

# **ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF OF THE REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE MORAVIA-SILESIA COHESION REGION FOR 2007**

**as of 31 December 2007**

# CONTENT

<b>1</b>	<b>OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME IDENTIFICATION .....</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>2</b>	<b>OVERVIEW OF THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION .....</b>	<b>7</b>
2.1	ACHIEVED PROGRESS AND ITS ANALYSIS .....	8
2.1.1	<i>Information on the Factual Progress of the Operational Programme .....</i>	<i>8</i>
2.1.2	<i>Financial Data .....</i>	<i>10</i>
2.1.3	<i>Information on the Breakdown of the Use of Funds .....</i>	<i>11</i>
2.1.4	<i>Assistance according to Target Groups .....</i>	<i>13</i>
2.1.5	<i>Returned or Repeatedly Used Assistance .....</i>	<i>15</i>
2.1.6	<i>Quality Analysis .....</i>	<i>15</i>
2.2	INFORMATION ON COMPLIANCE WITH THE COMMUNITIES LEGAL REGULATIONS .....	18
2.3	SERIOUS PROBLEMS WHICH HAVE ARISEN AND MEASURES TAKEN TO REMOVE THEM .....	21
2.4	POTENTIAL CHANGES IN RELATION TO THE OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION .....	22
2.5	POTENTIAL SIGNIFICANT CHANGE ACCORDING TO CLAUSE 57 OF EC DIRECTIVE NO. 1083/2006 .....	23
2.6	SUPPLEMENTATION WITH OTHER TOOLS .....	23
2.7	MONITORING MEASURES .....	24
2.7.1	<i>Monitoring System Description .....</i>	<i>24</i>
2.7.2	<i>Steps Taken to Ensure Data Collection and Their Evaluation .....</i>	<i>26</i>
<b>3</b>	<b>IMPLEMENTATION ACCORDING TO PRIORITY AXES .....</b>	<b>28</b>
3.1	PRIORITY AXIS 1 - REGIONAL INFRASTRUCTURE AND ACCESSIBILITY .....	28
3.1.1	<i>Achieved Progress and its Analysis .....</i>	<i>28</i>
3.1.2	<i>Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them .....</i>	<i>30</i>
3.2	PRIORITY AXIS 2 - SUPPORT OF THE REGION'S PROSPERITY .....	30
3.2.1	<i>Achieved Progress and its Analysis .....</i>	<i>30</i>
3.2.2	<i>Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them .....</i>	<i>32</i>
3.3	PRIORITY AXIS 3 - URBAN DEVELOPMENT .....	32
3.3.1	<i>Achieved Progress and its Analysis .....</i>	<i>32</i>
3.3.2	<i>Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them .....</i>	<i>34</i>
3.4	PRIORITY AXIS 4 RURAL DEVELOPMENT .....	34
3.4.1	<i>Achieved Progress and its Analysis .....</i>	<i>34</i>
3.4.2	<i>Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them .....</i>	<i>35</i>
3.5	PRIORITY AXIS 5 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE .....	36
3.5.1	<i>Achieved Progress and its Analysis .....</i>	<i>36</i>
3.5.2	<i>Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them .....</i>	<i>37</i>
<b>4</b>	<b>BIG PROJECTS .....</b>	<b>37</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE .....</b>	<b>38</b>
5.1	DEFINITION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE .....	38
5.2	DRAWING OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IN 2007 .....	39
5.2.1	<i>Information on Project .....</i>	<i>39</i>
5.2.2	<i>Supported Activities of the Project .....</i>	<i>39</i>
5.2.3	<i>Activities in Relation to the Public .....</i>	<i>39</i>
5.2.4	<i>Expert Studies, Analyses, Programme Evaluation .....</i>	<i>40</i>
5.2.5	<i>Costs for Administrative Capacities of the Managing Authority of the Moravia Silesia ROP .....</i>	<i>40</i>
5.2.6	<i>Other Activities of the Technical Assistance Project in 2007 .....</i>	<i>43</i>
<b>6</b>	<b>PROVISION OF INFORMATION AND PROMOTION .....</b>	<b>44</b>

6.1	ELECTRONIC COMMUNICATION AND PRODUCTS .....	44
6.2	PRINTED PRODUCTS.....	45
6.3	3D PROMOTION.....	46
6.4	BUILDING OF THE UNIFIED VISUAL IDENTITY OF RC MS AND MS ROP .....	47
6.5	CONFERENCES, EVENTS .....	47
6.6	ADVERTISEMENT .....	48
6.7	EDUCATION OF TARGET GROUPS OF ROP MS .....	48
6.8	CONCEPTUAL AND ANALYTICAL TOOLS.....	48
<b>LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS .....</b>		<b>50</b>
<b>LIST OF TABLE .....</b>		<b>52</b>

# 1 Operational Programme Identification

## Operational Programme Identification

REGIONAL OPERATIONAL PROGRAMME OF THE MORAVIA-SILESIA COHESION REGION	Effected goal	Convergence
	Effected capable area	CZ08
	Programme period	2007 - 2013
	Programme number (CCI)	2007CZ161PO010
	Name of the programme	Regional Operational Programme of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region
ANNUAL REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION	Year, for which the Report is submitted	2007
	Date of approval of the Annual Report by the Monitoring Committee	

### The global objective of the ROP MS is, as follows:

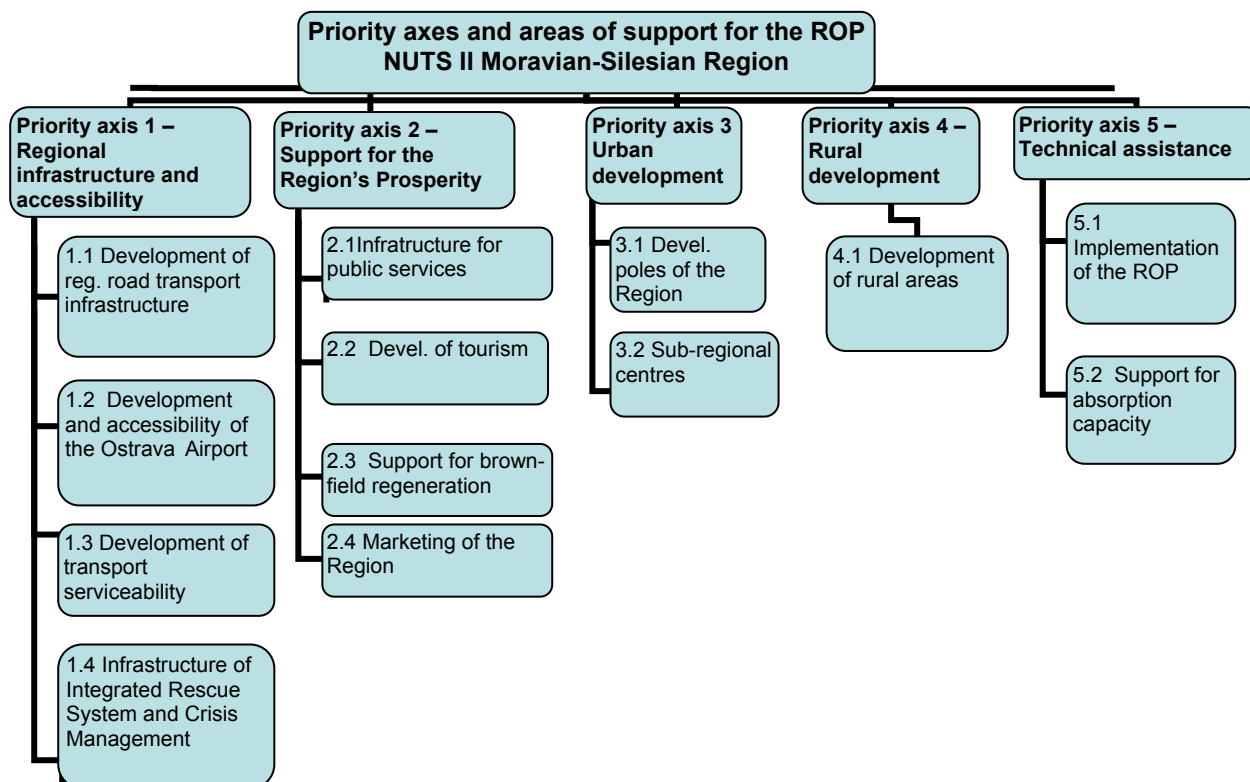
To speed up the Region's development and upgrade its competitiveness through more efficient exploitation of its potential. The objective will be met namely through improving the quality of life of the residents and attractiveness of the Region for investors and visitors; by improving the conditions for work and leisure time activities, namely through the modernization of the transport infrastructure and the development of other attributes related to the satisfaction of Region's residents and visitors. Competitiveness of the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region will be strengthened by creating convenient conditions for business and by active marketing of the Moravian-Silesian Region.

The Strategy of the Regional Operational Programme of the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region (hereafter ROP MS) and the determination of its thematic focus is based on the following documents:

- Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 of 11 July 2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and repealing Regulation (EC) No 1260/1999 (further general regulation);
- Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 5 July 2006 on the European Regional Development Fund repealing Regulation (EC) No 1783/1999
- Commission Regulation (EC) No 1828/2006 of 8 December 2006 setting out rules for the implementation of Council Regulation (EC) No 1083/2006 laying down general provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund and the Cohesion Fund and of Regulation (EC) No 1080/2006 of the European Parliament and of the Council on the European Regional Development Fund, (further implementing regulation);
- the Community Strategic Guidelines on Cohesion (issued by EC on 6 October, 2006),
- the National Development Plan (NDP) of the Czech Republic for the period 2007-2013 (passed by the CR Government in February 2006)
- the National Strategic Reference Framework of CR 2007-2013 (June 8, 2007)
- Programming document „The way forward“ (2005)
- Territorial Development Programme of the Moravian-Silesian Region 2005-2008 (approved in May 2006 by the Regional Assembly) and other concept and development documents adopted on both regional and local level

The Strategy is realized by 5 priority axes divided into 13 areas of intervention as could be seen on the picture below.

### Priority Axes of the ROP Moravia Silesia



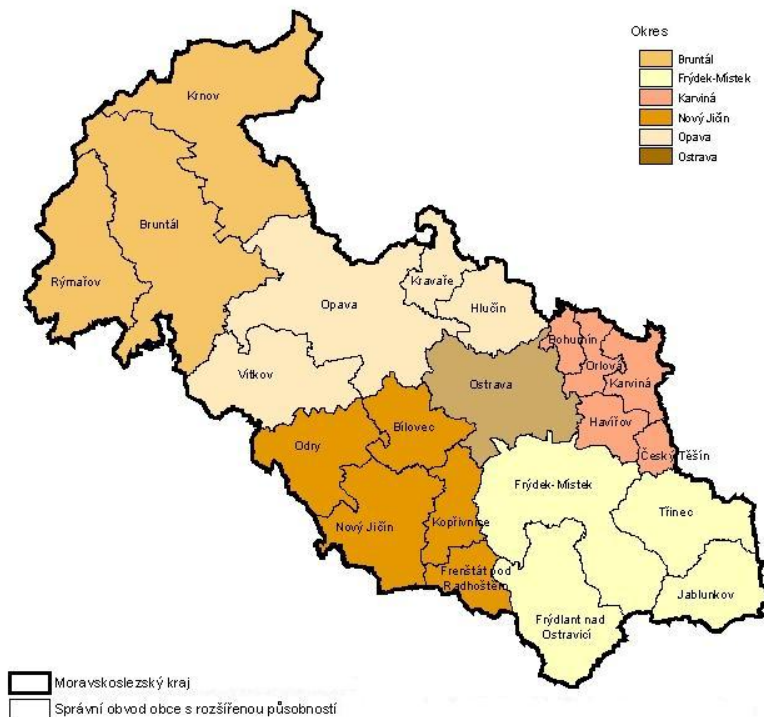
### General characteristics of the region

The Moravian-Silesian Region was established pursuant to the Constitutional Act No 347/1997 Coll., as of January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2000, in the territory of North Moravia and Silesia. In compliance with the CR Government Decree No 707/1998 it represents a statistical territorial unit NUTS III and, at the same time, a statistical unit NUTS II – the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region. It is the Statutory (Chartered) Town of Ostrava, which is the regional centre.

The Moravian-Silesian Region covers the districts of Bruntál, Frýdek-Místek, Karviná, Nový Jičín, Opava and Ostrava-town. The Region is split into 22 administration districts of municipalities with extended competences (the so-called municipalities of level III) and includes 299 municipalities altogether, 39 of which are towns.

**Table 1 - Administration structure of the Region, as of January 1st, 2005**

Municipalities with extended competences ("Level 3 Municipalities")	Municipalities
Bílovec	13
Bohumín	2
Bruntál	31
Český Těšín	3
Frenštát p. Radh.	7
Frýdek-Místek	37
Frýdlant n. Ost.	10
Havířov	5
Hlučín	15
Jablunkov	12
Karviná	4
Kopřivnice	10
Kravaře	9
Krnov	25
Nový Jičín	16
Odry	9
Opava	40
Orlová	4
Ostrava	13
Rýmařov	11
Třinec	11
Vítkov	12
<b>MSR - total</b>	<b>299</b>



Moravskoslezský kraj = Moravian-Silesian Region  
Správní obvod obce s rozšířenou působností = Administration district of a municipality with extended competences

Source: Czech Office of Statistics, 2005

Most people in the Region live in bigger towns with over 10 000 inhabitants, which is 65,8 % of the regional population (12 % above the CR average - the highest percentage after Prague).

