**Action plan for speeding up the implementation of 2007-2013 European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) and Cohesion Fund (CF) programmes**

The first mission of the European Commission Implementation Task Force to the Republic of Croatia was organised on 28 January 2015. The following activities has been discussed and agreed between the Task Force and the Managing Authorities of three Operational Programmes - Operational Programme Transport (TOP), Operational Programme Environment (EOP) and Operational Programme Regional Competitiveness (OPRC) - to be implemented by the end of 2016 in order to speed up the implementation of the programmes:

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## OP TRANSPORT

### 1) Modification of the operational programme:
- Assessment of individual projects to be included in the modification of the operational programme
  - MA TOP
  - April 2015
- Discussion on inclusion of additional projects
  - MA TOP / EC
  - May 2015
- Completion of Strategic Environmental Impact Assessment
  - MA TOP
  - June 2015
- Submission for adoption
  - MA TOP
  - August 2015
- Adoption
  - EC
  - October 2015

### 2) Phasing of major projects:
- Submission of 1st proposal for major Project Dubrovnik Airport
  - MA TOP
  - April 2015
- Submission of 1st proposal for Major Project Dugo selo – Križevci rail
  - MA TOP
  - May 2015
- Submission of Major Project Application modifications for both projects for adoption
  - June 2015

### 3) Reinforcing support to beneficiaries:
- Preparing guidelines for beneficiaries
  - MA TOP
  - March 2015
- Organisation of trainings for beneficiaries at the local level
  - Continuously by the end of 2016

## OP ENVIRONMENT

### 1) Modification of the operational programme:
- Preparation of first draft
  - MA EOP
  - Q1 2016
- Submission for adoption
  - MA EOP
  - Q2 2016
- Adoption
  - EC
  - Q2 2016

### 2) Phasing of major projects:
- First discussion on phasing
  - MA EOP
  - April 2015
- Submission of first proposal of phasing
  - October 2015
- Submission of second proposal of phasing
  - December 2015
- Submission of Major Project Applications for modification
  - Q1 2016

### 3) Assessment of additional projects from the list of national projects (“retroactive/small projects” for water sector)
  - MA EOP
  - April 2015

### 4) Approval of additional projects:
- Water sector
  - MA EOP
  - October 2015
- Waste sector
  - November 2015
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| 5) | **Reinforcing support to beneficiaries:**  
- Obligation to employ additional expert staff in the beneficiaries (Waste centres) in waste sector  
- Organization of training for beneficiaries at the local level | **MA EOP** | **By the end of 2015** | From March 2015 by the end of 2015 |
|   | **OP REGIONAL COMPETITIVENESS** |   |   |   |
| 1) | **Modification of operational programme:**  
- Assessment of non-functional projects for OP modification and needed actions in the context of the possibilities given in the Closure Guidelines  
- Submission to EC  
- Adoption | **MA OPRC** | **November 2015** |   |
|   |   | **MA OPRC** | **December 2015** | **EC** | **Q1 2016** |
| 2) | **Reinforced support to beneficiaries:**  
- Preparation of Activity plan (including: plan of educational activities – thematic workshops for groups of grant beneficiaries, establishing help line, publishing common mistakes reports)  
- Implementation of the Activity plan | **MA OPRC** | **April 2015** |   |
|   |   |   | From May 2015 by the end 2015 |
| 3) | **Increasing number of on the spot checks performed by the Intermediate bodies** | **MA OPRC** | **Continuously by the end of 2016** |   |