

Implemented programs

Regional Development Agency – authority with clear established responsibilities

Approach – the beneficiary is a partner in the process of sustainable development

Target – achievement of the established objectives with high ratio of funds absorption, continuous preparation for good quality services

Examples of implemented Programs:

○ PHARE RO 9807.01 – Social Cohesion Policies

- Two open calls organised between 1999-2000
- Financed projects: 124
- Allocated budget: 4,550,600Euro (maximum grant/project 50,000 Euro)
- Global Objective: tourism development, human resources, support for SMEs initiatives
- Absorption ratio: 93.23%
- Jobs created: 2,372 of which 1,579 from unemployed work force

“Pilot program, which induced the accommodation of regional development structures with EU funds work procedures and financing mechanisms. The first program launched at regional level with public tender for projects ” – Elena Nane, Economic Director.

○ Business Development – HG 520/2000

- Financed projects: 9
- Allocated budget: 11,067,349,110 Lei (maximum grant/project 1.5 billion Lei)
- Global objective: facilitate the development of the businesses in the disadvantaged areas
- Absorption ratio: 99.36%
- Jobs created: 309 out of which 251 from the unemployed work force

○ Support for investments – HG 521/2000

- Financed projects: 5
- Allocated budget: 31,200,252,094 Lei (maximum grant/project 10 billion Lei)
- Global objective: facilitate the development of large investments in disadvantaged areas
- Absorption ratio: 99.36%
- Jobs created: 278 out of which 202 from the unemployed work force

“The programs dedicated to disadvantaged areas had difficulties in implementation due to the conditions offered by the local specificity (weak infrastructure, work force heavily inadapted to new type of activities). To achieve a major change in the economy of this areas, the intervention should have stronger, contrary to the actual tendencies of the Government to reduce this type of support” – Gheorghe Harja, Director Department for Phare & SF Programs Management.

○ Development of the North-East Region

- Financed projects: 90
- Allocated budget: 280,088,348,528 Lei (maximum grant/project: 5 billion Lei)
- Global objective: to create new jobs
- Absorption ratio: 83.23%
- Jobs created: 2,892 out of which 1,820 from the unemployed work force

“A successful program that overcame all the proposed indicators. Ex. number of new jobs proposed to be created 1,000 – achieved 2,892, the volume of the funds attracted by the beneficiaries as local contribution, estimated 280 billion Lei - achieved 352.6 billion Lei” – Cristian Zamă, Chief of Phare Contracting & Monitoring Office.

○ PHARE 2000 CES Consultancy and training for SMEs Grant Scheme

- Financed projects: 6
- Allocated budget: 248,385 Euro
- Global objective: increase the level of SME services' performances
- Absorption ratio: 81.3%
- No. SMEs certified ISO: estimated 7, achieved 7
- Number of trained persons: estimated 110, achieved 199

“The program requested the development of a partnership between an SME and a business support company. The SME had to bring as local contribution a percentage of the costs of consultancy services received. The business support companies had a double quality of service supplier and project promoter. This arrangements were not enough attractive for the SMEs” – Cornel Chifu, Chief of Local Offices Coordination Office.

○ PHARE 2000 CES Grant Scheme for new enterprises, micro enterprises and newly established SMEs

- Contracted projects: 76
- Contracted amount: 3,156,240 Euro
- Absorption ratio: 71.2%

○ PHARE 2001 CES Assistance for SMEs – grant scheme

- Contracted projects: 52
- Contracted amount: 3,650,972 Euro
- Absorption ratio: 65.53%
- Number of employed persons: 447

- Jobs created: estimated 939, created 1,060
- **PHARE 2000 CES Development of human resources in the context of industrial restructuring**
 - Contracted projects: 61
 - Contracted amount: 3,306,752 Euro
 - Absorption ratio: 79.4%
 - Trained persons: estimated 7,902, achieved 11,630
 - Number of trainings: estimated 127, achieved 131
- **PHARE 2002 CES Development of Human Resources**
 - Contracted projects: 61
 - Contracted amount: 3,334,629 Euro
 - Absorption ratio: 80.7%

“The SMEs had difficulties to bring the local contribution. The controlling authorities are not following the procedures applied by the specific programs, inducing a stress indicator that lead to the decrease of the interest for fund” - Gheorghe Harja, Director Phare & SF Programs Management Department.

- **PHARE 2001 CES Investments in social services – Grant scheme**
 - Contracted projects: 25
 - Allocated budget: 2,830,018 Euro
 - Absorption ratio: 73.05%
 - Number of assisted persons: 5,000
 - Jobs created: 250
- **Subprogram “ Investments in social services”**
 - Contracted projects: 60
 - Allocated budget: 129,741,705,800 Lei
 - Absorption ratio: 55.16%
 - The program addressed only to rural communities

“The program had a great impact, particularly in the perspective of introducing a modern perspective over the actions that has to be generated by local authorities in order to support disadvantaged persons” - Zlăvog Monica, Chief of Phare Financial Control Office.

- **Subprogram “Development of the cities through SMEs”(target city Solca Suceava County)”**
 - Contracted projects: 5
 - Allocated budget: 15,213,490,000 Lei
 - Absorption rate: 77.98%

“The program was relevant for the small community, it increased the local budgetary incomes and the welfare of the employed persons”- Grigorescu Sorin, Chief of the Planning, Programming and SF Regional Monitoring Office.