Apart from the above-mentioned administration structure, there are also four Euro-regions in the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region (the Beskydy, Praděd, Silesia and Těšínské Slezsko) and many voluntary associations of municipalities. Their operation is focused mainly on voluntary economic cooperation, the development of infrastructure, environmental protection, cultural and educational activities and tourism.

**Table 2 - Primary indicators – MS Region and CR to EU**

Indicator	Moravian-Silesian Region	Czech Republic	European Union (EU 25)
Growth of GDP (%)	6,81	6,5	2,9
GDP per capita PPP (%)	61,11	81,3	100
Unemployment (%)	9,62	5,98	6,92
University education (%)	9,2	11,1	21

<sup>1</sup>2006; <sup>2</sup>12/2007

Source: Czech Office of Statistics (2006)

## 2 Overview of the Operational Programme Implementation

In 2007 negotiations were held on the Moravia-Silesia ROP with the European Commission and the preparation of the management and controlling system of the managing authority– the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region.

### Negotiations on the Operational Programme

The operational programme was processed in 2006 and approved by Government Resolution No. 1302 dated 15 November 2006. The version of the Moravia-Silesia ROP approved by the government was officially submitted to the European Commission on 7 March 2007.

The European Commission responded by initial comments on 24 April 2007 and 5 June 2007 by an official position document to the ROP MS proposal. At the end of June 2007 MS ROP, Version 4, was sent, where comments from the position document and the technical discussion on the urban problems with the Commission were incorporated. In compliance with the agreement with all ROPs, the threshold for the size of municipalities was changed for priority axis 4 Rural Development to municipalities with 500 to 5000 inhabitants, and due to this agreement, the allocation between priority axes 3 Urban Development and 4 Rural Development was also changed. On the basis of specification of the estimate of the proportion of projects with public support, the estimate of the private co-financing of MS ROP was revised and the indicative distribution of the ERDF resources was specified according to the support priority themes.

On 30 July 2007 the Commission sent a new position document commenting the achieved progress in MS ROP, Version 4, which pointed out some outstanding requirements of the Commission. In response to this position document, changes of NSRF made in the final stage of its negotiation were incorporated in MS ROP, Version 5, a brief strategy of the Moravia-Silesia region development was added, including the solution to the problems in the field of the environment, coordination mechanisms with other OP, the problems of sustainable energy were included in the horizontal themes and the new version also responded to the designation of the Managing Authority of MS ROP by the execution of some functions of the Audit Authority (pursuant to Clause 62a), b) of the General Regulation). The modified MS ROP was approved by the resolution of the Regional Council Board No. 9/65 dated 5 September 2007.

On 24 September 2007 the Commission sent the position document to the remaining problems in MS ROP. In ROP Version 5.1, the results of consultations with the Commission about these problems are incorporated, in particular the representation that ROP will contribute by a financial amount to the municipal traffic development at least according to the amount in priority themes 25 (Urban Transport), 28 (Intelligent Transport Systems) and 52 (Clean Urban Traffic Support), the undertaking to support the public-private partnership in projects financed by ROP was supplemented and the possibility to use the Urban Development Fund within the JESSICA tool. Indicators of the status of the environment according to SEA, Lisbon earmarking and a solution to the administrative capacity were also included.

The programme was accepted by the European Commission by Decision No. (2007) 6105 dated 3 December 2008. The ceremonial handover of the Commission's Decision on all regional operational programmes was held in Prague on 11 December 2007.

### Managing and Controlling System Preparation

Since the beginning of 2007 the preparation of the managing and controlling system of the Managing Authority of MS ROP has been in progress. The Regional Council Office processed the Operational Manual which is the main internal documentation of the Regional Operational Programme of Moravia-Silesia for the period 2007 – 2013 and the financial assistance from the EU Structural Funds to the Czech Republic. The Operational Manual described internal administrative arrangements and procedures for the performance of activities of the Managing Authority of ROP and it fulfils the function of an informative tool for the involved entities. It is a necessary methodological document for all

entities taking part in the ROP implementation, i.e. the movement of projects within the defined priorities and areas of support. It answers essential questions regarding individual administrative steps, the application procedure, financial, information and control processes. It is directly intended for the Managing Authority of ROP.

The first version of the Operational Manual was approved by the Regional Council Board at its eighth meeting on 28 June 2008. The first versions of documentation for applicants, which consists of the Applicant Manual, the Beneficiary Manual and the Methodological Instructions, were approved together with the Operational Manual. The process analysis of the Managing Authority of MS ROP was used as a basis for the Operational Manual preparation, which was processed by KPMG upon the order of the Managing Authority of MS ROP in January – April 2007.

As early as in the course of the first version of the managing documentation processing, communication with the auditors of PWC was established, which was appointed to perform the conformity audit at the Managing Authority of ROP by the Ministry of Finance. A working paper of the MS ROP Managing Documentation was submitted to auditors at the end of March 2007. The Managing Documentation for the testing stage of the audit was submitted to auditors on 4 July 2007.

Another complete version of the Managing Documentation was drawn up as of 14 September 2007. This version included the settlement of the PWC auditors' findings, which was the result of the testing stage of the conformity audit. This documentation was submitted to auditors as the basis for the final stage of the conformity audit on 15 September 2007. The final stage of the conformity audit was concluded with a report which was submitted to the Managing Authority of MS ROP in January 2008.

From October to December 2007 further partial modifications of the managing documentation were carried out in relation to the preparation of declaration of calls. These modifications regarded especially the Applicant Manual and Methodological Instructions for Applicants and Beneficiaries.

In December 2008 the Managing Authority of MS OP also commenced works on the processing of the Control System Description according to Clause 71, paragraph 1a) of the General Regulation.

### The calls for proposals launched in 2007

In the 2007, first four calls for project proposals were launched under the ROP MS. Three of them concerned technical assistance with the Regional council of the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region as the only beneficiary and the fourth call for project proposals concerned the sub-area of intervention 1.1.1 Modernization and construction of the Class II. and III. Roads.

**Table 3 - Brief background of the calls launched in 2007**

(sub) area of intervention	Name of the call	Opening and closing date of the call	Allocation of the call (ERDF + state budget, mil. CZK)
1.1 / 1.1.1	Modernization and construction of the Class II. and III. Roads	6.9. – 22.10. 2007	250
5.1	Operational programme implementation	6.9. – 15.10. 2007	77
5.1	Operational programme implementation	31.10 – 16.11. 2007	120
5.2	Absorption capacity support	31.10 – 16.11. 2007	1

## 2.1 Achieved Progress and its Analysis

### 2.1.1 Information on the Factual Progress of the Operational Programme

The programme indicators serve for the evaluation of the global goal of ROP of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region, which says:



“To accelerate the development of the region and to increase its competitiveness by more efficient use of its potential. This goal may be achieved particularly by increasing the quality of the life of its inhabitants and the attractiveness of the region for investors and visitors, by the improvement of conditions for work and leisure time mainly by modernisation of the traffic infrastructure and development of further attributes of satisfaction of the inhabitants and visitors of the region. The competitiveness of the Moravia-Silesia Region will be strengthened by the creation of suitable conditions for business and by active marketing of the Moravian-Silesian Region.”

On the basis of the global goal of MS ROP, the following programme indicators were identified which represent individual components of this goal and by which its achievement can be monitored.

**Table 4 - Indicators of programme**

Indicator		2007	Total
Migration balance of citizens (%)	Achieved value	-0,1 <sup>1</sup>	N/A
	Planned value	-0,7	
	Initial value	-1,34	
Intra-regional differentiation of the rate of unemployment (the variation coefficient of the rate of unemployment in administrative districts of municipalities with extended competency)	Achieved value	25,16 <sup>2</sup>	N/A
	Planned value	19	
	Initial value	21,06	
Rate of employment in the tertiary sector	Achieved value	55,27 <sup>3</sup>	N/A
	Planned value	60	
	Initial value	54,3	

<sup>1</sup> CSO (4001-07)

<sup>2</sup> CSO 2006 (KR 13-05 PM.6)

<sup>3</sup> CSO Q4 2007 (3101-07)

The planned value of indicators is set as the target value for 2015. The initial value of indicators describes the status of 2005. The achieved value describes the status as of 31 December 2007, unless otherwise specified.

In terms of the programme indicators, positive development was noted in the indicator of the Migration balance of citizens. Its (negative) value decreased and reached considerably lower point than that of the target value. Rate of employment in the tertiary sector indicator also develops as expected; it outnumbered the target value by almost one percentage point. Despite the strong decrease of the regional unemployment rate to 12,79% by the end of 2006 and 9,62% in 2007, the Intra-regional differentiation of the rate of unemployment increased both in 2006 as well as in 2007 (according to the pre-results).

### Context Indicators

In addition to the programme indicators, context indicators were set, which shall provide information on the development of the values of main indicators which characterize the environment, where ROP activities are implemented, but which will be influenced by the programme implementation only indirectly.

**Table 5 - Context Indicators**

<i>Indicator</i>	<i>Measuring unit</i>	<i>Source</i>	<i>Value of 2005</i>	<i>Value of 2007</i>
Regional GDP per capita in PPS (CR)	CR = 100	CSO	81.7	85.9 <sup>1</sup>
Regional GDP per capita in PPS (EU 25)	EU 25 = 100	CSO	60.2	68.1 <sup>1</sup>
Registered unemployment rate	%	CSO	14.23	9.62
Employment rate 15-64	%	Eurostat	59.3	59.5 <sup>1</sup>
Economic activity rate 15+	%	CSO	58.4	57.2
Share of citizens living in towns	%	CSO	76.6	76.20
Share of persons with a university degree 15+	%	CSO	8.43	9.2
Specific emission rate from stationary sources a) solid particles b) SO <sub>2</sub> c) NO <sub>x</sub> d) CO	In tons per year / km <sup>2</sup>	Czech Hydro-metrology Institute (CHMI)	1.05 5.42 4.59 24.39	1.15 <sup>1</sup> 5.45 <sup>1</sup> 4.34 <sup>1</sup> 25.33 <sup>1</sup>
Specific emission rate from mobile sources a) solid particles b) SO <sub>2</sub> c) NO <sub>x</sub> d) CO	In tons per year / km <sup>2</sup>	CHMI	0.46 0.03 1.60 3.77	0.38 <sup>1</sup> 0.01 <sup>1</sup> 1.56 <sup>1</sup> 3.41 <sup>1</sup>

<sup>1</sup>values as of 31 December 2006

Context Indicators were developed altogether positively except emission rate from stationary sources, which slightly increased.

The fulfilment of core indicators and Lisbon indicators is described in chapter 2.1.6 - Quality Analysis. The indicators of priority axis are described in chapter 3 - Implementation according to Priority Axes.

## 2.1.2 Financial Data

**Table 6 - Allocation on priority axis**

Priority axis number	Priority axis title	Allocation share	Fund	Contribution of the EU Funds	Overall financial sources
		%		EUR	
1	Regional Infrastructure and Accessibility	40,40	ERDF	289 301 660	340 354 896
2	Support for the Prosperity of the Region	25,45	ERDF	182 245 724	214 406 733
3	Urban Development	23,75	ERDF	170 072 139	200 084 871
4	Rural Development	7,00	ERDF	50 126 525	58 972 383
5	Technical Assistance	3,40	ERDF	24 347 169	28 643 728
	<b>Total</b>			<b>716 093 217</b>	<b>842 462 611</b>

**Table 7 - Financial data of MS ROP for 2007 (in EUR)**

Priority axis	Expenses paid by beneficiaries included in applications for payments sent to the Managing Authority	Respective contribution from public sources	Expenses paid by the entity responsible for the payments to beneficiaries	Total payments received from EC
Priority axis 1 Of which expenses are of the ERDF type	0	0	0	0
Priority axis 2 Of which expenses are of the ERDF type Of which expenses of the ESF type	0	0	0	0
Priority axis 3 Of which expenses are of the ERDF type Of which expenses are of the ESF type	0	0	0	0
Priority axis 4 Of which expenses are of the ERDF type Of which expenses are of the ESF type	0	0	0	0
Priority axis 5 Of which expenses are of the ERDF type	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
Total in the regions without temporary support	0	0	0	0
Total expenses of the ESF type	0	0	0	0

Source: The data generated from MSC

No applications for payments from beneficiaries were accepted in 2007.

In 2007 was accepted payment on account by the Ministry of finance – PCO on ROP MS from the European Commission in the amount of 14.321.864,34 EUR.

