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Glossary of Acronyms

EEA	European Economic Area
FMO	Financial Mechanism Office
M o U	Memorandum of Understanding
NFP	National Focal Point
NGO	Non-governmental organization
PA	Paying Authority

PREFACE

The purpose of the Annual Report on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism in the Republic of Slovenia is to give comprehensive information on the implementation during the period under review. The annual report should provide an overview of the implementation of the mechanism and compile information the National Focal Point has received from all interested bodies throughout the implementation period until 30 March 2007.

The present Annual Report is in compliance with the Beneficiary State monitoring and reporting guidelines on Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

The reported period starts in April 2006 and covers the period until 31st March 2007. The Annual Report covers the following issues:

- Background information
- Selection and implementation of individual projects under Open call part 1 (allocation 2004 and 2005)
- Selection of individual projects under Open call part 2 (allocation 2006)
- Preparation for Open call part 3 for individual projects (allocation 2007)
- M o U Annex C funds
- Indicative implementation plan for the following year
- Tentative monitoring and audit plan for the following year

The National Focal Point confirms that the data included in the Annual Report on implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism are comprehensive, complete and correct.

1 BACKGROUND

1.1 RELEVANT LEGISLATION AND DOCUMENTS

By the Treaty of Accession to the European Union, the Republic of Slovenia signed on 14 April 2003, the Republic of Slovenia became a Member State of the EU on 1 May 2004. Any country becoming a Member State of the European Union must file an application for the accession to the EEA Agreement. Slovenia filed the application on 20 December 2002. The negotiations on the enlargement of the EEA between the delegations of Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, the current Member States and the new Member States of the European Union began on 9 January 2003 and concluded with the initialling of the Agreement on 3 July 2003.

Under the Agreement, Protocol 38 – on the EEA Financial Mechanism, the EFTA countries undertake to contribute to economically weaker countries in the European Economic Area. The estimated amount allocated for the Republic of Slovenia is € 12,474,000 for the period 2004 – 2009.

On 20 April 2005 the Memorandum of understanding on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism 2004 – 2009 established in accordance with the agreement of 14.10.2003 between the Kingdom of Norway and the European Community on a Norwegian Financial Mechanism for the period 2004 – 2009 between the Kingdom of Norway and the Republic of Slovenia was signed.

National Focal Point confirms the selected projects are in compliance with Community Policy, including tendering and procurement. So far no legal problems relating to the implementation of the financial mechanisms have appeared and they are not likely to appear.

1.2 IMPLEMENTATION ARRANGEMENTS

National Focal Point

The National Focal Point for the Norwegian Financial Mechanism is the Government Office for European Affairs. The NFP has the overall responsibility for the management of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism's activities in the Republic of Slovenia as described in this Memorandum of Understanding and the Rules of Procedures, including the overall responsibility for the use of funds, financial control and audit.

The division of responsibilities within the National Focal Point is as follows:

Name and position	Working area
Dr. Rado Genorio , Secretary – Head of Technical Assistance Sector	NATIONAL FOCAL POINT
Mr Boštjan Lovka , Secretary	INFO POINT
Mr Boštjan Lovka , Secretary	CALL FOR PROPOSALS FOR INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS
Mr Jure Mezek , Secretary	NGO FUND
Mr Boštjan Lovka , Secretary New Employee (within TA)	TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Mr Jure Mezek , Secretary	FUND FOR TECHNICAL EXPERTS, CO-OPERATION AMONG EDUCATIONAL AND RESEARCH INSTITUTIONS
Ms Nataša Rumpret , Secretary	MONITORING
Mr Boštjan Lovka , Secretary Mr Jure Mezek , Secretary New Employee (within TA)	IMPLEMENTATION

Intermediate bodies

On the basis of an agreement with the FMO, the National Focal Point may delegate some tasks related to project preparation and implementation to Intermediate Bodies (relevant ministries, relevant organisations of public administration and other agreed bodies). Their tasks and responsibilities will be defined in detail in a legal act, agreement or memorandum of understanding between the Intermediate Body and GOEA.

Paying Authority

Further provisions on financial flows, the paying authority, and financial management was elaborated in an agreement between the FMO and the National Focal Point, confirmed by the EFTA States and the Republic of Slovenia by the signing of an exchange of letter between the Norwegian ministry of Foreign Affairs and the NFP on 16 December 2005 following the approval of the Ministry. The agreement contains provisions on the role of the National Fund and the Central Finance and Contract Unit. The agreement puts in place an efficient payment system ensuring that funds from the Norwegian Financial Mechanism are being used efficiently and correctly and in accordance with the principles of sound financial management. The system ensures that the processing of payment claims is independent from other entities or agencies involved in the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

Auditing

Internal Audit: the main duties of Internal Audit within each of the institution are:

- to conduct internal audits of each institution involved (the Government Office for European Affairs and the Ministry of Finance);
- to advise the Minister or the head of institution on the matters from its own field of operation.

Budget Supervisory Office: it is an independent office in the framework of the Ministry of Finance, charged for the public internal control and control of all EU funds, as well as funds from Norwegian Financial Mechanism, with no responsibilities for implementation and management. It is responsible for overall strategy of the financial control for all funds, annual audit plans and approval of audit programmes and quality control of audits executed.

Court of Audit of the Republic of Slovenia: is the highest body for supervising state accounts, the state budget and all public spending in Slovenia. It is independent in the performance of its duties and bound by the Constitution and law. The Court of Audit Act also defines that the acts with which the Court of Audit exercises its powers of audit cannot be challenged before the courts or other state bodies.

Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee shall be appointed and chaired by the National Focal Point. The Monitoring Committee is responsible for monitoring the course and manner of project progress in the frame of Norwegian Financial Mechanism. Monitoring Committee's responsibilities include but are not limited to the following:

- periodical review of progress of projects;
- examining and approval of periodical reports the use of financial resources and
- ensures that the Focal Point is fully informed about the progress of projects.

According to the Annex A, part C the FP will nominate the Monitoring Committee, which shall include representatives of:

- the FP;
- relevant line ministries or governmental bodies;
- social and economic partners;
- NGOs.

Steering Committee

The Steering Committee is appointed and chaired by the National Focal Point. It is an advisory body to the NFP regarding the identification, development and selections of proposals. The Steering Committee's task is to give an opinion and to make recommendation to the NFP on which projects should be forwarded to the FMO.

According to the Annex A, part C the NFP nominated on 21 October 2005 the Steering Committee. Due to the changes within relevant institutions the Steering Committee has undergone changes according to the Call for nomination, which was sent to relevant institutions by the NFP on 6 June 2006.

Steering Committee includes representatives of:

- the NFP (2 voting representatives; chairman-without voting rights);
- relevant line ministries or governmental bodies (two representatives from each of the institutions: Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Ministry of Culture, and

one representative from National Agency for Regional Development, Government Office for Growth);

- social and economic partners (one representative from the Chamber of Commerce);
- NGOs (two representatives from the NGO sector).

1.3 PRIORITY AREAS

Following the discussion with relevant ministries, initiated by the Government Office of the Republic of Slovenia for European Affairs acting as National Focal Point, the listed priority areas were agreed upon:

- Protection of the environment, including the human environment, through, inter alia, the reduction of pollution and the promotion of renewable energy
- Promotion of sustainable development
- Conservation of European cultural heritage
- Human resource development through, inter alia, promotion of education and training, strengthening of administrative or public service capacities of local government or its institutions and the democratic processes that support it
- Health and childcare
- Academic Research
- Regional policy and cross-border activities
- Implementation of Schengen Acquis and the Judiciary
- Technical Assistance.

Within the priority areas there are several Focus areas. These priority and focus areas are specified in the Annex B of the Memorandum of understanding on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

The National Focal Point has agreed with the FMO that due to limited financial allocation for the Republic of Slovenia there would be no programmes (groups of projects) and seed money facility type of assistance. In view of simplifying the administrative procedures individual projects can be only submitted as complete project applications and there will not be any advance payment possible.

In the Annex C of the Memorandum of understanding on the implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism special attention is given also to the financing assistance for:

1. NGO fund
2. Technical expert fund
3. Fund for co-operation among educational and research institutions
4. Technical assistance fund.

Cross-cutting issues

The cross-cutting issues (environmental, economic and social including gender equality and good governance) have been taken into account during the selection process. It is too early to assess the impact of selected projects on the cross-cutting issues.

Publicity

Information and publicity about assistance provided through the Norwegian Financial Mechanism intend to increase transparency and raise public awareness. The NFP ensured that detailed information on opportunities for potential beneficiaries about the existence and functioning of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism as well as the availability of funds was communicated to special target groups and the public at large by:

- maintaining the web site www.eeagrants.si and updating it when it deems necessary;
- sending the e-mail information letter to all relevant ministries and other institutions at the national level, Regional Development Agencies, umbrella NGO organisations, social and economic partners and NGOs;
- taking part in several seminars and conferences on funding opportunities in Slovenia;
- answering to 128 e-mails received from potential project promoters
- holding 72 meetings with potential project promoters.
- announcement of tender for NGO Fund (end of October 2006).

Cooperation between donors and Beneficiary State

The cooperation between FMO and the Republic of Slovenia has been very intense in this reporting period. The seminars organised by the FMO/donors were attended by the representatives of the NFP and Paying Authority and they contributed to higher level of knowledge and close cooperation for efficient and successful implementation of the Norwegian Financial Mechanism.

During the whole reporting period the representatives of donor states visited various Slovenian institutions with the aim to present possible areas of cooperation (e.g.: one of selected projects foresees cooperation with Norwegian partners).

The actual implementation of selected projects will enhance the future cooperation between the donor states and the Republic of Slovenia.

1.4 FINANCIAL BREAKDOWN

The total net amount of the allocation for the period 2004-2009 is € 11,850,300. 3% of this amount has been set apart for the purposes of the external monitoring and appraisal activities performed by the FMO. The remaining amount has been indicatively broken down to the following types of assistance:

- approximately 80% to Individual Projects (estimated figure is € 9,480,240);
- 10% to the NGO Fund (estimated figure is € 1,185,030);
- approximately 10% to the Technical expert fund, Fund for co-operation among educational and research institutions and Technical assistance fund (estimated figure is € 1,185,030).

2 IMPLEMENTATION OF INDIVIDUAL PROJECTS

The National Focal Point has with the approval of the FMO agreed to have continuously open call for submission of individual project applications. It has been decided that the deadlines for submission of applications would be:

- By 12:00 o'clock on 30th September 2005 for the allocation 2004 and 2005
- By 12:00 o'clock on 5th May 2006 for the allocation 2006
- By 12:00 o'clock on 11th May 2007 for the allocation 2007
- By 12:00 o'clock on 30th April 2008 for the allocation 2008.

2.1 OPEN CALL part 1

2.1.1 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS

As stated in the Annual Report No.1 the National Focal Point has sent the selected applications sent to the FMO on 23 December 2005.

