

## **Programming Process CENTRAL EUROPE 2014-2020: Outline of the planned Partners Involvement**

In line with decisions taken by the CENTRAL EUROPE Monitoring Committee during its meeting on 16 November 2012 in Torino, the involvement of partners<sup>1</sup> in the programming process for CENTRAL EUROPE 2014-2020 will be organised according to two territorial levels (national/regional and transnational) following a thematic approach (on the topics identified as relevant for the future Programme).

The partner dialogue will therefore be an opportunity for:

- Validating the relevance of identified challenges and needs to be tackled with transnational cooperation in the central Europe area;
- Validating the adequateness of strategic choices carried out by the programming bodies in the framework of the thematic concentration exercise;
- Collecting ideas, inputs, suggestions on possible actions to be supported by the new Programme, as well as on possible stakeholders.

### **1) National Stakeholder Dialogues**

Date: April 2013

Responsible: Contact Points (CPs)

Target Groups: National and regional partners and potential stakeholders

Format: Workshops/forums in national languages with active involvement of participants

Organisation: The events will be organised individually by CPs and take various shapes: from broader events involving more programmes at the same time to more specific events targeted only to the CE2014+ Programme. The national events will allow collecting qualitative inputs. These will then be added to the quantitative inputs collected via the transnational survey (see below).

All National Stakeholder Dialogues will be documented by the experts supporting the drafting of the OP, in order to feed into the following programming discussions, especially with regard to the preparation of the transnational thematic workshop.

### **2) Transnational Survey**

Date: April 2013

Responsible: Joint Technical Secretariat (JTS) with the support of the experts drafting the OP as well as the CPs

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<sup>1</sup> As defined in Article 5 of the draft Common Provisions Regulation.

**Target Group:** Partners and potential stakeholders from all governance levels, including thematic key players

**Format:** Online survey in English and national languages

**Organisation:** The experts, under the coordination of the JTS, will prepare the transnational survey to be acknowledged by the Steering Group (SG). The survey will mostly contain closed questions on thematic topics identified and on the proposed Programme strategy, so as to allow an easy processing of collected information.

It will be distributed by the JTS and CPs to the partners, making also use of non-programme newsletters and websites (e.g. Interact and other ETC programmes, institutions linked to the Steering Group) in addition to the usual Programme communication channels.

### **3) Transnational Workshop**

**Date:** May 2013

**Responsible:** JTS with the support of CPs and experts drafting the OP

**Target Group:** Partners and potential stakeholders from all governance levels, with a special focus on thematic key players at EU level

**Format:** Workshop organised in Vienna as a one-day event consisting of a plenary session, separate thematic workshops and a closing session

**Organisation:** The whole event is expected to attract around 150 participants from relevant thematic fields on all governance levels. In order to allow for focused discussion the size of the thematic workshops should not exceed 40 participants each.

Registration will be organised in a two-step procedure: in a first step, EU level stakeholders from European institutions will be invited directly by the JTS (around 20 from various thematic fields) according to the inputs of the SG. SG members will at the same time open the invitation to selected national stakeholders and partners (around 10 per country). In a second step (indicatively two weeks after the pre-registration) the registration will be opened to all partners and stakeholders. A selection of further participants will then be carried out by the MA/JTS according to country quota, in coordination with the SG.

Input for the parallel workshop sessions will be derived from the national partners dialogues (CPs will present outcomes) and the transnational survey (consultants will present outcomes). The workshops will be facilitated by the JTS and the experts responsible for the OP drafting.

The workshops will be wrapped up in a closing session. The outcomes of the workshop will be documented by the experts and feed into the programming process.