### **2.1.3 Information on the Breakdown of the Use of Funds**

EC Reference Number: 2007CZ161PO010

OP name: Regional Operational Programme of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region

Date of the last decision of the Commission concerning the given OP: 3 December 2007

Assistance co-financed from funds focuses on the EU priorities defined in Regulation No. 1828/2006 and the member state is obliged to fulfil the given priorities in compliance with this Regulation. The following table gives individual themes with the corresponding amount of allocation. In 2007 no financial means were drawn in the Moravia-Silesia ROP.

**Table 8 - Combination of codes of themes 1 -5**

Code Theme 1 Priority theme	Code Theme 2 Form of financing	Code Theme 3 Type of area	Code Theme 4 Economic activity	Code Theme 5 Geographic location	Allocation to the theme	Means drawn in 2007
16 - Railways	-	-		CZ08	48 000 000	0
18 - Mobile rail assets	-	-		CZ08	26 360 600	0
23 - Regional/local roads	-	-		CZ08	104 648 598	0
24 - Cycle tracks	-	-		CZ08	13 500 000	0
25 - Urban transport	-	-		CZ08	20 379 828	0
28 - Intelligent transport systems	-	-		CZ08	7 000 000	0
29 - Airports	-	-		CZ08	40 815 610	0
50 - Rehabilitation of industrial sites and contaminated land	-	-		CZ08	58 159 139	0
52 - Promotion of clean urban transport	-	-		CZ08	30 899 400	0
53 - Risk prevention (...)	-	-		CZ08	21 697 624	0
56 - Protection and development of natural heritage	-	-		CZ08	3 000 000	0
57 - Other assistance to improve tourist services	-	-		CZ08	58 882 775	0
58 - Protection and preservation of cultural heritage	-	-		CZ08	23 639 266	0
59 - Development of cultural infrastructure	-	-		CZ08	12 000 000	0
61 - Integrated projects for urban and rural regeneration	-	-		CZ08	107 145 448	0
69 - Measures to improve access to employment and increase sustainable participation and progress of women...	-	-		CZ08	3 000 000	0
71 – Pathways to integration and re-entry into employment for disadvantaged people...	-	-		CZ08	1 000 000	0
72 - Design,	-	-				0

introduction and implementation of reforms in education and training systems...				CZ08	1 000 000	
73 - Measures to increase participation in education and training throughout the life-cycle...	-	-		CZ08	1 000 000	0
75 - Education infrastructure	-	-		CZ08	51 767 097	0
76 - Health infrastructure	-	-		CZ08	13 724 138	0
77 - Childcare infrastructure	-	-		CZ08	8 000 000	0
79 - Other social infrastructure	-	-		CZ08	36 126 525	0
81 - Mechanisms for improving good policy and programme design, monitoring and evaluation ...	-	-		CZ08	3 000 000	0
85 - Preparation, implementation, monitoring and inspection	-	-		CZ08	14 347 169	0
86 - Evaluation and studies, information and communication	-	-		CZ08	7 000 000	0
-	01 - non-returnable assistance	-	-	CZ08	716 093 217	0
-	-	00 – N/A	-	CZ08	295 539 656	0
-	-	01 – Urban areas	-	CZ08	324 027 274	0
-	-	05 – Rural areas (other than mountains, islands and low or very low density of populated areas) <sup>1</sup>	-	CZ08	96 526 287	0

A rural area is, for the purposes of the Moravia-Silesia ROP, an area of municipalities with less than 5000 and more than 500 inhabitants.

#### 2.1.4 Assistance according to Target Groups

Relevant information of potential target groups, sectors or areas, those to whom special attention is devoted, is given in this sub-chapter for operational programmes co-financed by ERDF.

### Focus of Assistance according to Areas

With regard to the area, the Moravia-Silesia ROP support focuses on the territory of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region. The support is not strictly differentiated by territories with regard to the fact that the entire territory of the region belongs to the group of structurally affected adversely (56% of the area, 68% of inhabitants) and economically weak (44% of the area and 36% of inhabitants) regions.

### Focus of Assistance according to Target Groups

Projects submitted by the Moravia-Silesia ROP may not adversely influence the policy of equal opportunities. Moreover, such projects are preferred in the selection, which positively affect this horizontal theme.

One of the principles at the creation of the Moravia-Silesia ROP was the principle of non-discrimination and equal opportunities. Its fulfilment is assisted by giving advantage to the disadvantaged target groups, which include:

- persons with a reduced ability of movement and orientation
- parents with children
- minorities members
- persons without homes and families
- seniors excluded from the job market
- youth
- persons after the execution of a sentence
- drug-addicted persons

The support to these target groups is included in the following areas of support:

- 2.2 Development of Tourism for the target group of: parents with children
- Accessibility of the public transport (changing terminals, low-floor vehicles) in the support area 1.3 Development of the Traffic Serviceability for the target groups of: persons with a reduced ability of movement and orientation and parents with children;
- Accessibility of the civil infrastructure buildings in the support area 2.1 Infrastructure of Public Services and priority axes 3 Urban Development and 4 Rural Development for the target groups of: persons with a reduced ability of movement and orientation and parents with children.

In 2007 no project was financed from the Moravia-Silesia ROP which would focus on the aforementioned target groups.

### Focus of Assistance with Regard to Sectors

Most of the support of the Moravia-Silesia ROP focuses on the support of the public infrastructure and services development in the following sectors:

- Transport – the public regional road infrastructure, passenger railway infrastructure, urban and rural public transport operated as a public service obligation, the infrastructure and safety of the non-powered transport (walking and cycling) and the infrastructure of the regional airport are supported.
- Education – the school infrastructure (except for universities) and the construction of the Moravian-Silesian Scientific Library
- Social care – the transformation of residential establishments and the development of terrain services for the aforementioned target groups are supported
- Health care – the equipment of hospitals with devices and the removal of barriers in buildings of health facilities for the target groups are supported
- Leisure time infrastructure serving for making towns and municipalities more attractive
- Non-commercial civil facilities and public areas

With regard to the business infrastructure, the development of tourism is particularly supported in the field of:

- the creation and access to attractive sites of tourism, including historical sites
- the improvement of accommodation quality for tourists
- the promotion of the region and information services for tourists

In 2007 no project was finished from the Moravia-Silesia ROP which would focus on the aforementioned sectors.

### **2.1.5 Returned or Repeatedly Used Assistance**

In the given period, no support was returned, i.e. no returned or repeatedly used support was used after the cancellation of the support according to Clauses 57 and 98 of Regulation No. 1083/2006.

### **2.1.6 Quality Analysis**

This sub-chapter analyses the contribution of the ROP MS to meeting the global objective and strategic objectives of the NSRF. The global objective of the NSRF for the period 2007 – 2013 is to change the socio-economic environment of the Czech Republic in compliance with the sustainable development principles in such a way so that the Czech Republic becomes an attractive place for investment projects, work and life of its citizens. The continuous strengthening of competitiveness will bring about sustainable development, the pace of which will be higher than the growth of the EU 25 average. The CR will strive for growing employment and balanced and harmonic development of its regions, which will lead to continuous improvement of the quality of life of its population.

For the period 2007 - 2013, the NSRF specifies four strategic objectives :

- Strategic objective I of the NSRF Competitive Czech economy
- Strategic objective II of the NSRF Open, flexible and cohesive society
- Strategic objective III of the NSRF Attractive environment
- Strategic objective IV of the NSRF Balanced development of territory

The ROP MS priorities are focused namely on the Strategic objective IV of the NSRF Balanced development of territory.

**Priority axis 1 of ROP MS – Regional Infrastructure and Accessibility** directly reflects the Strategic objective IV of the NSRF - Balanced development of territory in the area of the development and modernization of the regional and local transport infrastructure and upgrading of transport serviceability and, at the same time, contributes to meeting the Strategic objective III of the NSRF in the area of transport infrastructure (support to clean public transport).

**Priority axis 2 of ROP MS – Support for the Prosperity of the Region** reflects the Strategic objective II of the NSRF - Open, flexible and cohesive society, namely in the area of education and social cohesion, by building up the infrastructure of the regional schooling system and social and health-care services. The above axis is indirectly linked with Strategic objective III of the NSRF in the area of brownfields regeneration and preference of projects covering energy efficiency and renewable sources of energy in the area of public infrastructure and tourism. This priority axis is directly linked with Strategic objective IV of the NSRF in the area of tourism.

**Priority axis 3 of ROP MS – Urban Development** reflects namely the strategic objective IV of the NSRF Balanced development of territory. It will support the development of big towns and conurbations, as the “drives” of the socio-economic development and an integrated approach to the revitalization of selected town districts. In smaller towns it will support public and social infrastructure

(an indirect link with Strategic objective II of the NSRF), the brownfields regeneration and energy-effective solutions (a link with Strategic objective III of the NSRF).

**Priority axis 4 of ROP MS – Rural Development** reflects, similarly as the priority axis 3 of the ROP, the Strategic objective IV of the NSRF - Balanced development of territory. It will support complex development of rural municipalities - and will be complementary to the Rural Development Programme (RDP), covering revitalisation of sites, the infrastructure for health-care and social services, leisure-time, cultural and sporting activities - with a direct link to Strategic objective IV of the NSRF.

**Table 9 - The link between the ROP MS Priority axes and the NSRF Strategy**

NSRF priorities	Priority axes of ROP MS			
	PA 1	PA 2	PA 3	PA 4
<b>Competitive Czech economy</b>				
Competitive business sector				
Support to capacities of R&D for innovations				
Sustainable development of tourism and exploitation of the cultural heritage potential		xx		
<b>Open, flexible and cohesive society</b>				
Education		xx		
Employment increase and employability improvement				
Strengthening of the social cohesion		xx	x	x
Development of information society				
Smart Administration			x	
<b>Attractive environment</b>				
Protecting and improving the quality of the environment	x	x	x	x
Improving access to transportation	x			
<b>Balanced development of territory</b>				
Balanced regional development	xx	xx		
Development of urban districts		x	xx	
Development of Rural Areas				xx

Comments: xx .....direct link; x ....indirect link



### Fulfilment of the Lisbon Strategy

The so called core indicators of EC are used for the monitoring of the goals of the Lisbon strategy. Core indicators used in the Moravia Silesia ROP are given in the following table:

**Table 10 - Core indicators**

NCI Code EU/Lisbon Code Type of indicator	Name of indicator	Measuring unit	Source	Value	2007	Target value 2015	Total
51.11.00 <b>Core 13</b> Output	<b>Number of projects for transport development</b>	Number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	110	
				Initial*	0		
61.01.01 <b>Core 14</b> Output	<b>Length of new Class 2 and 3 roads</b>	km	Monitoring system	Achieved			
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	10	
				Initial	0		
61.01.02 <b>Core 16</b> Output	<b>Length of reconstructed Class 2 and 3 roads</b>	km	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	200	
				Initial	0		
26.01.00 <b>Core 31</b> Output	<b>Number of supported projects covering the fire, flood and other risks prevention</b>	Number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	1	
				Initial	0		
51.12.00 <b>Core 34</b> Output	<b>Number of projects focused on tourism development</b>		Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	85	
				Initial	0		
52.02.12 <b>Core 35</b> Result	<b>Number of created job positions in tourism</b>	Number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>		80	
				Initial	0		
51.15.00 <b>Core 39</b> Output	<b>Number of supported projects focused on sustainable development and higher attractiveness of towns and cities in total</b>	Number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	100	
				Initial	0		

The following priority themes (of the priority themes defined in Annex IV of the General Directive) have been included in the Moravia-Silesia ROP to monitor the fulfilment of the EC goals in the support of competitiveness and the creation of job positions, including the fulfilment of goals of the integrated main directions for the growth and employment rate (2005–2008) set by the Council Decision 2005/600/EC (1):

**Table 11 - Priority themes according to annex IV of general regulation**

Code	Priority theme	Contribution of the Communities EUR
16	Railways	48 000 000
28	Intelligent transport systems	7 000 000
29	Airports	40 815 610
52	Promotion of clean urban transport	30 899 400
69	Measures to improve access to employment and increase sustainable participation	3 000 000

	and progress of women in employment to reduce gender-based segregation in the labour market, and to reconcile work and private life, such as facilitating access to childcare and care for dependent persons	
71	Pathways to integration and re-entry into employment for disadvantaged people; combating discrimination in accessing and progressing in the labour market and promoting acceptance of diversity at the workplace	1 000 000
72	Design, introduction and implementation of reforms in education and training systems in order to develop employability, improving the labour market relevance of initial and vocational education and training, updating skills of training personnel with a view to innovation and a knowledge based economy	1 000 000
73	Measures to increase participation in education and training throughout the life-cycle, including through action to achieve a reduction in incomplete education, gender-based segregation of subjects and increased access to and quality of initial vocational and tertiary education and training	1 000 000

Because of the fact that by 31.12. 2007 no submitted project had been financially terminated, it is not possible to carry out qualitative analysis.