During the project selection process at the FMO the NFP performed the following activities:

- acting as an intermediary between FMO and the project promoters;

- facilitating the flow of information regarding the requests for additional information regarding project proposals;
- commenting the draft Appraisal reports prepared by independent evaluators;
- notifying the project promoters whose proposals were not selected for final appraisal about the results of the selection by FP
- receiving and processing the Grant Offer Letters regarding the approved projects;
- receiving and processing the negative decision letters regarding the rejected projects;
- revision and resubmitting of the revised applications under Article 4.7 of the Rules and procedures;

2.1.2 PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Milestones within the Open call part 1 project implementation phase:

- **28 September - 3 October 2006:** NFP received the decisions made by Financial Mechanism Committee and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs regarding the project proposals received under Open call part 1. Out of seven proposed projects the Financial Mechanism Committee and Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs approved four project, rejected two projects with possibility to resubmit the revised versions of projects and made final rejection of one project.
- **October – November 2006:** Preparation of the Project Implementation Plans for approved projects
- **October – December 2006:** Preparation of the revised versions of the rejected projects under Article 4.7 of the Rules and procedures
- **21 December:** Resubmission of the revised version of the projects to the FMO
- **24 January 2007:** NFP signed Grant Agreement regarding the project SI0001 “Lively old town - Integrated approach to the old town renewal in Gorenjska region”
- **23 February 2007:** NFP signed Grant Agreement regarding the project SI0002 “Demolition and reconstruction of the existing nursery school, due to excessive radon radiation”
- **23 February 2007:** NFP signed Grant Agreement regarding the project SI0004 “Establishment of the network of GPS stations and European spatial reference system in Slovenia”

- **20 March 2007:** NFP and Paying Agency conducted the training for project promoter BSC d.o.o. regarding the reporting on project implementation. Training are foreseen for all project promoters individually in the next months.

Table 1: **Projects approved under Norwegian Financial Mechanism**

No.	NAME OF APPLICANT / Project title	Date of approval	Approved grant amount (EUR)	Grant rate (%)	Grant Agreement signed on:	Implementing Agreement signed on
SI-0001	BSC d.o.o. / Lively old town - Integrated approach to the old town renewal in Gorenjska region	20 September 2006	1,211,242	85	24 January 2007	-
SI-0002	MUNICIPALITY IDRIJA / Demolition and reconstruction of the existing nursery school, due to excessive radon radiation	15 September 2006	1.343.327	85	23 February 2007	-
SI-0004	MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND SPATIAL PLANNING - SURVEYING AND MAPPING AUTHORITY / Establishment of the network of GPS stations and European spatial reference system in Slovenia	15 September 2006	799.091	43,36	23 February 2007	-
SI-0013	PUBLIC INSTITUTION, LIPICA STUD FARM / The Lipizzaner Museum	-	-	-	-	-

2.2 OPEN CALL part 2

2.2.1 PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

The National Focal Point performed the following activities:

- **March 2006 – April 2006:** National Focal Point answered 72 questions by e-mail and held 28 meetings with potential project promoters regarding the last minute inquiries regarding the Open call;

2.1.2 PROJECT SELECTION PROCESS AT THE NATIONAL FOCAL POINT

Milestones within the Open call part 2 selection procedure:

- **15 – 26 May 2006:** Administrative compliance and eligibility check meetings
- **6 June 2006:** Call for necessary replacements of members of the Steering Committee sent to the Ministry of Finance, Ministry of Environment and Spatial Planning, Ministry of Culture, National Agency for Regional Development, Centre for information service, co-operation and development of NGOs, Government Office for Growth and Chamber of Commerce

- **7 September 2007:** 1st Meeting of the Steering Committee
- **11 September 2006 – 27 October 2006:** Appraisal of the applications
- **7 November 2006:** Final Meeting of the Steering Committee with selection of the Priority and Reserve lists of project proposals
- **16 January 2007:** Selected applications sent to the FMO

Since the members of the Steering Committee were experts in different areas they decided on their first working session to group all received project applications into 3 clusters:

1. Protection of the environment, including the human environment, through, inter alia, the reduction of pollution and the promotion of renewable energy
2. Conservation of European cultural heritage
3. Other priority areas.

The project applications within each cluster have been appraised by at least two voting members of the Steering Committee.

As requested by the FMO, the Steering Committee made the priority list of 6 applications and reserve list of 3 applications to be further appraised by the FMO and other relevant institutions.

National Focal Point sent the following documents related to selection of applications to the FMO on 16 January 2007:

1. Evaluation Report – administrative compliance and eligibility dated 26 May 2006
2. Evaluation Report - technical and financial quality dated 30 November 2006
3. Priority projects (original versions and versions with Focal Point opinion)
4. Reserve projects (original versions and versions with Focal Point opinion).

2.1.3 ANALYSIS OF RECEIVED APPLICATIONS BY PRIORITY AREA

By the second deadline of the Call for proposals for submission of individual projects on 5 May 2006 the NFP received in time 101 applications in the total amount of € 66,25 million requested funds from the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and the EEA Financial Mechanism.

In the tables 1-4 and in the charts 1-2 you can find the list of all received individual projects, the distribution of projects according to priorities, the priority list and the reserve list of selected projects.

