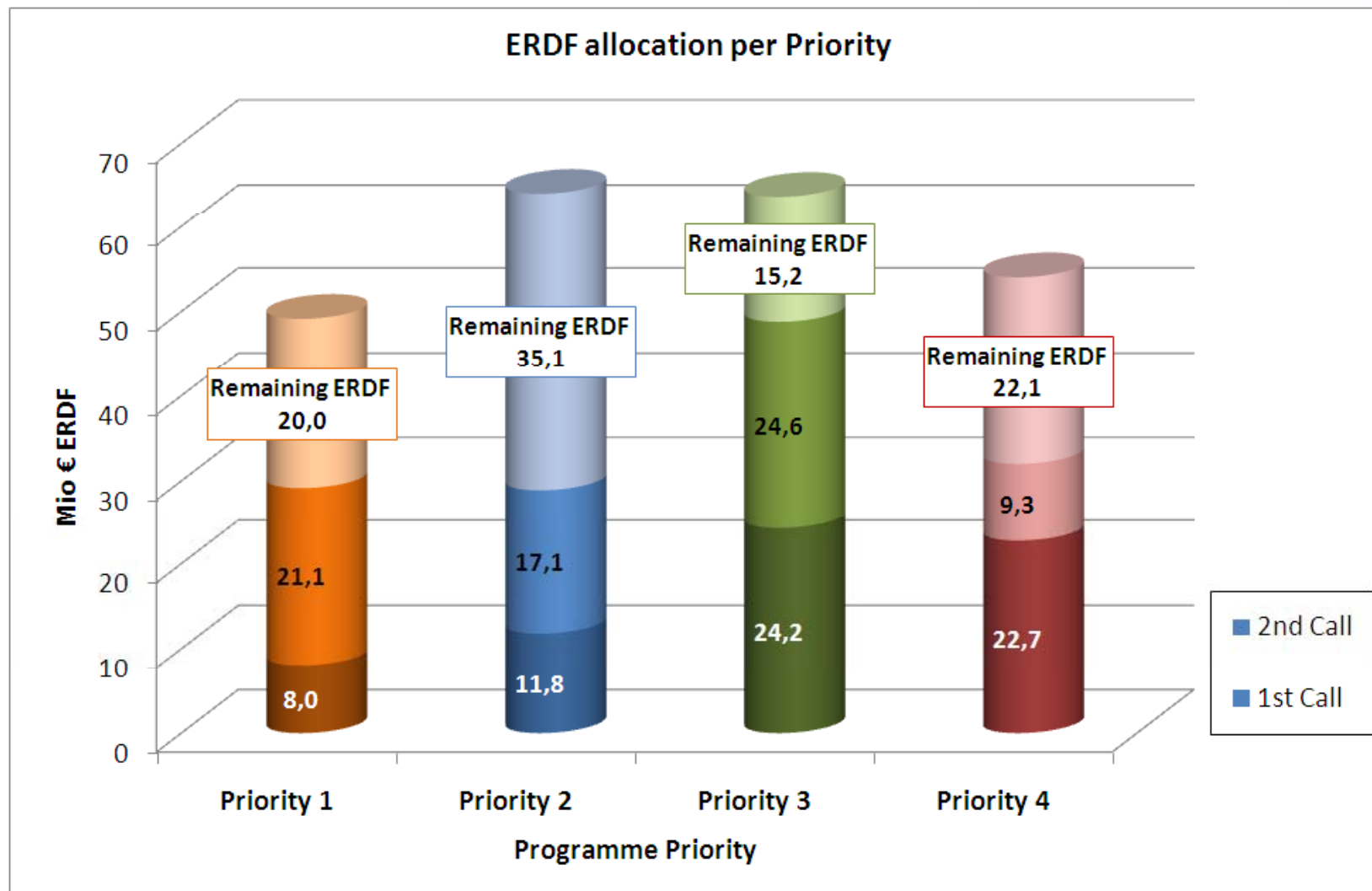


PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION RESULTS OF THE 1ST AND 2ND CALL



	1 st Call	2 nd Call
No. of applications received	95	179
No. of approved projects	29	37
Success rate	~ 30 %	~ 20 %
No. of project partners	325	403
Average no. of partners per project	11 partners	11 partners
Average project size	2,3 Mio € ERDF	1,95 Mio € ERDF
Allocated funds	66,8 Mio € ERDF	72,1 Mio € ERDF

ALLOCATION OF ERDF PER PROGRAMME PRIORITY



3RD CALL FOR PROPOSALS



- Launched: **15 March 2010**
- Closure: **7 May 2010**
- Indicative allocation of ERDF funds: **55-60 MEUR**
- Open to **all** Programme Priorities and **all** Areas of Intervention
- Application Package 3rd Call available on the Programme website



BASIC PROJECT REQUIREMENTS - PARTNERS



Characteristics of **eligible partners**:

- National, regional and local public authorities
- Public equivalent bodies
- Private institutions
- International institutions

Minimum partnership **requirements**:

- At least **three financing partners**,
- From at least **three countries** and
- Being at least **two of the partners located in EU CENTRAL EUROPE regions**

Location of partners/activities:

- Core thematic activities to be implemented **within the CENTRAL EUROPE area**
- If clear benefit for the regions of the CENTRAL EUROPE Programme area, possibility to involve partners/carry out activities **in the EU territory outside the CE cooperation area** (20% flexibility) as well as in **third countries** (10% flexibility)

LEAD PARTNER REQUIREMENTS



Located in the EU CENTRAL EUROPE area*:

- National, regional and local public authorities
- Public Equivalent Bodies
- International Organisations acting under national law
- Private institutions (only for projects submitted under Priority 1)

** for IT and DE assimilated partners can also act as Lead Partners*



PROJECT SIZE, DURATION AND FUNDING



Indicative project size:

1-5 million EUR total eligible budget
(in exceptional cases also smaller or larger projects can be funded)

Indicative project duration

Between 30 - 36 months (max 48 months)

Co-financing rates

Up to 75%: Austria, Germany, Italy

Up to 85%: Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland, Slovakia, Slovenia

Up to 75%: EU partners located outside the EU CENTRAL EUROPE area

Project proposals have to respect:

- Equal opportunities
- Protection and improvement of the environment
- Public procurement rules
- State Aid

*(it is not the legal status of the partner but the **nature of the activities** that it intends to implement that determines whether the State Aid discipline is applicable or not)*



INVOLVEMENT OF PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AS LEAD APPLICANTS



The financial capacity of the private Lead Applicants in Priority 1 projects and its capacity to manage the project budget must be demonstrated :

- a) Additional documents to be submitted, including the filling-in of a **Simplified Financial Statement**;
- b) Additional **check on their financial capacity** will be performed (criteria as defined in the Application Manual);
- c) In case of approval, the private Lead Partner will be asked to provide, before the signature of the subsidy contract, proof that a **financial guarantee** is in force.

Please note that in case the Lead Applicant within Priority 1 declares being a Public Equivalent Body, but after the checks on legal status results being a private institution, the project proposal will be considered as not eligible.

Get in touch with your Contact Point beforehand!

THE EVALUATION PROCESS (1/2)



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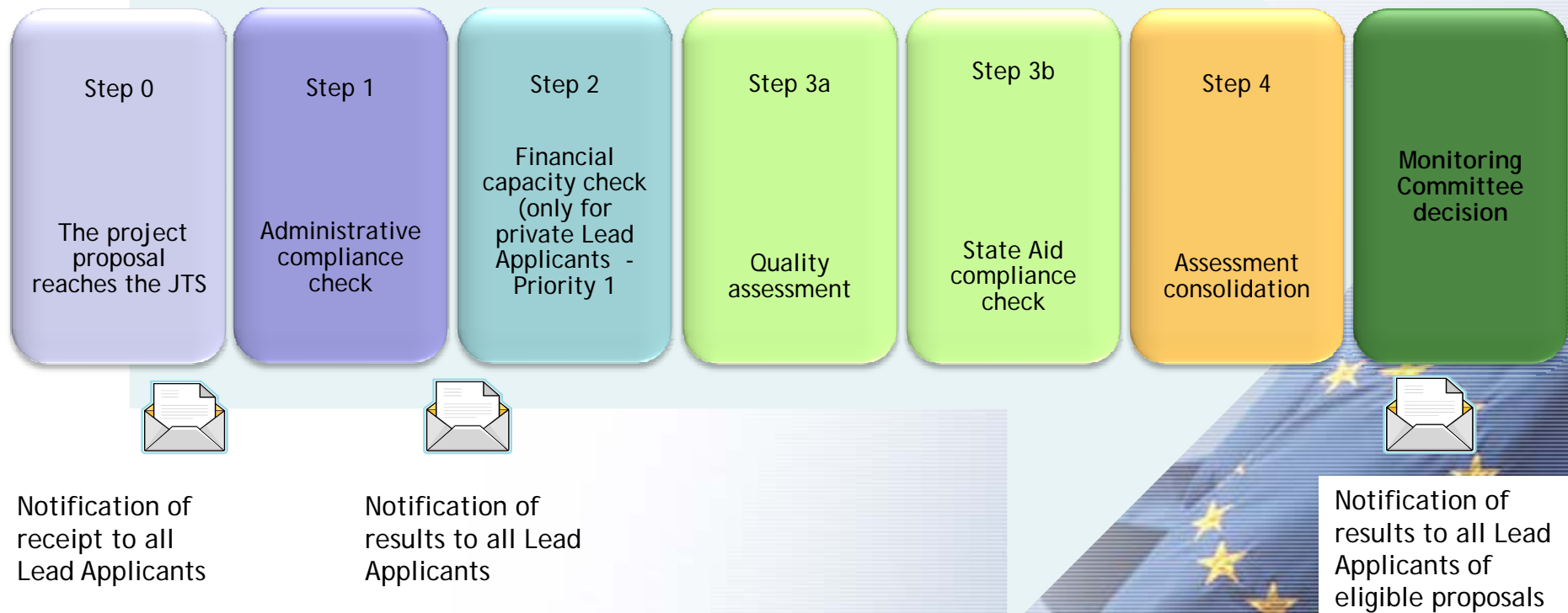


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THE EVALUATION PROCESS (2/2)



Communication to Lead Applicants



Thank you for your attention!



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