## 2.2 Information on Compliance with the Communities Legal Regulations

### Compliance with the Rules for Economic Competition

The Managing Authority sees to the adherence to the rules of public support with the goal to prevent potential provision of a prohibited public support. Within the ROP implementation, the application of the block exemption is presumed for the projects for which the public support will be considered according to EC Directive 1628/2006 on the use of Articles 87 and 88 of the Treaty for the national regional investment support. For some activities to be supported from ROP which represent the public support, however, it is not possible to use this (or another) block exemption (e.g. it is the support to the construction of the airport infrastructure or the purchase of the means of transport for the public mass transport - trains and buses); in this cases the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia will notify the European Commission about the possibility of provision of these supports directly.

In 2007, no calls were declared for any areas of the ROP support, where there is the danger of the public support provision, and no subsidy provided by the Regional Council in 2007 had the character of public support. Due to this reason the Regional Council did not fulfil the obligations imposed on the support providers by legal regulations in relation to the public support provision in 2007 (particularly giving information to the European Commission and the Office for the Protection of Competition on the provided supports).

The effort of the Regional Council in this period was to make potential applicants and beneficiaries of subsidies familiar with the problems of public support both in the form of holding theme seminars, and particularly within consultations of project plans. For easier identification, as to whether a specific project shows the signs of public support, a special form was created, which is available at the website of the regional Council, which will help applicants determine whether their project may be based on public support or not.

In 2007 the Regional Council commenced intensive works on the preparation of documents necessary for successful passing through the notification procedure, namely:

- in the field of purchasing of means of transport for the public mass transport (the area of support 1.3) in cooperation with the Managing Authority of ROP and the Ministry of Transport of the Czech Republic;
- in the field of the support to the airport and the airport infrastructure (the area of support 1.2).

### **Compliance with the Rules for Public Procurements**

The implementation of public procurements is carried out pursuant to Act No. 137/2006 Coll. on public procurements as amended which is in compliance with the EU legislation. The procedure of public procurements implementation for the Managing Authority of MS ROP is defined by Internal Regulation No. 5 issued on 1 June 2007. The Methodological Instruction "Public Procurements" issued by the Managing Authority of MS ROP was processed for applicants and beneficiaries of the assistance in MS ROP issued on 1 July 2007. The Internal Directive of the Managing Authority of MS ROP and the Methodological Instruction follow from Act No. 137/2006 Coll. on public procurements and it stipulates the procedure for granting procurements of a small scope with an amount lower than limits set by the provision of Section 12, clause 6 of the Act and which must be adhered to by the support beneficiaries. Both documents are in compliance with the Public Procurement Granting Methodology pursuant to Act No. 137/2006 Coll. on public procurements as amended and the Methodology of Granting Procurements Financed from the EU Sources processed by the Ministry for Regional Development. The basic requirements for beneficiaries and applicants, with regard to the granting of public procurements, are given in manuals for applicants and beneficiaries.

### **Compliance with the Protection of the Environment, the Equality between Men and Women, Equal Opportunities and Non-discrimination**

The compliance with the EC legal regulations in the field of the environment, equality between men and women and equal opportunities and non-discrimination is ensured within MS ROP by taking the problems of horizontal themes in to account – Equal Opportunities and Sustainable Development. The Managing Authority of MS ROP sees to the adherence to compliance with the principle of equal opportunities and the prohibition of discrimination and the principle of sustainable development according to clauses 16 and 17 of Council Directive No. 1083/2006 with the goal to prevent potential provision of support to projects which do not meet these principles.

The sustainable development divided to three dimensions – social, economic and environmental – is narrowed to the protection and improvement of quality of the environment in clause 17 of Council Directive No. 1083/2006. Due to this reason, the horizontal theme of the sustainable development is closely associated with the process of assessment of the conception influence on the environment, so called SEA, which was also used to assess our MS ROP.

Pursuant to clause 16 of Council Directive No. 1083/2006, the member states are obliged to ensure the support to equality of women and men and to include the equality of genders in the course of individual implementation stages by means of the EU funds. In addition, the equality of opportunities has to be taken into account with regard to race and ethnic origin, health impairment, age, religion or world opinion or sexual orientation. In compliance with NSRF, MS ROP extended the problems of equal opportunities also to other groups of persons endangered by social exclusion.

The Managing Authority of MS ROP enforces the observation of the problems of horizontal themes at all levels of preparation and implementation of programmes and projects, i.e. when programming, creating the implementation structure, creating documents for applicants, selection of projects, a programme monitoring and their consequential evaluation.

In 2007 the work on the preparation of the evaluation system of horizontal themes was carried out at the level of NOK, regional OP, and thus the Managing Authority of ROP MS. A set of environmental criteria of ROP MS was proposed for the purposes of evaluation of individual projects in the field of sustainable development selected both upon the recommendation of SEA ROP MS, and from the set of environmental criteria specified by NOC for monitoring at the level of NSRF. In the field of equal opportunities, a set of criteria of equal opportunities was processed at the level of regional operational programmes.

The system is adjusted to the monitoring of impacts on the environment and equal opportunities at the level of projects. Projects must not have adverse influence on some of the horizontal themes, the

applicant is obliged to this when submitting its application. The proposed evaluation system particularly focuses on positive impacts of projects. Potential negative impacts are monitored in detail within legislative procedures (e.g. EIA). When assessing the projects, the goal is to give advantage to the projects containing specific activities with a positive influence on horizontal topics, where the applicant undertakes to fulfil the environmental criteria/equal opportunities criteria.

In relation to applicants, the Managing Authority of MS ROP issued the Methodological Instruction of the Guide through Horizontal Themes, where these problems are explained to applicants together with the outline of the possibilities of how activities for the support of horizontal themes may be included in a project thus giving it added value.

The importance of sustainable use of energy and use of renewable sources was strengthened within the horizontal theme of the Sustainable Development on the basis of a motion from the EC. The preference of criteria of sustainable energy and renewable sources was incorporated in the project evaluation system at the end of 2007, however this preference will take effect in practice in the calls of 2008.

### **Compliance with the Rules for Decreasing Disparities between Regions**

In compliance with Government Resolution No. 560 dated 17 May 2006 and on the basis of the approved Regional Development Strategy of the Czech Republic for the period of 2007-2013, the regions were defined, where the concentrated assistance of the state is required.

**I. Structurally affected regions form the territories of districts** (districts belonging to the Moravia-Silesia NUTS II are given in bold):

1. Most, **2. Karviná**, 3. Chomutov, 4. Teplice, **5. Ostrava-city**, **6. Frýdek-Místek**, **7. Nový Jičín**, 8. Sokolov.

**II. Economically weak regions form the territories of districts:**

1. Hodonín, 2. Znojmo, 3. Třebíč, **4. Bruntál**, **5. Opava**, 6. Jeseník, 7. Přerov, 8. Šumperk, 9. Svitavy, 10. Louny, 11. The territories of the former military domains of Ralsko and Mladá.

**III. The regions with a highly above-average unemployment rate are formed by the territories of:**

a) districts:

1. Děčín, 2. Ústí nad Labem, 3. Litoměřice

b) municipalities with extended competencies:

1. Ostrov, 2. Frýdlant, 3. Králíky, 4. Bystřice n. Pernštejnem, 5. Bučovice, 6. Mikulov, 7. Šternberk, 8. Uničov, 9. Kroměříž, 10. Rožnov pod Radhoštěm, 11. Valašské Klobouky.

The above-mentioned definition shows that the entire territory of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region belongs either to the structurally affected regions (the regions of Karviná, Ostrava-city, Frýdek-Místek and Nový Jičín), or economically weak regions (the districts of Bruntál and Opava). Generally, it means the place of a project implementation is not taken into account – the preference does not apply to some sub-regions of the Moravian-Silesian Region.

The exception is the area of support 5.2 Absorption Capacity Support, where the Managing Authority of MS ROP develops activities for strengthening of the ability of stakeholders to initiate and implement projects in the districts of Bruntál and a part of the district of Opava, which are economically weak regions.

### **2.3 Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them**

The Moravia-Silesia ROP was approved on 3 December 2007. By 3 September 2008 the Audit Authority will submit a strategy to the Audit Commission according to clause 62, paragraph 1c). By 31 December 2008 the Audit Authority will submit the annual inspection report according to clause 62, paragraph 1d). The Managing Authority ensures the information necessary for the Audit Authority to process the annual inspection report.

As of 31 December 2007 several steps to the description of managing and control systems were made according to clause 71 of the General Directive:

- In May 2007 the 1<sup>st</sup> testing stage of the conformity audit of the implementation structures of the Czech Republic involved in the drawing of financial means by means of ERDF, ESF and CF was commenced at the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region upon the assignment of the Audit Authority.
- The sharp stage of the audit was commenced in October 2007. The auditor will prepare documents for the Audit Authority report.
- The national authority for coordination (the Ministry of Regional Development) addressed the managing authorities with a letter dated 5 November 2007 with the request for preparation and sending the description of managing and control systems according to clause 71 of EU Directive 1083/2006.

The main problems identified by the conformity audit as of 17 September 2007 are as follows:

17 September 2007 procedures for some important elements of implementation were not set and documented, such as the procedures for the IPRM implementation, transparent procedures for the granting of small size procurements, procedures for the inspection of fulfilment of the rules for public support. No manuals for evaluators were created and no trainings of project evaluators were held. On the basis of the study of the submitted documentation and interviews with the CRR workers it was found that the information systems used within ROP Moravia Silesia have not been prepared for the commencement of drawing:

- As of 17 September 2007 IS MONIT7+/Benefit7 were not fully functional. The functions of IS MONIT7+/Benefit7 were prepared only for the processes of evaluation and approval to applications. Functions concerning the follow-up inspection activities were not prepared, including the samples of forms of monitoring reports, check lists, etc.
- The modifications and the development of MSC2007 will continue also in the first quarter of 2008, which has a significant impact on the process implementation and the system readiness as a whole.

Many other procedures were not described sufficiently in detail and/or they were not described in compliance with the procedures applied in practice. They include, e.g. the procedure for solving discrepancies, accounting principles, the format of monitoring reports, procedures for the inspection of compliance of applications with the EU and CR legislation and others.

Many of the pointed out shortcomings (except for the monitoring system, the development of which is bound by the contract between the Managing Authority of MS ROP and CRR) were rectified in the documentation of the Managing Authority of MS ROP in 2007 and settled by a new version of this documentation issued on 3 March 2008.

## 2.4 Potential Changes in Relation to the Operational Programme Implementation

With regard to the fact that the means of the subsidy from the Regional Council budget were not paid as of 31 December 2007 (except for the determination of Conditions for the Provision of Subsidy for one project of technical assistance), no changes were proposed and implemented by the Managing Authority in relation to the operational programme implementation.

Significant legislative changes which would require a change of the Moravia-Silesia ROP were registered. In the field of macroeconomics, the growing tendency of strengthening of the Czech crown against Euro occurred, thus causing decreasing the Crown equivalent of the means allocated for financing of the operational programme.

The exchange rate development of the Czech crown towards Euro in the period of preparation and negotiations on the operational programme:

**Table 12 - Evolution of exchange rate of CZK/EUR in period of preparation and negotiation of operational programme**

Date	Exchange rate of CZK/EUR
1 January 2006	29.01
1 July 2006	28.503
1 January 2007	27.54
1 July 2007	28.633
1 January 2008	26.58

Source: [http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?fuseaction=currency\\_historique&currency=47&Language=en](http://ec.europa.eu/budget/inforeuro/index.cfm?fuseaction=currency_historique&currency=47&Language=en)

Due to this reason the Managing Authority takes steps to re-value the medium-term outlooks of the allocation and drawing of means in individual priority axes on the basis of the observed trend of the Czech crown strengthening.

Another factor which could influence the OP implementation is inflation (the interim increase of consumer prices). The average interim inflation rate was 2.8% in 2007, whereas in the first half of 2007 it increased continuously (the interim rate of inflation in January 2007: 1.3%, in July 2007: 2.5%), in the second half it grew sharply (December 2007: 5.4%). In 2008 further growth of inflation is expected, which may affect the OP implementation in the years to come.

## **2.5 Potential Significant Change according to Clause 57 of EC Directive No. 1083/2006**

With regard to the fact that no project has been finished yet, there is no project in the period of sustainability of operations and the Managing Authority has not solved any breach of the rule for keeping the subsidy from the funds for operations.

## **2.6 Supplementation with Other Tools**

The Managing Authority of MS ROP is aware of the importance of coordination and supplementation in the provision of assistance from the EU funds according to clause 9 of Council Directive No. 1083/2006 for the assurance of a continuous flow of information, strengthening of the effect of assistance from EU, prevention of overlapping between the support programmes and thus achieving as effective use of the EU means as possible.

The Czech Republic defined, in compliance with the General Directive, basic institutions for the management and coordination of the National Strategic Reference Framework (NSRF), i.e. the fundamental strategic document for the provision of support from EU funds in the Czech Republic in the period of 2007-2013. The National Coordination Authority which covers the coordination of all aspects of the NSRF implementation system and the Managing and Coordination Committee (MCC) in the role of the NSRF Monitoring Committee discharges the essential role. During 2007 negotiations were carried out between the European Commission and the managing authorities on the final version of NSRF and individual programmes, where high emphasis was put on the assurance of cooperation, coordination and supplementation. Negotiations on the determination of interfaces and mechanisms of cooperation were led at the level of NAC, MCB and MA of individual programmes.

