

Partnership Agreement 2014 – 2020

Challenges and opportunities for Bulgaria



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT



- 2nd programming period for Bulgaria
- Progress evident, but still facing the challenges of a less developed region
- Common strategic framework for all ESI Funds – even greater need for synergy and coherence
- Emphasis on results

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – SHAPING THE DOCUMENT

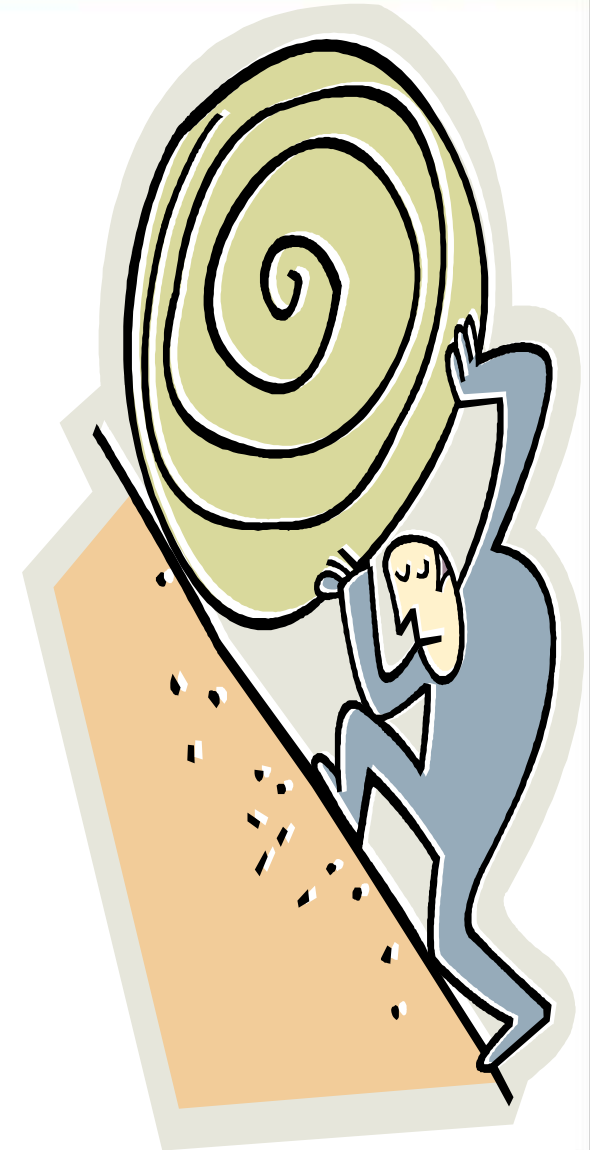
- Based on the socio-economic, macroeconomic and sectoral analyses for the main national strategic documents and for the Partnership Agreement itself
- Aligned to the main national strategic and sectoral documents
- Taking into account the Common Strategic Framework, Country-Specific Recommendations of the Council, the Position paper of the EC services
- Aimed at the common European goals of the Europe 2020 strategy for inclusive, smart and sustainable growth
- Close cooperation with the programmes to keep documents at both levels coherent and up to date

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – CREATED IN PARTNERSHIP

- Strong participation of wide range of partners
 - the Regional Development Councils of the NUTS II regions;
 - all nationally representative organizations of employers and employees;
 - the nationally representative organizations of and for people with disabilities;
 - the National Association of the Municipalities in Bulgaria
 - the academic society;
 - non-governmental organizations – social and environmental organizations, organizations working in the field of education, science and culture, organizations working in the field of development policies
 - sector specific partners are represented at programme level
- Developed in close partnership with the EC services

PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – CHALLENGES

- Sets out firm commitments to the achievement of Union objectives through the ESIF
- Ex-ante conditionalities
- Rationalization
- Simplification
- Common provisions



PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – OPPORTUNITIES

National Development Programme: Bulgaria
2020

1. Enhancing the quality of education and training
2. Poverty reduction and encouragement of social inclusion
3. Innovation and investments for enhancing economy competitiveness
4. Energy safety and increasing resource efficiency
5. Improvement of transport connectivity and access to markets
6. Higher effectiveness of public services for citizens and business
7. Sustainable integrated regional development
8. Development of agricultural sector

Strategic Priority 1: Education, employment, social inclusion and healthcare for inclusive growth

Strategic Priority 2: Research, innovation and investment for smart growth

Strategic Priority 3: Connectivity and green economy for sustainable growth

Strategic Priority 4: : Good governance and access to quality administrative services

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PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT – OPPORTUNITIES

Strategic priorities for funding included in the PA	Sub-priorities
Strategic Priority 1: Education, employment, social inclusion and healthcare for inclusive growth	Employment and labour mobility
	Social inclusion
	Healthcare
	Education, training and lifelong learning
Strategic Priority 2: Research, innovation and investment for smart growth	Enhancing SME competitiveness and resource efficiency
	R&D and innovations
	Access to and use of ICT
Strategic Priority 3: Connectivity and green economy for sustainable growth	Connectivity (external and internal)
	Shift to low carbon economy, energy and resource efficiency
	Climate and climate change, prevention and risk management
	Environment and protection of the natural resources and cultural and historical heritage
Strategic Priority 4 (horizontal): Good governance and access to quality administrative services	Administrative efficiency and e-government
	Effective judicial system and e-justice

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