Table 2: Individual projects received by the deadline 5 May 2006

No	Title	Applicant	Total Amount (EURO)	EEA Grants (EURO)	% EEA Grants	National Co-financing (EURO)	Priority *
1	Renewal and digitilisation of the TV archives of the Radiotelevision Slovenia	Radiotelevision Slovenia, Public broadcasting service	1.716.449	1.014.808	59,12	701.641	3
2	European School of the Visual	Republic of Slovenia Public Fund for Cultural Activities	728.300	590.600	81,09	137.700	3
3	EEW - EcoEnergy from Waste	Waste Recovering Company Plc	1.745.000	1.047.000	60,00	698.000	1
4	Implementation of the program "Fit for Work" - senzitation of management, training of advisors for workplace health promotion and implementation in companies	University Medical Center, Ljubljana, Clinical institute of occupational, traffic and sports medicine	355.874	302.493	85,00	53.381	4
5	Restoration of the foundation vaults beneath the St. George's church in Piran	Municipality of Piran	894.928	534.414	85,00	360.514	3
6	Volče collection center of separately collected municipal waste fractions	Komunala Tolmin d.d.	440	374	85,00	66	1
7	Clean source of life	Municipality Bloke	417.158	332.922	79,81	84.236	1
8	Cultural Heritage in the Service of Science	Scientific Research Centre of the Slovenian Academy of Sciences and Arts	4.096.330	2.962.145	72,31	1.134.185	3
9	Construction, reconstruction and adaptation of Centre for children's health care Šentvid pri Stični – II. Phase	Public health institution Centre for treatment of children's diseases	716.995	592.776	84,99	124.219	5
10	Informative, Educational and Awareness-Raising Campaign for the Promotion of Ground Water as a Source of Drinking Water	City of Ljubljana	1.107.617	941.476	85,00	166.141	1
11	Claustra Alpium Iuliarum - Romans in the heart of Europe; to preseve the heritage and to built the museum	Municipality Logatec	779.098	335.366	43,05	443.732	3
12	Keep life on water protected area (LIFE-PRO)	Slovene Chamber of Agriculture and Forestry, Institute of Agriculture and Forestry Maribor	564.760	423.570	75,00	141.190	2
13	Increase of efficiency in energy use, reduction of emissions and development of cross-border network of cemeteries for common approach to solving problems regarding efficient use of energy and reduction of pollution.	Pogrebno podjetje Maribor d.d.	642.000	315.650	59,00	326.350	1

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14	Partial reconstruction of the Institute for Blind and Partially Sighted Children	Institute for Blind and Partially Sighted Children	953.470	810.450	85,00	143.020	5
15	Stable environment for performing programs for young adults with special needs.	Tin Ljubljana	2.166.666	1.300.000	60,00	866.666	4
16	CULTWET - Evaluation, promotion and conservation of cultural values of wetlands in Slovenia	University of Primorska - Science and Research Center Koper	509.602	428.063	84,00	81.539	1
17	"TMTU" - Trnovo Basic Learning Model	Day-care Centre Trnovo	423.519	254.111	100,00	169.408	4
18	Challenges and opportunities of the catering industry – Prevention of shortage, marginalisation and dropout rate in the profession of waiter	Vocational school for catering and tourism Radenci	447.466	268.480	100,00	178.986	4
19	Museum of wine culture Brda	Community of Brda	740.000	629.000	85,00	111.000	3
20	Expansion of the product line through an investment in 2007	Tajfun Planina, proizvodnja strojev d.o.o.	1.580.008	948.000	60,00	632.008	1
21	Military History Park - 2nd phase of a large-scale project	Municipality of Pivka	1.000.526	636.289	75,00	364.237	3
22	Water Tank V=750m3 - Šentjanž	Municipality of Šmarje pri Jelšah	308.150	256.792	100,00	51.358	1
23	Renovation of Cinema into theatre and cinema hall in Murska Sobota	Municipality of Murska Sobota	1.562.600	500.000	32,00	1.062.600	3
24	Renovation of Castle of Murska Sobota - preservation of city castle as key cultural monument	Country museum Murska Sobota, p.o.	701.530	489.829	69,82	211.701	3
25	Implementation of reconstruction and expansion of water supply system in the settlement of Gornja vas	Municipality of Rogatec	300.371	255.315	85,00	45.056	1
26	Bridges	Ars Vitae Society, Society for helping illegal drug addicts	472.905	334.233	73,31	138.672	4
27	Herbal park in the village of Senik – preparation of strategies and guidelines	Aforma interieri d.o.o.	467.295	280.377	60,00	186.918	3
28	New ways in new Europe	Local tourist board Blegoš	1.276.585	735.160	59,01	541.425	3
29	Sustainable supply of drinking water in the Komen Karst	Municipality of Komen	490.884	396.678	85,00	94.206	2
30	Fish based assessment of ecological status in the adriatic river basin; Acronym: AFI (Adriatic Fish Index)	Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia	516.305	438.860	85,00	77.445	1
31	The educational program and the development of new educational methods for children and disabled youth	Paraplegik's Association of Slovenia	2.107.115	586.822	100,00	1.520.293	4
32	Cultural-educational center Notranjski museum Postojna	Municipality of Postojna	990.392	536.294	54,15	454.098	3
33	Life and culture of old historic cores	The Slovenian Association of Historic Towns	1.213.571	656.906	54,13	556.665	3