A basic framework of the interface and coordination among programmes financed from ERDF, ECF and EAFRD was set by NSRF and in detail by individual programmes. Due to similar or synergic focus of some interventions, the need for closer cooperation occurred between MS ROP and some programmes, particularly the Integrated Operational Programme (IOP), the Transport Operational Programme (OP T), the operational programmes financed from ESF (OP LZZ and OP VK) and the Rural Development Programme (RDP) financed from EAFRD.

The following steps were taken to deepen the cooperation: agreements on mutual cooperation were entered into between MA MS ROP and MA IOP, OP T and programmes of ESF (OP LZZ and OP VK) for the purpose of declaration of calls, cooperation in the fields, where a coordinated approach is necessary and mutual provision of information on the preparation and implementation of individual activities.

The cooperation of MA MS ROP with the managing authorities of OP T and IOP was implemented e.g. by the representation of both MA in the Monitoring Committee of MS ROP which met for the first time on 13 December 2007, further by holding coordination meetings with the presence of the national coordinator at the level of directors of Regional Councils directors and the director designated to discharge the function of the managing body of OP T within the Ministry of Transport. On 31 December 2007 a contract on cooperation was concluded between all MA ROP, on the one hand, and MA OPT, on the other. An intensive cooperation existed between MA IOP and all seven ROPs in the field of the integrated urban development, particularly at the preparation of conditions for the provision of support on the basis of Integrated Urban Development Plans (IUDP).

The coordination between MS ROP, IOP and RDP is ensured at the level of the Regional Workgroup for coordination of interventions of MS ROP and IOP with EAFRD consisting of representatives of MA of these programmes. The first meeting of this Group initiated by MS ROP was held on 19 December 2007.

MA MS ROP agreed, on the basis of the concluded agreements or results of coordinating meetings with MA IOP, RDP, OPE, OPPI and MA of programmes of ECF (OP LZZ and OP VK) on mutual provision of data on the projects chosen for implementation especially by means of MSC2007. This activity, however, was not implemented in 2007 due to the early stage of implementation of all programmes.

In the field of coordination with the tools of the European Investment Bank (JEREMIE, JASPERS and JESSICA), MA MS ROP mainly focused on the strengthening of awareness of the JESSICA tools in 2007 by holding or participation in seminars and trainings and the preparation of their future use within MS ROP, which is presumed particularly in the field of integrated urban development.

## 2.7 Monitoring Measures

### 2.7.1 Monitoring System Description

The information system for the monitoring of programmes in the period of 2007-2013 (hereinafter referred to as "MS2007") serves for the purposes of management, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects financed from the Structural Funds in the programme period of 2007-2013 at all levels of administration.

The system is designed as a whole of mutually communicating information systems consisting of three levels:

- **The central and managing level (MSC2007)** – a summary monitoring for all operational programmes of the Czech Republic used for the management, coordination, monitoring of programmes, data transfers to other IS (the Commission and the Czech Republic), for the central monitoring entities;
- **Executive level (of the operational programme) (MONIT)**- monitoring of individual operational programmes serving for the administration of projects of the given managing authority of the operational programme;
- **Beneficiary of/applicant for a support (the Benefit web application)**- monitoring at the level of a beneficiary serving for dual communication between the managing authority and the beneficiary, especially for the transfer of information by the beneficiary (the web application).

#### MSC2007 Information System

The central database of MSC2007 is a basic tool for the collection and retention of information on the process of the EU support provision to the Czech Republic. The level ensures the planning of development, programming and evaluation of operational programmes with regard to factual and financial monitoring.

#### Monit Information System

IS Monit is the information system for the administration and management of projects. It ensures executive activities of preparation and implementation of projects, i.e. the collection and evaluation of applications, operative recording of projects, factual and financial monitoring at the level of a project, reporting or the provision of data to the superior bodies by means of MSC2007. IS Monit serves as a basic SW tool for the Moravia-Silesia ROP implementation.



### Benefit Web Application

The Benefit web application is the software tool for an applicant. It is an electronic application which serves an applicant for the completion of data on a planned project and its new or modified version is created for every call for the submission of projects. A unified application serves for mutual communication between the Managing Authority of the Moravia-Silesia ROP and applicants/beneficiaries. All users may access the web application system by means of the internet. The central depository of web applications is at CRR server.

MS2007 monitoring system is adjusted for the needs of the current programme period. Shortcomings of the monitoring system at the level of MSC2007 are rectified under the coordination of the Monitoring System Administration Department of the Ministry of Regional Development. Common requirements and suggestions for the monitoring system modifications at the level of IS MONIT7+ and BENEFIT7 are initiated by the Workgroup for ROP monitoring consisting of representatives of managing authorities of all regional operational programmes or the Managing Authority of MS ROP on the basis of its own specific requirements.

The provision of comparable, factually correct and topical data for the support of management, monitoring and evaluation is ensured by **the binding Methodology of Monitoring of SF and CF 2007-2013 Programmes** issued by the Ministry of Regional Development. This Methodology of Monitoring defines a centrally binding data scope, binding procedures and terms for the monitoring of operational programmes and projects at all levels of implementation. **A fully integrated unified monitoring system** is thus ensured together with the determination of unified and binding procedures for data transmission at all levels of implementation which will ensure the necessary data for the management, monitoring and evaluation of programmes and projects including the regular data collection from beneficiaries of the support for the purposes of monitoring of the progress of implementation of projects by means of the beneficiary's web account.

### **Responsibilities**

The Ministry of Regional Development (the National Coordination Authority) will execute the coordination and methodological role within the monitoring process and ensure methodological leadership.

Responsibility for the modification and operation of the monitoring system of Structural Funds is divided between the Managing Authority of the Moravia-Silesia ROP and the Ministry of Regional Development as follows:

- the Ministry of Regional Development is responsible for modifications of MSC2007 for the programme period of 2007-2013
- the Ministry of Regional Development ensures modifications of the MONIT7+ information system, including the commencement of the web application in order to meet the requirements of NCC for the programme period of 2007 – 2013 for reporting binding and mandatory data in the structure of the central binding data sentence. The Ministry of Regional Development ensures the modification of IS MONIT7+ and the web application BENEFIT7 for the needs of data transmission to MSC and common requirements of managing authorities of operational programmes for their function and it operates it on its own hardware.
- The Managing Authority of the operational programme gained a free sublicense from the Ministry of Regional Development and concluded a service contract with the contractor of IS MONIT7+ for its own specific part of IS MONIT7+ functions.

At the end of 2007 processes concerning project administration were ensured in IS MONIT7+ – pre-project parts (uploading of applications for support, evaluations, selection of projects). Functions for the implementation part of the project cycle (financial and factual monitoring of projects implementation, financial flows, inspections, etc.) were in the testing operation or were not available at all. The work with MONIT7+ will be ensured by RR workers who are continuously trained for work with the MONIT monitoring system.

## 2.7.2 Steps Taken to Ensure Data Collection and Their Evaluation

In 2007 IS MONIT7+ for ROP MS and the BENEFIT7 web application underwent many modifications caused by changes of the "Methodology of Monitoring of Programmes of the Structural Funds and the EU Cohesion Fund for the programme period of 2007-2013" which also followed from the needs of the Managing Authority. On the basis of these modifications as of 1 September 2007 the system was prepared for the registration of project applications and as of 1 October 2007 it was prepared for the administration of project applications up to the stage of signing the Contract on the Subsidy Provision according to the operational manuals of MS ROP. At the end of 2007 the system was able to administer an application throughout the entire project cycle according to the general assignments of the Ministry of Regional Development of the Czech Republic.

On 1 November 2007 the schedule of works on the 2<sup>nd</sup> stage of IS BENEFIT7 construction was agreed. The 2<sup>nd</sup> stage will include work especially on functions necessary for administration for a project under implementation, but also the extension of current functions for the purpose of increasing the comfort and user friendliness of BENEFIT7. A revision of IS MONIT7+ was carried out and based on it modifications concerning the administration of projects under implementation were defined, in particular of some folders. Some of these modifications have already been implemented in IS in respective installations.

Modifications of the monitoring system are solved in workgroups managed by the Ministry of Regional Development which submit requirements and ideas for modifications to respective entities responsible for the administration of individual information systems. Requirements for the modification of IS BENEFIT7 and IS MONIT7+ are handed over to the Centre for Regional Development of the Czech Republic, in case of a change or intervention to the data for central monitoring it is necessary to contact also the Monitoring System Administration Department of the Ministry of Regional Development. Shortcomings of the monitoring system at the level of MSC2007 are rectified by the Monitoring System Administration Department of the Ministry of Regional Development.

Representatives of the Managing Authority of ROP MS actively participated in negotiations of all workgroups. The following workgroups are concerned:

- **Workgroup for ROP monitoring** – initiates requirements and suggestions for the monitoring system modifications at the level of IS MONIT7+ and BENEFIT7. It consists of representatives of managing authorities of all regional operational programmes, the Integrated Operational Programme and the Operational Programme of Technical Assistance. The Managing Authority of MS ROP defines specific requirements on the basis of suggestions and comments of workers of individual departments or users of IS BENEFIT7. All commonly created assignments and specific requirements must be approved by the Optimisation workgroup.
- **Optimisation workgroup** – was established by NCC on the basis of the decision of the Vice-Premier of the government and the Minister of Regional Development no. 238/2007. The Optimisation workgroup deals with the development, setting, functions and optimisation of the operational programmes system, creates a basic proposal for the assignment for an update of monitoring systems, etc. Conclusions from negotiations of the group are submitted to the Workgroup for Monitoring.
- **Workgroup for Monitoring for the period of 2007 - 2013** – was established under the decision of the Vice-Premier of the government and the Minister of Regional Development no. 145/2007. The workgroup is a consultative body of the Ministry of Regional Development in the field of coordination of the support monitoring within the EU funds in the Czech Republic.

A measure for regular testing of data and function of the monitoring system was introduced on the basis of continuous modifications and updates of individual information systems. Regular testing serves for the verification of relevance of the incorporated functions by the supplier and to prevent the risk of incorrectly set monitoring system.

To ensure better awareness and efficient work with information systems, the Manual on Drawing Up a BENEFIT7 Web Application and IS MONIT7+ Manual were created.

On 15 October 2007 the first upload of a web application was carried out to IS MONIT7+. A total of four projects was uploaded to the system as of 31 December 2007.

With regard to the fact that no project was finished as of 31 December 2007, no monitoring reports were drawn up.

## 3 Implementation according to Priority Axes

### 3.1 Priority axis 1 - Regional Infrastructure and Accessibility

#### 3.1.1 Achieved Progress and its Analysis

On 6 December 2007 the call to submit projects for the construction, modernisation and reconstruction of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> class roads was declared. One project was registered, the beneficiary of which is the Moravian-Silesian Region. The project had not been finished as of 31 December 2007 therefore the achieved values of indicators cannot be presented.

**Table 13 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis**

Priority axis	Expenses paid by beneficiaries included in applications for payments sent to the Managing Authority	Respective contribution from public sources	Expenses paid by the entity responsible for the payments to beneficiaries	Total payments received from EC
Priority axis 1 Expenses of ERDF	0	0	0	0

Source: The data generated from MSC

**Table 14 - Indicators of priority axis 1: Regional Infrastructure and Accessibility**

NCI Code EU/Lisbon Code Type of indicator	Name of indicator	Measuring unit	Source	value	2007	Target value 2015	Total
51.11.00 Core 13 Output	Number of projects for transport development	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	110	
				Initial*	0		
61.01.01 Core 14 Output	Length of new Class 2 and 3 roads	km	Monitoring system	Achieved			
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	10	
				Initial	0		
61.01.02 Core 16 Output	Length of reconstructed Class 2 and 3 roads	km	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	200	
				Initial	0		
61.01.11 Output	Length of newly built cycle tracks with motor traffic exclusion	km	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	100	
				Initial	0		
61.03.01 Output	Number of reconstructed (modified) regional airports	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	1	
				Initial	0		
26.01.00 Core 31 Output	Number of supported projects covering fire, flood and other risks prevention	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	1	
				Initial	0		
61.03.11 Result	Number of checked-in passengers in airports - change in time period (%)	%	Monitoring system	Achieved	-		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	200	
				Initial	216259 <sup>2</sup>		
61.02.41 Result	Number of newly purchased environment-friendly vehicles for public transport	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	75	
				Initial	0		
61.02.11 Result	Municipalities participating in the integrated transport systems (ITS)	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	-		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	240	
				Initial	145		
61.02.05 Result	Increase in the number of persons transported by public transport - total	Thousand s of people	Operators, municipal transport	Achieved	-		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	300000	
				Initial	279420		
61.02.10 Result	Increase in the number of citizens of municipalities participating in the integrated transport systems (ITS)	persons	Operators, CSO	Achieved	-		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	875538	
				Initial	750461		

Source: The monitoring system, status as of 31 December 2007

Notes:

\* Initial values of 2005

<sup>1</sup> Operational programme has no defined target values per year, but per entire period.

