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Local partnerships: motivation, impact on public policy, conclusions and recommendations

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Motivation for local partnership development (1/3)

- Accession to EU, funding possibilities
- Local development mechanism: employment, social inclusion, public support and credibility, transparency, accountability



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Motivation for local partnership development (2/3)

- Mechanism for improved public governance: linking policies and organizations, stimulating initiatives, managing resources, implementation, contribution and impact on national policy, integrated and multidisciplinary approaches to complex local challenges



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Motivation for local partnership development (3/3)

- Enhancing communication, informing stakeholders, sharing good practice examples among partners
- Possibility of building leadership, trust and consensus on local priorities

Multi-level and intersectorial cooperation



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Influencing policies (1/3)

- Need for flexible and adaptable policies: open communication, feedback loop and bottom up, evaluation of diversity and local evidence or information, legal framework, performance management process, necessary resources
- Harmonizing political targets: between central government administration and between government and nongovernment organizations



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Influencing policies (2/3)

- Building capacity: education and training, resources
- Partnership structure: transparent and accountable, local base of knowledge and relevant data, from project to permanent (niche within the region-country-beyond)
- Establishing a formal plan for monitoring and evaluating performance/partnership: tool for better governance



Influencing policies (3/3)

- Forming interest networks: exchange of experiences and good practice, challenges etc.



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Strategic guidelines – strengths and weaknesses

- National strategy: strengthen bottom-up contribution /influence
- Timely transfer of resources



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Strategic guidelines – strengths and weaknesses

- Communication
- Labor market supply and demand: employment of target groups and structural unemployment, orientation towards market economy, adequate number of measures
- Challenges for craftsmen: lack of craftsmen, payments, illegal work



Strategic guidelines - recommendations

- Spreading good practice through partnership
- Better acknowledgement and use of local institutions: Croatian Employment Service and economic development programs
- Encouraging investment by finding adequate workforce on county level: training programs based on knowledge and market, cooperation of community colleges/polytechnics with business sector, support for entrepreneurship/SMEs/start-ups



Strategic guidelines - recommendations

- Umbrella partnership: leading role and impartiality, political support
- Action plan to create new jobs



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Your comments, objections

- General impression
- What do you agree/disagree with?
- What is missing?
- How to handle the recommendations?
- Who could deliver specific recommendations?