No	Title	Applicant	Total Amount (EURO)	EEA Grants (EURO)	% EEA Grants	National Co-financing (EURO)	Priority *
34	Library contents for the improvement of the human resources competitiveness	Library Beno Zupančič, Postojna	1.600.700	572.410	35,76	1.028.290	4
35	Slovene Alpine Museum Mojstrana	Alpine Asociacion Dovje, Mojstrana	1.570.074	942.044	60,00	628.030	3
36	The Monument and the Museum dedicated to the defenders of slovene soil on Cerje (The Museum Cerje)	Municipality of Miren-Kostanjevica	1.028.815	795.357	77,31	233.458	3
37	Complete revitalisation of sacral cultural heritage and development of pilgrimage tourism in Ptujška gora	Municipality of Majšperk	701.421	524.998	75,00	176.423	3
38	Society of creative municipalities - SkUO 69	IPAK, Institute for Symbolic Analysis and Information Technology Development	350.313	283.988	81,07	66.325	4
39	Stara Sava – Renovation of the only preserved Iron foundry area in Europe	Municipality of Jesenice	2.016.876	1.714.345	85,00	302.531	3
40	Digitalisation of glass plate photographs from the 19th and beginning of the 20th century	Gorenjski muzej	393.460	334.440	85	59.020	3
41	Ecological Engineering of the Area in Podčetrtek Municipality	Municipality of Podčetrtek	517.526	439.897	85	77.629	1
42	Eco.tourist; Future of the Savinja Bank from Sempeter to Levec	Development agency Savinja, Business Interest Association	1.079.356	916.602	85	162.754	2
43	Change Black to Green	Municipality Moravske Toplice	297.985	252.990	85	44.995	1
44	Energetically-economical Kindergarten	Municipality Gornja Radgona	791.136	672.466	85	118.670	1
45	A network of traditional craft museums in the goriska region - Setting up a blacksmith shop museum in Lokovec near Nova Gorica	Municipality Nova Gorica	427.956	363.763	85,00	64.193	3
46	Pomurje Pavilion	Pomurski sejem d.d.	818.188	635.584	77,68	182.604	1
47	Complete revitalisation of monastery complex – Zice	Municipality Slovenske Konjice	1.314.182	1.056.000	80,35	258.182	3
48	Preservation and revival of the Southern Gate, the cultural centre of Slovenia's capital city	SPL Ljubljana d.d.	1.684.733	1.010.839	60,00	673.894	3
49	DigArh: Digital Archive of Architectural Cultural Heritage	Ad Pirum, Zavod za intelektualne dejavnosti	872.860	523.716	60,00	349.144	3
50	Whole revitalisation of an old market square in Mozirje community	Municipality Mozirje	1.331.816	925.300	83,37	406.516	3
51	International Nest	Mladinski center Brežice/ Youth Center Brežice	1.646.878	1.317.503	80,00	329.375	4
52	Lo-Ko-Motiva Triglav	Triglavski narodni park	1.477.800	1.230.630	83,27	247.170	1
53	Display of permanent museum collection in Spital	The Gornja Radgona Community	354.325	301.174	85,00	53.151	3
54	Establishing professional bases for revitalization of immediate and wider area of the Škrijevo Castle.	Kranjska investicijska družba d.o.o.	978.810	569.250	59,50	409.560	3

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55	Extension of the treatment plant and construction of the sewage system	Municipality Dolenjske Toplice	2.033.261	1.000.000	58,93	1.033.261	1
56	Demonstration of ecoremediation (ERM) and its application in various areas	Limnos, Company for applied ecology Ltd.	796.081	473.818	59,52	322.263	1
57	Overall water supply solution in the central area of the southeast Slovenia region.	Dolenjske Toplice Municipality	1.140.895	720.020	75,25	420.875	1
58	Energy plan, use of alternative energy sources and decrease waste amount in Municipality of Kočevje	Municipality of Kočevje	411.274	349.583	85,00	61.691	1
59	E.T. - Equal Tourist	ŠENT – Slovenian society for mental health	636.992	382.195	60,00	254.797	4
60	The development of the monitoring of the impact of pollutants on the protected nature areas	Public Health Institute Maribor	353.000	298.721	84,62	54.279	1
61	Young Town Grosuplje	Grosuplje Council	2.197.958	937.733	42,66	1.260.225	3
62	Digitalization of immovable sacral cultural heritage in Slovenia	Institute European Cultural Center Maribor	422.167	252.161	59,73	170.006	3
63	Chemical Characterisation and source appointment of particulate matter PM10	Environmental Agency of Republic of Slovenia	435.925	370.537	85,00	65.388	1
64	Modernization of computer infrastructure for computing of numerically intensive simulations of the atmosphere	Environmental Agency of Republic of Slovenia	375.334	319.034	85,00	56.300	1
65	Building central biological waste water treatment plant in Municipality Dol pri Ljubljani	Municipality Dol pri Ljubljani	1.269.957	761.974	60,00	507.983	1
66	Reducing of energy consumption, emissions and wastes in the Slovenian Wood processing Industry	Wood Industry Cluster	1.281.310	768.786	60,00	512.524	1
67	Optimisation of system for incineration of waste	KIV kovinska industrija Vransko d.d.	800.000	480.000	60,00	320.000	1
68	SLOTT	Jozef Stefan Institute	0	0	0,00	0	1
69	Environment-friendly rubber manufacturing industry „Prof Sava“	Savatech, Družba za proizvodnjo in trženje gumenotehničnih proizvodov in pnevmatike, d.o.o., Kranj	1.807.208	1.084.325	60,00	722.883	1
70	Ecological centre Žitkovci	Municipality Dobrovnik	640.849	544.886	85,03	95.963	1
71	Consultation and Dialogue as Preconditions for Sustainable Development	Ministry of Public Administration	914.204	496.306	54,29	417.898	2
72	Therapeutic community (TC)	Zavod VIR - preprečevanje odvisnosti in rehabilitacija uporabnikov drog	955.879	802.982	84,00	152.897	5
73	Revitalization of an old town nucleus – use of development potential	Municipality Šentjur	1.011.769	860.003	85,00	151.766	3
74	Better quality of live for persons with special needs	Institute of public health Murska Sobota	422.303	253.380	60,00	168.923	4