<sup>2</sup> Initial values according to the statistics of 2004

### Quality Analysis

With regard to the fact that no financial means were agreed on and paid off as of 31 December 2007 (no factual indicators were agreed and fulfilled, it is impossible to carry out the quality analysis.

### Cross financing

Cross financing shall not be used under the Priority axis 1 of the ROP MS.

## 3.1.2 Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them

With regard to the early stage of the programme implementation (ROP was finally approved on 3 December 2007, the 1<sup>st</sup> call for the submission of projects for the construction, modernisation and reconstruction of Class 2 and 3 roads was declared on 6 September 2007) no serious problems were identified, including serious problems found within the procedure given in clause 62, paragraph 1d) of item i) of Directive (EC) No. 1083/2006.

### Information on the physical and financial progress of the priority

No project within priority axis 1 – Regional Infrastructure and Accessibility was approved in 2007. Therefore, an increase of the achieved value from the initial value is not recorded for any indicator (see the table).

## 3.2 Priority axis 2 - Support of the Region's Prosperity

### 3.2.1 Achieved Progress and its Analysis

#### Information on the physical and financial progress of the priority

No call for priority axis 2 - Support of the Region's Prosperity was declared in 2007. Therefore, an increase of the achieved value from the initial value is not recorded for any indicator (see the table).

**Table 15 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis**

Priority axis	Expenses paid by beneficiaries included in applications for payments sent to the Managing Authority	Respective contribution from public sources	Expenses paid by the entity responsible for the payments to beneficiaries	Total payments received from EC
Priority axis 1 Expenses of ERDF	0	0	0	0

Source: The data generated from MSC

**Table 16 - Indicators of priority axis 2: Support for the Region's prosperity**

NCI Code EU/Lisbon Code Type of indicator	Name of indicator	Measuring unit	Source	Value	2007	Target value 2015	Total
51.15.00	Number of supported projects focused on sustainable development and higher attractiveness of towns and cities in total Of which:	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	90	
				Initial	0		
	Development of infrastructure for education	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	45	
				Initial	0		
	Development of infrastructure for social care	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	22	
				Initial	0		
	Support for health care	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	23	
				Initial	0		
51.12.00 <b>Core 34</b> Output	Number of projects focused on tourism development		Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
Planned <sup>1</sup>				-	85		
Initial				0			
65.11.00 Result	The area of regenerated and rehabilitated facilities and premises in towns - total	Flooring in m <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
Planned <sup>1</sup>					60000		
Initial				0			
52.02.12 <b>Core 35</b> Result	Number of created job positions in tourism	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
Planned <sup>1</sup>					80		
Initial				0			
63.05.02 Result	Visitors to the region -number of bed/nights	Thousands of people	CSO	Achieved	-		
Planned <sup>1</sup>				-	2400		
Initial				2065			
63.01.00 Result	Number of newly constructed or reconstructed beds - total	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
Planned <sup>1</sup>				-	300		
Initial				0			
65.20.00 Result	Area of revitalized sites - former obsolete or devastated sites (brown fields) - total	ha	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	100	
				Initial	0		

### Quality Analysis

With regard to the fact that no submitted project was financially finished as of 31 December 2007, the qualitative analysis cannot be performed.

### Cross financing

Under the Priority axis 2 of the ROP MS the cross financing shall be used mainly in the area of intervention 2.1 Infrastructure of Public Services – sub-area of intervention 2.1.1 Development of the educational infrastructure, sub-area of intervention 2.1.2 Development of the social care infrastructure and in the area of intervention 2.2 Tourism development - sub-area of intervention 2.2.2 Development and upgrading of the standard of accommodation facilities, sub-area of intervention 2.2.3 Upgrading of the standard of tourist information centres and 2.2.4 Organisation and cooperation in the tourism area. Cross financing shall be further used in the area of intervention 2.4 Marketing of the region. Cross financing shall be used mostly for the staff education in relation to the change of the services provided or to the introducing of the new type of services.

## 3.2.2 Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them

With regard to the early stage of the programme implementation (MS ROP was finally approved on 3 December 2007, the 1<sup>st</sup> call was declared on 6 September 2007), no serious problems were identified, including serious problems found within the procedure given in clause 62, paragraph 1d), item i) of Directive (EC) No. 1083/2006.

## 3.3 Priority axis 3 - Urban Development

### 3.3.1 Achieved Progress and its Analysis

#### Information on the physical and financial progress of the priority

No call for priority axis 3 – Urban Development was declared in 2007. Therefore, an increase of the achieved value from the initial value is not recorded for any indicator (see the table).

**Table 17 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis**

Priority axis	Expenses paid by beneficiaries included in applications for payments sent to the Managing Authority	Respective contribution from public sources	Expenses paid by the entity responsible for the payments to beneficiaries	Total payments received from EC
Priority axis 1 Expenses of ERDF	0	0	0	0

Source: The data generated from MSC



**Table 18 - Indicators of priority axis 3: Urban development**

NCI Code EU/Lisbon Code Type of indicator	Name of indicator	Measuring unit	Source	Value	2007	Target value 2015	Total
51.15.00 Core 39 Output	Number of supported projects focused on sustainable development and higher attractiveness of towns and cities in total	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	100	
				Initial	0		
51.15.31 Output	Number of supported projects focused on development (improving attractiveness) of selected towns	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	50	
				Initial	0		
51.15.41 Output	Number of supported projects focused on other towns	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	50	
				Initial	0		
65.01.01 Result	The area of regenerated and rehabilitated territories in towns	ha	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	14	
				Initial	0		
65.11.00 Result	The area of regenerated and rehabilitated facilities and premises in towns - total	Flooring in m <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	150000	
				Initial	0		
65.11.01 Result	Area of regenerated and revitalized facilities for the development of education	Flooring in m <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	20000	
				Initial	0		
65.11.03 Result	Area of regenerated and revitalized facilities for social and health care	Flooring in m <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	30000	
				Initial	0		
65.11.04 Result	Area of regenerated and reconstructed facilities of spare-time and leisure-time nature	Flooring in m <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	100000	
				Initial	0		
65.20.01 Result	Area of revitalized sites – unused or devastated sites (brown fields) in towns	ha	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	6	
				Initial	0		

### Quality Analysis

In 2007 the preparation of methodology of the Integrated Urban Development Plans (IUDP) was carried out in cooperation with all managing authorities of ROP and the Ministry of Regional Development which is the condition for the provision of support from this priority axis to the five biggest towns in the region (towns with more than 50 thousand inhabitants).

No project was financially finished as of 31 December 2007; the qualitative analysis cannot be performed.

### Cross financing

In the priority axis 3 the cross financing will be used both in area of intervention 3.1 Development poles of the region and 3.2 Sub-regional centres. It shall be used mainly for the staff education activities - in supported educational and social care establishments - in relation with the change of the services provided and for the operational costs during the launching of the social care establishments (for 1 year of operation).

### 3.3.2 Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them

With regard to the early stage of the programme implementation (MS ROP was finally approved on 3 December 2007, the 1<sup>st</sup> call was declared on 6 September 2007), no serious problems were identified, including serious problems found within the procedure given in clause 62, paragraph 1d), item i) of Directive (EC) No. 1083/2006.

## 3.4 Priority axis 4 Rural Development

### 3.4.1 Achieved Progress and its Analysis

#### Information on the physical and financial progress of the priority

No call for priority axis 4 – Rural Development was declared in 2007. Therefore, an increase of the achieved value from the initial value is not recorded for any indicator (see the table).

**Table 19 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis**

Priority axis	Expenses paid by beneficiaries included in applications for payments sent to the Managing Authority	Respective contribution from public sources	Expenses paid by the entity responsible for the payments to beneficiaries	Total payments received from EC
Priority axis 1 Expenses of ERDF	0	0	0	0

Source: The data generated from MSC

**Table 20 - Indicators of priority axis 4: Rural development**

NCI Code EU/Lisbon Code Type of indicator	Name of indicator	Measuring unit	Source	Value	2007	Target value 2015	Total
51.21.00 Output	Number of supported projects in the area of rural (municipalities) development - total	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	100	
				Initial	0		
65.05.05 Result	The area of regenerated and rehabilitated territories in rural areas	ha	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	5	
				Initial	0		
65.15.00 Result	The area of regenerated and reconstructed facilities in rural areas (municipalities) - total	Flooring in m <sup>2</sup>	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	50000	
				Initial	0		

Source: The monitoring system, status as of 31 December 2007

Source: IS MSC2007

### Quality Analysis

At the end of 2007 the first call for the submission of projects in this priority axis was prepared.

With regard to the fact that no submitted project was financially finished as of 31 December 2007, the qualitative analysis cannot be performed.

### Cross financing

In the priority axis 4 the cross financing will be used mainly for the activities accompanying the public services infrastructure and for the educational and social care activities, accompanying investments and for the operational costs at the launching of the social care establishments (for 1 year of operation).

### 3.4.2 Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them

With regard to the early stage of the programme implementation (MS ROP was finally approved on 3 December 2007, the 1<sup>st</sup> call was declared on 6 September 2007), no serious problems were identified, including serious problems found within the procedure given in clause 62, paragraph 1d), item i) of Directive (EC) No. 1083/2006.

### 3.5 Priority axis 5 - Technical Assistance

#### 3.5.1 Achieved Progress and its Analysis

##### Information on the physical and financial progress of the priority

Two calls were declared for the priority axis 5 – Technical Assistance in 2007. Within these calls, three projects were submitted in 2007, of which two in the area of support 5.1 Operational Programme Implementation and one in the area of support 5.2 Absorption Capacity Support. The Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region was the beneficiary of the support for all three projects. No project had been finished as of 31 December 2007 (the submission of the final monitoring report to the Technical Assistance project is presumed on 29 February 2008) therefore, the achieved values of indicators cannot be presented.

**Table 21 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis**

Priority axis	Expenses paid by beneficiaries included in applications for payments sent to the Managing Authority	Respective contribution from public sources	Expenses paid by the entity responsible for the payments to beneficiaries	Total payments received from EC
Priority axis 1 Expenses of ERDF	0	0	0	0

Source: The data generated from MSC

**Table 22 - Indicators of priority axis 5: Technical assistance**

NCI Code EU/Lisbon Code Type of indicator	Name of indicator	Measuring unit	Source	Value	2007	Target value 2015	Total
51.41.00 Output	Number of supported projects focused on technical assistance	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	10	
				Initial	0		
71.05.00 Output	Implementation of evaluation studies and reports - total	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	14	
				Initial	0		
71.11.00 Output	Number of the held trainings, seminars, workshops and conferences	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	50	
				Initial	0		
71.16.00 Result	Number of people participating in the educational courses - total	number	Monitoring system	Achieved	0		
				Planned <sup>1</sup>	-	1000	
				Initial	0		

### Quality Analysis

With regard to the fact that no financial means were paid off as of 31 December 2007 (no factual indicators were fulfilled), it is impossible to carry out the quality analysis.

### 3.5.2 Serious Problems which have Arisen and Measures Taken to Remove Them

With regard to the early stage of the programme implementation (MS ROP was finally approved on 3 December 2007, the 1<sup>st</sup> call was declared on 6 September 2007), no serious problems were identified, including serious problems found within the procedure given in clause 62, paragraph 1d), item i) of Directive (EC) No. 1083/2006.

## 4 Big Projects

The Regional Operational Programme does not presume the implementation of big projects within the meaning of Clause No. 39 of the General Directive. Nonetheless, the strengthening of the Czech crown against Euro, a higher inflation and specification of costs of some planned big projects may cause exceeding of the limit of Euro 50 million for total costs.

## 5 Technical Assistance

### 5.1 Definition of Technical Assistance

The amount of 3.4% of the programme financial means was earmarked for the projects of technical assistance – it is EUR 24,347,169 (ERDF) for the programme period of 2007-2013.

#### Brief Description of Technical Assistance

Technical assistance serves for the financing of activities in the field of preparation, management, monitoring, evaluation, giving information and inspection of the Moravia-Silesia Regional Operation Programme and is used to support activities focused on the strengthening of the administrative and absorption capacity of the Structural Funds in the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region.

Technical assistance is implemented in two areas of support:

#### 5.1 Implementation of the operational programme

##### Focus/Support Specification

This area of support serves to the Moravia-Silesia Regional Council as a managing authority of the Moravia-Silesia Regional Operational Programme.

The means are used for the assurance of equipment of the Regional Council Office by technologies and systems for management and assurance of preparation, management, monitoring, evaluation, provision of information and inspection of the Regional Operational Programme.

#### 5.2 Support to the absorption capacity

##### Focus/Support Specification

To assure sufficient absorption capacity of the region, education, consulting and information support is provided to ROP beneficiaries as well as the provision of basic information to all priorities available in the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region.

The rules for the eligibility of expenses at the national level are given by the Rules for Eligible Expenses for Programmes Co-financed from EU Funds for the Programme Period of 2007-2013 (hereinafter referred to as the “Rules”) issued by the Ministry of Regional Development (MMR). These national Rules are further explained in the Methodological Guideline of Eligible Expenses for the Programmes Co-financed from the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund for the Programme Period 2007 – 2013 (hereinafter referred to as the “Methodological Guideline of MMR”).

