

NIC/SPP Methodology and Implementation in WBIF Beneficiaries



IFICO TA

Current situation

Issues/Steps ahead

Horizontal Support to Coordination with International Financial Institutions and bilateral donors in the Western Balkans, EuropeAid /134120/C/SER/MULTI

INTRODUCTION AND NIC TA METODOLOGY

NIC/SPP Requirement

Commission Note from Mr. J. Paquet: Progress concerning the New WBIF Methodology (Ref.Ares 1150242 - 16 March 2015)

- **NIC framework - Single Project Pipelines (per WBIF Beneficiary country):**
 - “The single list of prioritised projects - will become a requirement for co-financing of investments under the WBIF already in 2015 [...]”;
 - “the NIC framework will need to be gradually introduced in beneficiary countries and should serve as a basis for programming of all available financing sources (incl. national IPA and other donors)”.
 - “concrete progress concerning the NIC frameworks and the Single Project Pipelines in the countries [by the SC in June]”

NIC TA Implementation Methodology

- Methodology behind IFICO's NIC technical assistance
 1. Step-based implementation of the NIC framework/SPP; milestones:
 - (I.) Eligibility and prioritisation criteria adopted (June/July)
 - (II.) Single Sector Project Pipelines (SSPPs) established (August/September)
 - (III.) SSPPs consolidated into single project pipeline (October)

NIC TA Implementation Methodology

- Methodology behind IFICO's NIC technical assistance (cntd.)
 2. IFICO support material: 'NIC/SPP package' – in the short term:
 - Finalisation and adoption of NIC/SPP flow methodology (**May/June 2015**)
 - Finalisation, delivery and adoption of eligibility and prioritisation criteria/assessment grid (**June 2015**)
 - Finalisation, delivery and adoption of PIF format (**June 2015**)
 - Design, delivery and adoption of SWG working procedures (**June 2015**)
 - Design, delivery and adoption of SSPP format (**July 2015**)
 3. IFICO in-country support in the short-term (till August/September)
 - 'Light' 2-3 day training on prioritisation criteria in the SWGs (per sector and country)
 - Support missions every two weeks, for hands-on assistance where needed (also for SPP)

IMPLEMENTATION STATUS OF SPP AND NIC FRAMEWORK

Albania

Institutional framework

1.NIC Decision-Making Body: On 20 April 2015, the Strategic Planning Committee was appointed as the NIC

2.NIC Technical Secretariat: PM Office (Dept. of Programming and Foreign Aid) will assume the role of the NIC TS

3.Sector Working Groups: Pending adoption of the NIC/SPP flow Methodology, must take into account the Integrated Planning Management Groups

IFICO support documents

NIC/SPP Flow Methodology: delivered by IFICO on 20 April 2015; currently under revision by NIC TS and relevant institutions

Bosnia and Herzegovina

Institutional framework

- 1. NIC Decision-Making Body:** On 7th May 2015, the Council of Ministers was appointed as the NIC Decision-Making Body
- 2. NIC Technical Secretariat:** NIPAC Office
- 3. Sector Working Groups:** Institutional setup of the SWGs is still under discussion in BiH

IFICO support documents

NIC/SPP Flow Methodology: IFICO will provide draft by the end of May 2015

Working procedures SWGs: best institutional setup will be discussed with NIPAC Office end of May

Kosovo*

Institutional framework

- 1.NIC Decision-Making Body:** Decision to establish NIC (new body) will be adopted in June 2015;
- 2.NIC Technical Secretariat:** NIPAC Office;
- 3.Sector Working Groups:** to be activated;

IFICO support documents

NIC/SPP Flow Methodology: IFICO will liase with the TA consultant employed for this specific purpose;

Working procedures SWGs: To be provided by the TA consultant employed for this specific purpose; IFICO will review and advise on improvements as appropriate.

The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia

Institutional framework

- 1. NIC Decision-Making Body:** draft Decision for NIC is passing the approval process of the Government - expected by the end of May 2015;
- 2. NIC Technical Secretariat:** NIC Secretariat role will be undertaken by the MoF;
- 3. Sector Working Groups:** SWGs are currently working in IPA programming exercise;

IFICO support documents

NIC/SPP Flow Methodology: IFICO will provide draft in June 2015;

Working procedures SWGs: adapt the SWGs to SSPPs process - middle of June 2015;

Eligibility and prioritisation criteria: IFICO will review the prioritisation criteria in place and provide advice for improvement during June 2015;

Montenegro

Institutional framework

- 1. NIC Decision-Making Body:** Officially adopted on 19 February 2015; first constitutive meeting of the NIC was held on May 18 2015
- 2. NIC Technical Secretariat:** Secretariat for Development Projects (SDP) is the main coordinator of NIC/SPP activities
- 3. Sector Working Groups:** Line ministries will be obliged to form SWGs 20 days after the first session of the NIC

IFICO support documents

NIC/SPP Flow Methodology: deliberated by SDP and IFICO, was adopted on the constitutive meeting of the NIC

Working procedures SWGs: will be provided by IFICO to the SDP by mid-June 2015

Eligibility and prioritisation criteria: to be delivered by IFICO by mid-June; to be reviewed by SWGs in June/July

ADDITIONAL FUTURE SUPPORT

Future Need of Additional TA

- Additional TA for further analytical support and capacity building:
 - Maturity assessment
 - NIC Technical Secretariat (pre-prioritisation of SPP)
 - Sector Working Groups (selection and application of prioritisation at SSPP level)
 - Capacity building at all levels, including wider stakeholders



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