No	Title	Applicant	Total Amount (EURO)	EEA Grants (EURO)	% EEA Grants	National Co-financing (EURO)	Priority *
75	Restoration of Kino Šiška into Centre of Modern Arts	City of Ljubljana	1.043.384	310.500	29,79	732.884	3
76	Competents for the first Job	Moje delo, spletni marketing, d.o.o.	835.327	482.715	57,79	352.612	4
77	The Implementation of Unified Architecture for Local Self-Government e-Administration in Slovenia and the Introduction of Unified Solutions for selected Municipalities and Regions (SEPLS Implementation)	The Association of municipalities of Slovenia	1.748.412	1.458.212	83,40	290.200	4
78	The way to successful inclusion to the labour market	RDA of northern Primorska, Regional Development Agency I.t.d. Nova Gorica	374.377	230.876	61,67	143.501	4
79	e-POOP Electronic business between the municipal administration, citizens and business partners	Municipality of Koper	743.115	631.647	85,00	111.468	4
80	Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorder	Institute for Autism Spectrum Disorder	359.995	319.995	88,89	40.000	5
81	Heritage for the Future. Preserving the documentation in Slovenian National Ethnological Institutions	Slovenian ethnological museum	1.023.658	841.671	82,22	181.987	3
82	Goga's House of Culture	Založba Goga	680.585	517.244	76,00	163.341	3
83	Development of comprehensive support mechanisms for managing autistic spectrum disorder (ASD) in Slovenia	Center for support to persons with autistic spectrum disorder	359.997	271.997	75,56	88.000	5
84	Miroljubno kmetovanje in zdrava prehrana za prebivalstvo Slovenije	Društvo za osvoboditev živali in njihove pravice	3.968.100	379.000	15,50	3.589.100	1
85	Research of possibilities for renovation of Bokalce castle which add socio-economic value to the complex.	GIVO Real d.o.o.	857.139	359.141	60,00	497.998	3
86	Biodiversity state review, directions and workprogram for sustainable management	Institute of the Republic of Slovenia for Nature Conservation	543.589	441.145	81,15	102.444	2
87	INCOS - Innovation Competence in Slovenia	JAPTI, Public agency of the Republic of Slovenia for entrepreneurship and foreign investments	1.292.450	0	0,00	0	4
88	Child, Parent and Hospital Staff Friendly Hospital through the help of EIM Methodology (Emerging Image Method)	EPTA Consulting, Training and Publishing d.o.o.	664.680	564.681	84,96	100.000	5
89	SIIMP - Common Information Infrastructure of Maribor Area	Municipality of Maribor	1.192.880	859.880	72,08	333.000	4
90	Heritage Trails - The trails of Dolenjska and Bela krajina region	Novo Mesto Chamber of Commerce and Industry	474.400	399.250	84,16	75.150	3
91	Waste water treatment in the Municipality of Žirovnica	Municipality of Žirovnica	2.075.983	1.256.726	60,54	819.257	1
92	Biomass	Občina Radlje ob Dravi	581.050	493.993	85,02	87.057	1
93	Castle Trebnik - new european destination for cultural & sustainable tourism	Technological and innovation center of Dravinja valley	477.200	286.320	60,00	190.880	3
94	Construction of the theatre and residence centre Mini teater in Ljubljana	Mini teater - non-profit institution	1.077.638	600.454	55,72	477.184	3

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95	Founding of the Centre for Research of Innovation and Productivity (Acronym: CRIP)	University of Primorska Faculty of management Koper	713.137	427.882	60,00	285.255	4
96	Youth day centre	Youth centre Velenje, culture and education	294.182	250.000	84,98	44.182	4
97	Development of the method for assessment of trophic status of rivers based on benthic invertebrates	Institute for Water of the Republic of Slovenia	596.464	505.995	85,00	90.469	1
98	Sustainable development of Municipality Bloke	Municipality Bloke	301.473	256.251	85,00	45.222	2
99	Integrated Electronic Ticketing and Traveller Information System for Public Transportation in Sloven	Ministry of Transport of the Republic of Slovenia	6.500.000	5.525.000	85,00	975.000	2
100	Sasa region innovation centre for environment and permanent development	Esotech	1.193.737	716.242	60,00	477.495	1
101	Renovation of Škratelj's homestead into »Museum of Slovene film actors in Divača«	Municipality of Divača	1.403.678	1.193.126	85,00	210.552	3
	TOTAL		102.532.115	66.254.936		34.984.730	

* Priorities:

1. Protection of the environment, including the human environment, through, inter alia, the reduction of pollution and the promotion of renewable energy
2. Promotion of sustainable development
3. Conservation of European cultural heritage
4. Human resource development through, inter alia, promotion of education and training, strengthening of administrative or public service capacities of local government or its institutions and the democratic processes that support it
5. Health and childcare

Table 3; Priority list of project proposals for Open call part 2

No.	NAME OF APPLICANT / Project title	Average score obtained	Recomm. grant amount (EURO)	Recomm. rate of financing of eligible costs (%)	Source of financing
1-94	MINI TEATER – NON-PROFIT INSTITUTION / Construction of the theatre and residence centre Mini teater in Ljubljana	87,5	600.454	55,72	EEA FM Norwegian FM
2-9	JAVNI ZDRAVSTVENI ZAVOD CENTER ZA ZDRAVLJENJE BOLEZNI OTROK / Construction, reconstruction and adaptation of Centre for children's health care Šentvid pri Stični – II. Phase	86,33	592.776	84,99	Norwegian FM
3-5	MUNICIPALITY OF PIRAN / Restoration of the foundation vaults beneath the St. George's church in Piran	85	534.414	85	EEA FM
4-75	CITY OF LJUBLJANA / Restoration of Kino Šiška into Centre of Modern Arts	85	310.500	29,79	Norwegian FM
5-29	MUNICIPALITY OF KOMEN / Sustainable supply of drinking water in the Komen Karst	84,66	396.678	85	EEA FM
6-44	MUNICIPALITY GORNJA RADGONA / Energetically economical kindergarten	83,33	672.466	85	Norwegian FM