Beneficiaries of this assistance are:

- Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region
- The Moravian-Silesian Region and organisations subordinated and established by it
- Municipalities, voluntary unions of municipalities

**The main purpose** of the technical Assistance implementation is to make the entire implementation process of an operational programme more effective.

All activities and supportive activities at the level of the Managing Authority were carried out with the goal to support the effectiveness of the implemented support, to improve the quality of made interventions and to increase the efficiency of use of the provided financial means to the effective management of ROP NUTS II Moravia-Silesia, its promotion and evaluation of the programme and its projects.

## 5.2 Drawing of Technical Assistance in 2007

One project was submitted in the first call for the submission of projects declared on 6 September 2007 and ended on 15 October 2007 (the area of support 5.1), the beneficiary was the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region. The project focused on financing of implementation of the operational programme in 2007. The project implements activities and draws the subsidy on the basis of the "Terms and Conditions for the Provision of Subsidy from the Budget of the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region for a Project of Technical Assistance" set by the resolution of the Board of the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region on 31 October 2007.

### 5.2.1 Information on Project

Name of the Project: Project of TA ROP NUTS II Moravia Silesia - TA 5.1/2007/01  
Project registration no.: CZ.1.10/5.1.00/01.00001  
Project duration: 1 January 2007 – 31 December 2007  
Total project expenses: CZK 75,873,000  
Total eligible project expenses: CZK 73,911,000  
- Of which ERDF: CZK 62,824,350  
Submission of the final monitoring report: 29 February 2008

### 5.2.2 Supported Activities of the Project

- Purchase of technical equipment for the Regional Council;
- Assurance of technical organisation of negotiations of workgroups, negotiations with ministers, EC, other managing authorities, beneficiaries, etc.;
- Creation of documents necessary for management and administration of the operational programme and its administration;
- Evaluation of the best practice and international exchange of experience relevant to the management and implementation of the operational programme;
- Preparation and development of human resources for the operational programme implementation and management;
- Assurance of our own operational programme administration;
- Processing of studies and surveys necessary for management, monitoring and evaluation of MS ROP;
- Assurance of publicity of the operational plan and implementation of the Communication Plan;
- Development and administration of information systems (ICT).

### 5.2.3 Activities in Relation to the Public

Name of the event: **the Day of Europe and a festive opening of the seat of the Office of the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region**  
Content: Current development of negotiations on operational programmes in Brussels Regional operational programme – the importance and possibilities for the Moravian-Silesian Region  
Date of the meeting: 9 May 2007  
Place of the meeting: the building of the Office of the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region  
Number of participants: 42

Name of the event: **Effective management of European projects in conditions of a town office**

Content: The most frequent problems in the implementation of projects financed from the Structural Funds and their causes  
- setting of a suitable organisational structure of an office as a good tool for the prevention of problems in the implementation and accounting of projects  
- consequent check of the projects implemented from the financial assistance of the Structural Funds and its possible impacts

Date of the meeting: 29 May 2007  
Place of the meeting: the building of the Office of the Regional Council of the Moravia- Silesia Cohesion Region  
Number of participants: 31

Name of the event: **Public support**  
Content: The introduction of problems of the public support in relation to the provision of subsidies from the EU funds and the state budget of the Czech Republic.

Date of the meeting: 28 June 2007  
Place of the meeting: the building of the Office of the Regional Council of the Moravia- Silesia Cohesion Region  
Number of participants: 36

Name of the event: **Feasibility study**  
Content: Familiarisation of potential applicants with the requirements of URR MSR for the processing of an appendix to a project at 4 seminars

Date of the meeting: 22 and 27 November 2007, 4 and 6 December 2007  
Place of the meeting: the building of the Office of the Regional Council of the Moravia- Silesia Cohesion Region  
Number of participants: 46

## 5.2.4 Expert Studies, Analyses, Programme Evaluation

### Analysis for the needs of absorption

From May to June 2007 an analysis was carried out with regard to the needs of the strengthening of absorption and removal of barriers to drawing in the following scope:

- *The analysis of big and important projects and analyses of the deficit in drawing* – the result was the identification of plans not implemented from ROP, the areas of support of ROP with a smaller number of prepared plans and the identification of big prepared plans in the region,
- *The analysis of competences of applicants and their barriers to drawing* – the result was the information that applicants find the complexity and financial exigency of submission of an application for the subsidy difficult, as well as high demands for the processing of an application and appendices, a short term for the submission of applications and a lack of quality processing agencies,
- *the analysis of the ability to draw of micro-regions in the region for the past period* – the result was the definition of a map of micro-regions with a very low/zero rate of success in drawing.

## 5.2.5 Costs for Administrative Capacities of the Managing Authority of the Moravia Silesia ROP

One of the main items of the factual performance of the Technical Assistance in 2007 was personnel costs for employees of the Regional Council Office.

The Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region is a newly established managing authority therefore, extraordinary attention has been paid to the assurance of an adequate



administrative capacity since the beginning, both with regard to the assurance of the number and quality of workers, and with regard to the setting of procedures of implementation. When assuring the administrative capacity, the Regional Council proceeds according to Government resolution 818/2007 dated 18 July 2007.

### **Assurance of the Number and Quality of Workers**

The core of the Managing Authority workers is formed by workers who came to the Office of the Regional Council from the Regional Office, either from the intermediary body of SROP (SRR), or the Regional Development Department ensuring the administration of the grant schemes. Another part of the employees is formed by the workers of regional agencies who dealt with the programming of the support for the period of 2004 – 2006 and for the period after 2007 and the preparation of projects for the SF programmes for the period of 2004 – 2006.

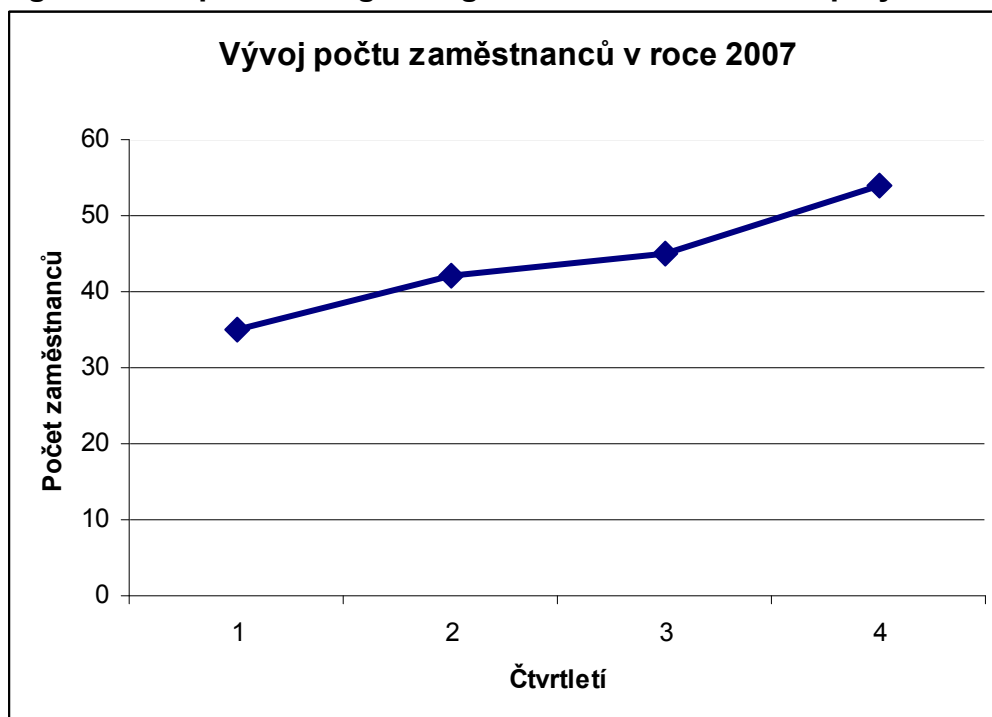
In compliance with Act No. 248/2000 Coll. on rural development support as amended the Board of the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region set the number of employees of the Regional Council to 66 by its resolution no. 8/51 dated 28 June 2007.

- In the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, the personnel capacities of the Programming and Methodology Department and the Internal Affairs Department (public procurement, a lawyer, an assistant) were increased and managers' positions (heads of departments) were partly filled.
- In the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter, the Marketing and Reinforcement of Absorption Department (marketing) and the Internal Affairs Department (accounting) expanded.
- In the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> quarters, the Payment Department was established and staffed, the Control Department was abolished and a new Audit Department was created; the number of employees in the Programme Implementation Department increased in relation to the programme's gradual implementation.

**Table 23 - Changes in the number of employees in 2007**

Quarter	Number of employees
1	35
2	42
3	45
4	54

**Figure 1: Graph showing changes in the number of employees in 2007**



Government Resolution No. 818 dated 18 July 2007 on the procedure in solving the administrative capacity of the drawing of sources of the Structural Funds and the Cohesion Fund for the period of 2007 – 2013 recommended that regional councils verify the assurance of personnel capacities for the assurance of functionality of implementation structures. In relation to the progress of the programme implementation and the aforementioned CR Government resolution, the necessary target personnel capacity for 2008 was set, including the elaboration of the plan for gradual growth of employees throughout the year.

**Table 24 - Plan of staff recruitment in 2008**

Name of department	Number	Total growth	Growth in Q1	Growth in Q2	Growth in Q3	Growth in Q4
	in 2008					
Director of the Office	1	0				
Audit Department	6	3	3			
Financial Department	3	1		1		
Internal Affairs Department	21	4	2		2	
Programming and Methodology Department	5	0				
Marketing and Reinforcement of Absorption Department	15	1			1	
Programme Implementation Department	32	11		4	7	
Payment Department	4	1	1			
<b>Total</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>

The personnel capacity is expected to grow to a level of 87 employees; the number of employees in the Audit Department is planned to be increased during the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter for the purpose of performing the function of the Authorised Audit Body, and the number of employees of the Internal Affairs Department is also supposed to grow in the areas of IT and public procurement. The Programme Implementation Department, the Internal Affairs Department (IT), and the Marketing and Reinforcement of Absorption Department will expand during the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters (depending on newly announced calls in relation to the programme's gradual implementation).

In 2007, the Office of the Regional Council applied for the Investors in People certification, went through the initial analysis and drafted and implemented an action plan for the creation and modification of the performance of personnel activities.

The Committee of the Regional Council approved employees' individual and collective stabilisation contributions from the social fund that will enhance employee cohesion and satisfaction.

An employee incentive evaluation system exists and standardised selection procedure criteria are being prepared and used, applying marketing (publicity and working with employment agencies), testing (specialised tests, personality tests) and adaptation tools (couching of new employees, adaptation training).

A system of team, language, personal and professional education exists. Training focused on expert knowledge, language skills enhancement, team-building and manager's skill enhancement were organised.

An internal bulletin is published to increase the employees' awareness.

## 5.2.6 Other Activities of the Technical Assistance Project in 2007

In addition to common operating costs, single expenses associated with the building of the office, such as the equipment with IT, furniture, reproduction devices, the economic and information system of the office formed an important part of costs in 2007.

## 6 Provision of Information and Promotion

This chapter of the annual report answers the art. 14, paragraph 2 of the implementation regulation and states the list of the informational and promotional activities of ROP MS realized during the 2007 in relation to the potential beneficiaries and public. Because of the fact that the Communication plan has not been approved yet, this chapter does not include the comparison between the Communication plan and the provisions realized in the promotion area.

### 6.1 Electronic Communication and Products

#### Internet portal of RC MS – [www.rr-moravskoslezsko.cz](http://www.rr-moravskoslezsko.cz)

This portal was operated throughout 2007. In addition to the basic information on the Regional Council, its bodies and contacts, continuous versions of the operational programme, the information on the progress of its negotiation with EC and the executive document were published on it and since April 2007 also the first versions of the documentation for applicants (the Applicant Manual and methodological instructions processed by the Managing Authority of MS ROP. In September a significant upgrade of the website of the Regional Council of Moravia-Silesia was carried out and even the present solution of the website is not the final solution. By the end of January 2008 at the latest, a fully professional solution of CMS will be commenced which solves both the internet and intranet environment, and the extranet. The plan for 2008 also includes full commencement of the secondary domain “www.dobra-rada.cz” using the newly introduced brand “Good Advice”, i.e. “the Regional Council ... Good Advice” which will provide information to applicants/beneficiaries mostly of a consultancy and recommending character, i.e. it will be the environment with exclusively pro-client user character unlike the website of [www.rr-moravskoslezsko.cz](http://www.rr-moravskoslezsko.cz) which shall further fulfil the information role of the primary official board of RC MS. The list of beneficiaries is published on this portal as well as the titles of the operations supported and financial means allocated to these operations - according to the art. 7, par. 2d) of the implementation regulation (at the <http://www.rr-moravskoslezsko.cz/rop/vysledky-vyzev>).