Table 4; Reserve list of project proposals for Open call part 2

No.	NAME OF APPLICANT / Project title	Average score obtained	Recomm. grant amount (EURO)	Recomm. rate of financing of eligible costs
1r-51	YOUTH CENTER BREŽICE / International nest	81,66	1.317.503	80
2r-69	SAVATECH, d.o.o. / Environment friendly rubber manufacturing industry "Prof Sava"	83,66	1.084.325	60
3r-43	MUNICIPALITY MORAVSKE TOPLICE / Change black to green	81,5	252.990	85

Table 5: Individual projects received by the deadline 5 May 2006 by priorities

PRIORITY	Requested funds in EURO	% of TOTAL requested funds	Number of projects
Environment and energy	18.719.659	28,25	33
European cultural heritage	25.520.017	38,51	36
Health and childcare	3.362.881	5,07	19
Sustainable development	8.455.552	12,77	7
Human resource development	10.196.827	15,40	6
TOTAL	66.254.936	100	101

Chart 1; Requested funds in Euro

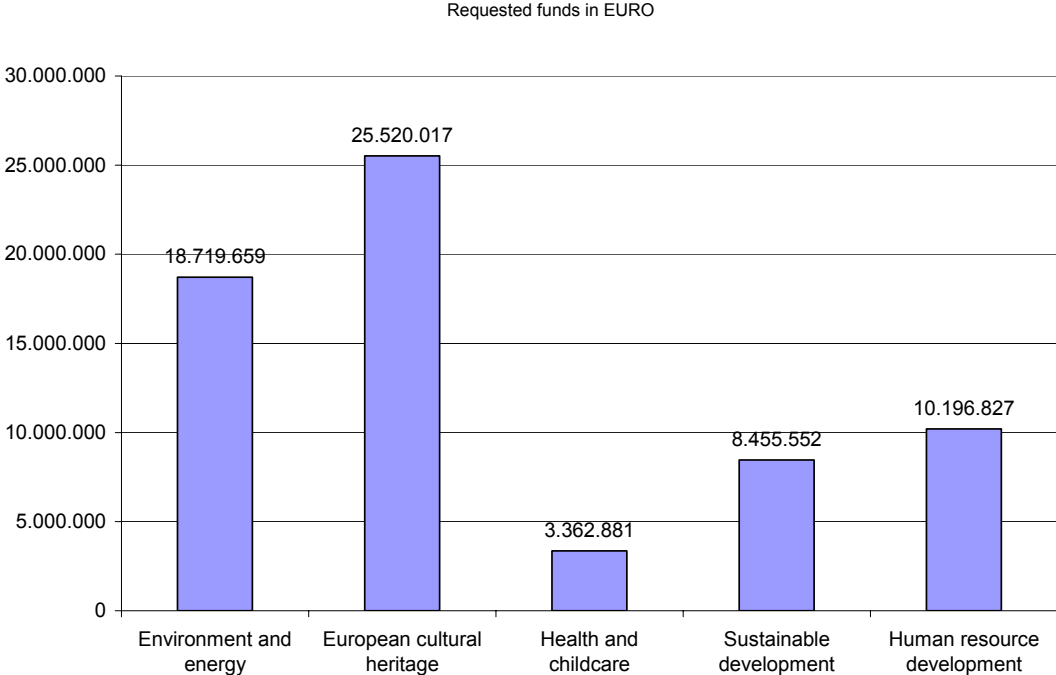
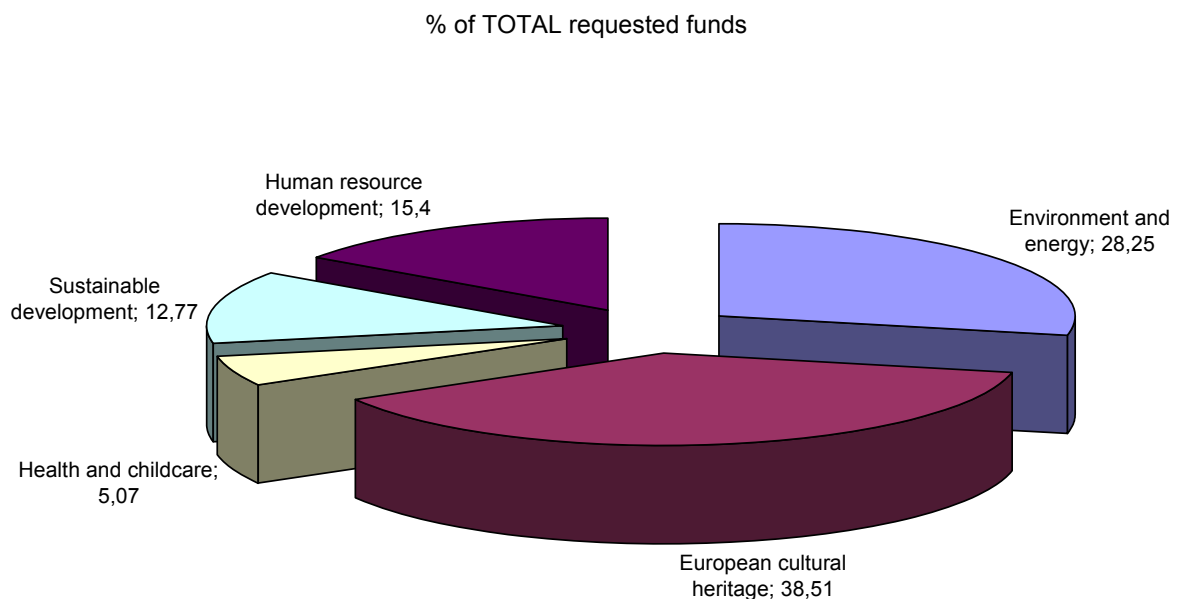


Chart 2; % of TOTAL Requested funds



2.3 OPEN CALL part 3

2.1.1 PREPARATORY ACTIVITIES

In accordance with the national legislation related to use of Slovenian language the National Focal Point ensured the translation of all relevant documents for the Call for proposals into Slovenian language.

The NFP performed the following activities:

November 2006 – March 2007: NFP answered 128 questions by e-mail and held 72 meetings with potential project promoters regarding the last minute inquiries regarding the Open call;

22 March 2007: NFP had with approval of the Financial Mechanism Office extended the deadline for the submission of applications within the Individual Project Programme in the year 2007 till May 11th 2007 at 12 o'clock.

3 IMPLEMENTATION MOU ANNEX C FUNDS

NGO Fund

On October 27th 2006 an open call for performing the tasks of an NGO intermediary body was announced and according to domestic legislation a direct invitation to this call was sent to the following reputable organizations:

UMANOTERA; the Slovenian Foundation for Sustainable Development, Ljubljana, BBJ Consult, Ljubljana, CNVOS, The Centre for Non-governmental organizations of Slovenia, Ljubljana and REC, Regional Environmental Center's Local Office.

The dead line for applying to open call ran out on November 24th. To this day, the Focal Point received three applications, namely:

REC, Regional Environmental Center's Local Office,
RRA Severne Primorske, Šempeter and
RRA Mura, Murska Sobota.

In the meantime, the Evaluation Commission for tender was formed. The Commission started to evaluate the applications in the very first week in December 2006. The Commission evaluated the following criteria: organization and methodology, quality of documents, forms and time schedule proposals. The best prepared project was made by REC, Regional Environmental Center's Local Office, which at the same time prepared the project at the lowest price.

The applicants were informed on the results of the tender by the end of the year. REC, Regional Environmental Center's Local Office was invited for preparing the detailed project documents, i.e. Application Form. At present, REC already completed all the expected documents, which will be sent to FMO via Focal Point.

Technical Assistance

Under the provisions set within Annex C of the Memoranda of Understanding for implementing the Norwegian Financial Mechanism and EEA Financial Mechanism in Slovenia the Technical Assistance Fund is established in order to provide the assistance to NFP and PA in conducting the tasks related to fulfilment of obligations set up by Memoranda of Understanding.

The activities under the Technical Assistance Fund will last from 2007 till 2011 and will include:

1. Promotion seminars for the implementation of selected individual projects and public presentation of the results of the financial mechanisms in the amount of 7,500 EUR.
2. Annual meetings with EFTA states once a year in the amount of 10,000 EUR.
3. Activities of the Monitoring Committee meetings once per year for the period 2007 - 2011 in the total amount 2.500 EUR.

4. Activities of the Steering Committee for the appraisal of received applications within Open calls for individual projects in years 2007 and 2008 in the total amount of 15,000 EUR.
5. Meetings with the FMO and/or donors for approximately 15 visits of the FMO and/or donors per year in the total amount of 10,000 EUR.
6. Activities for Audits and the on-the-spot checks in the total amount of 50,000 EUR.
7. Employment in the Paying Authority and the NFP in the total amount of 420,000 EUR.

The total amount of requested assistance is 497.250 EUR.

The application for the Technical Assistance grant has been submitted to FMO on 15 February 2007.

The Technical Expert Fund and the Fund for Co-operation among Educational and Research Institutions

The tender documentation for other two Funds, The Technical Expert Fund and The Fund for Co-operation among Educational and Research Institutions was prepared at the very end of December 2006 and delivered to FMO for comments. After receiving the comments at the end of January 2007 and suggestion to run joint Fund as combination of two, the FP prepared a new version of tender documentation, published in April 2007.

4 INDICATIVE IMPLEMENTATION PLAN FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

May 2007

Deadline for Open call for proposals part 3
Approval of the Technical Assistance application
Administrative compliance and eligibility check for project proposals for individual projects under Open call for proposals part 3
Publishing the tender for Intermediary Body-The Technical Expert Fund and The Fund for Co-operation among Educational and Research institutions
Approval of NGO Fund Application by FMO

June 2007

Start of Appraisal of individual project applications within the Open call for proposals part 3

July 2007

Meeting of the Monitoring Committee for Individual projects

September 2007

Completion of Appraisal of individual project applications within the Open call for proposals part 3

October 2006

Meeting of the Monitoring Committee for Individual projects
Submission of the priority and reserve lists of selected project under Open call part 3 to FMO

January 2008

Meeting of the Steering Committee for Individual projects

April 2008

Meeting of the Steering Committee for Individual projects

5 INDICATIVE MONITORING AND AUDIT PLAN FOR THE FOLLOWING YEAR

Monitoring

The Meetings of Monitoring Committee are planed for:

July 2007,
October 2007,
January 2008 and
April 2008

Each meeting of the Monitoring Committee will be supplemented by the site visit to one of the individual projects. The selection of the site visits will be done according to the information gathered through Project Implementation Reports.

Auditing

The FP will provide the detailed Audit plan by September 2007. Tentative we plan to audit one Individual project in 2007. The focus of the audit will be mainly on the tender procedures.