#### Info-email Service

It is a regular sending of information – news on MS ROP by means of email on the basis of a distribution list. A similar service is also offered by RSS channel, the present website is equipped with 21000 messages were sent by means of the e-mail service. The distribution lists contained the total of 3000 email addresses at the end of 2007.

#### Presentation CD

The presentation CD with the structured overview of possibilities for drawing of financial means from EU in the period of 2007 – 2013. The presentation CD conceptually supplements press materials, such as “Small Guide... see above”. The CD is intended for the political representation of the region.

#### Electronic version of the APROPO information bulletin – a monthly

A shortened electronic version of the press bulleting of the same name is a theme-focused on the problems of MS ROP and wider problems of the European Structural Funds in the programme period of 2007-13. The electronic version will be available for download at the website of [www.rr-moravskoslezsko.cz](http://www.rr-moravskoslezsko.cz). Selected target groups of applicants will also be informed of a current release of the @ version of APROPO by means of the info-email service.

**Table 25 - Electronic Communication and Products**

Name of the communication activity/tool	Number of the created releases	Number of accesses
Internet portal of RC MS	65390	27396
Info-email service	6	18000
Presentation CD	200 ks	187
Electronic version of the APROPO Information Bulletin – a monthly	2 (listopad, prosinec)	6000

## 6.2 Printed Products

### The portfolio of informative-presentation printouts (brochures) of the „Small Guide,...“ type

These are printouts of the informative-presentation character focused on specific target groups of future applicants/beneficiaries of the support. Brochures are made with the emphasis on lucidity, simplicity and user-friendliness. At the same time they are always distributed to the key target groups.

#### “SMALL GUIDE THROUGH BIG OPPORTUNITIES”

A basic informative material for a wider target group mapping the current possibilities for drawing of financial means from EU (the Regional Operation Programme of Moravia-Silesia (ROP), the theme operational programmes, the programmes within the European Territorial Cooperation, the Programme of Rural Development).

#### “BIG OPPORTUNITIES FOR SMALL MUNICIPALITIES”

An informative brochure intended for smaller municipalities up to 500 inhabitants. It will find its important application also in municipalities with up to 2000 inhabitants, which decided to implement projects dealing with the building and reconstruction of municipal water mains and sewage, including waste water purification plants.

#### “BIG OPPORTUNITIES FOR THE NOT-FOR-PROFIT SECTOR”

An informative brochure intended for non-governmental not-for-profit organisations (NNO) which will submit project applications within ROP MS, some of the theme OP, programmes within the European Territorial Cooperation, the Rural Development Programme or the Financial Mechanism of EEA/Norway.

### Folders of RC MS

Folders for applicants from the Moravia-Silesia Regional Operational Programme, an informative-promotional article.

### Info bulletin APROPO– a Quarterly

An informative bulletin of RC MS is a theme focused on the problems of MS ROP and wider problems of the European Structural Funds in the programme period of 2007 – 2013.

### Educational and Promotional Printed Materials for the Needs of RC MS

Educational and promotional materials serve both for the internal need of the RC Office, and for applicants. As far as their type is concerned, they include printed materials “How Does RC MS Office Work”, “Scheme of the Project Cycle”, “Visions...Missions of the RC MS Office“, A5 and A4 pads, small informative cards, PF, With Compliment, etc.

### A MS ROP document in marketing wording for the general public

An initial strategic document of the Moravia-Silesia ROP in visually (user) optimized form for the general public. The purpose is to make the general public acquainted with individual measures of ROP in a user-friendly and understandable form.

**Table 26 - Printed products**

Name of the communication activity/tool	Number of the implemented pieces	Number of the distributed pieces
Small Guide through Big Opportunities	1. edition 2000 1. reedition 2000 2. reedition 1000	4130
Big Opportunities for Small Municipalities	500	474
Big Opportunities for the Not-for-profit Sector	500	492
Info bulletin Apropos – October at the occasion of the conference called "European Opportunities - October" "	3000	2580
Organisational chart – How Does RC MS Work	2000	350
PF, With Compliment, etc.	1200	960
Pads with the theme of MS ROP <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ A4 format</li> <li>▪ A5 format</li> </ul>	500 500	100 230
MS ROP document in the marketing wording for the general public	2000	650

### 6.3 3D Promotion

#### A series of 3D promotional articles

A basic series of promotional articles – PVC bags, ballpoint pens, pads, mugs, key cases, etc. fully observing the graphic manual of the ROP logo and the "Rules for Promotion" methodological instruction. The purpose of this measure is to create awareness and positive "relationship" to the ECC policy, and consequently to ROP and its tools. The goal is to build and strengthen awareness and to build image. This tool will support and complement the direct communication tools.

#### Roll – ups

Large-size presentations (the Rollup technology) of individual areas of support of MS ROP and RC MS.

**Table 27 - 3D promotion**

Name of the communication activity/tool	Number of the implemented pieces	-
3D promotional articles	29	-
Roll – up with the theme of MS ROP and RC MS	4	-

## 6.4 Building of the unified visual identity of RC MS and MS ROP

### ROP and RC MS logos

Designs and finishing of the logotype of the Regional Council and the Regional Operational Programme of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region.

### “Good Advice” logo including the logo graphic manual

The logo of “Good Advice” represents complex information and consulting services of URR MS for applicants. The manual is a guide for the work with the logo.

### ROP logo graphic manual

The MS ROP logo reflects the regional characteristics (impact) of ROP and serves exclusively for marketing purposes of MS ROP itself, and for the assurance of the compulsory publicity in compliance with the EC Directive. The graphic manual continues the Rules for Publicity methodological instruction.

### RC logo graphic manual

The logo of the Regional Council of MS serves especially for the marketing needs of the RR MS Office itself. The RC MS logo forms the foundation of the RR MS corporate identity.

### Application of the uniform visual identity (corporate identity)

It means especially the service printouts implementation - business cards, etc. It is a prerequisite of the uniform perception of tools of the ESC policy in the context of the Moravia-Silesia ROP and it is important for the achievement of synergies in the promotion. The MA role rests in the creation and application and coordination of the use of the created visual style, the creation of the Methodological instruction for the rules of publicity including graphical manual of the logo of the Moravia-Silesia ROP and the RC MS logo and control of their observation.

### RC Apropro bulletin graphic manual

The manual for graphic designing and processing of the Apropro bulletin of RC.

### Pictograms with the theme of RC and ROP + the graphic manual

Pictograms showing important areas of the Moravia-Silesia ROP and the theme of RC, the manual is a guide for the work with pictograms.

### Purchase of photographs

It means the purchase of photographs which will be used in the information and promotional materials of RC MS.

## 6.5 Conferences, events

### A festive opening of the Regional Council Office, the DAY OF EUROPE, 9 May 2007

The official event of the Day of Europe was associated with a festive opening of a new seat of the Moravia-Silesia Regional Council Office at the presence of the Deputy Minister for regional development and the members of the Board of the Regional Council and other important representatives of the Moravia-Silesia Region. The press conference was held on the day of Europe and a report on Czech TV, the Ostrava Studio was broadcast.

### European Opportunities of the Region, 4 – 5 October 2007

A conference held by the Moravian-Silesian Region, RR MS and other partners within the Partnership to Prosperity project, which aims to prepare individual entities in the Moravian-Silesian Region for the new programme period of the European Union of 2007 – 2013. The target groups of the conference were representatives of the public sector (municipalities, educational institutions), business entities and non-governmental not-for-profit organisations. The programme was compiled on the basis of the specific needs of these groups. The programme was prepared as a set of seminars and workshops with the emphasis on specific information, practical examples and presentations of experience.

### Meeting of MS ROP processors, 5 December 2007

The event was held at the occasion of MS ROP approval by the European Commission.

**Table 28 - Conferences, events**

Name of the communication activity/tool	Number of addressed people	Number of participants
DAY OF EUROPE, 9 May 2007	134	42
European Opportunities of the Region, 4 – 5 October 2007	1211	425
The meeting of MS ROP processors	28	27

## 6.6 Advertisement

### Personnel advertisement

Advertisements in press for the recruitment of new employees of the RC Office.

**Table 29 - Personal advertisement**

Name of the communication activity/tool	Number of the implemented pieces	Number of printed advertisements in media (pc)
Personnel advertisement	6	6

### An advertisement to promote the Investment and Business Forum 2007

A single advertisement in HN (the appendix about the IFO 2007 conference) strengthening the awareness of ROP and the image of RC MS.

### Advertisement in the “Subsidy”

Advertisement in the form of the ROP MS logo and a link to the website publishing.

### Advertisement on the ROPs signing

A single advertisement in three all-national dailies – Hospodářské noviny, MF Dnes, Lidové noviny, informing about the signing of ROPs, strengthening the awareness of ROP and the image of RC MS.

## 6.7 Education of target groups of ROP MS

A series of trainings focused on the information about MS ROP, the preparation of a feasibility study, the project management in conditions of municipal offices, the public support, etc. was held within the consulting activities.

## 6.8 Conceptual and Analytical tools

### CoP 2007-13

The Communication Plan of the Regional Operational Programme (CoP) represents a strategic framework material to ensure publicity and information support to the Regional Operational Programme and the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region for the period of 2007 – 2013.

### Analysis for the needs of absorption

The analysis with regard to the needs of strengthening the absorption and removal of barriers to drawing. The analysis includes investigation in the following scope:

- 1.) The analysis of big and important projects and the analysis of drawing deficits;
- 2.) The analysis of competences of applicants and their barriers to drawing;
- 3) The ability to draw of micro-regions in the region in the previous period.





Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion Region  
Office of the Regional Council of the Moravia-Silesia Cohesion

### **Marketing survey on the awareness of the Structural Funds**

It is a qualitative and quantitative survey serving as a base (or for the purpose of setting of initial indicators for monitoring or evaluation of information impacts of the implemented information measures within CoP) for the CoP development and evaluation of the impact of information and promotional measures.



Investice do vaší budoucnosti  
**Evropská unie**  
PODPOROVÁNO Z EVROPSKÉHO FONDU  
PRO REGIONÁLNÍ ROZVOJ



## List of Abbreviations

Benefit	Web application used for creation of the grant application
CF	Cohesion Fund
CHMI	Czech Hydrometeorological Institute
CP	Communication Plan (to promote the OP in public)
CR	Czech Republic
CRD CR	Centre for Regional Development of the Czech Republic
CSO	Czech Statistical Office
CZK	Czech crown (currency)
EAFRD	European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development
EIA	Environmental Impact Assessment
EC	European Communities
ERDF	European Regional Development Fund
ESF	European Social Fund
EU	European Union
EUR	euro
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
IFO	Investment and business forum
IOP	Integrated Operational Programme (2007-2013)
IS	Information system
IS Monit	Monit information system
IUDP	Integrated Urban Development Plan
JROP	Joint Regional Operational Programme (2004-2006)
KPMG	Global network of professional firms providing Audit, Tax, and Advisory services
MoT	Ministry of Transport
MRD	Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic
MA (OP)	Managing Authority (of the Operational Programme)
MCC	Management and Co-ordination Committee
MSC2007	Monitoring system of Structural Funds 2007-2013, central module
NCA	National co-ordination authority
NGO	Non-governmental, non-profit organizations
NCI	National codebook of indicators
NSRF	National Strategic Reference Framework
NUTS	Territorial Statistics Unit (La Nomenclature des Unités Territoriales Statistiques)
OP	Operational Programme
OP E	Operational Programme Environment (2007-2013)
OP EC	Operational Programme Education for Competitiveness (2007-2013)
OP EI	Operational Programme for Enterprise and Innovations (2007-2013)
OP HRE	Operational Programme Human Resources and Employment (2007-2013)
OP T	Operational Programme Transport (2007-2013)
PPP	Purchasing Power Parity
PWC	PricewaterhouseCoopers (provides industry-focused assurance, tax and advisory services for public and private clients).
RC (MS)	Regional Council (of the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region)
RCO (MS)	Office of the Regional council (of the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region)



RDP	Rural Development Programme (2007-2013)
ROP	Regional Operational Programme
ROP MS	Regional Operational Programme of the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region, ROP Moravia Silesia
SEA	Strategic Environmental Assessment
SF	Structural Funds (EU)
S-RC	Secretariat of the Regional Council (in programming period 2004-2006)
SW	Software
TA	Technical assistance
RCC (MS)	Committee of the Regional Council (of the Moravia Silesia Cohesion Region)
WG	Working group



## List of Table

Table 1 - Administration structure of the Region, as of January 1st, 2005 .....	6
Table 2 - Primary indicators – MS Region and CR to EU .....	6
Table 3 - Brief background of the calls launched in 2007 .....	8
Table 4 - Indicators of programme .....	9
Table 5 - Context Indicators .....	10
Table 6 - Allocation on priority axis .....	10
Table 7 - Financial data of MS ROP for 2007 (in EUR) .....	11
Table 8 - Combination of codes of themes 1 -5 .....	12
Table 9 - The link between the ROP MS Priority axes and the NSRF Strategy .....	16
Table 10 - Core indicators .....	17
Table 11 - Priority themes according to annex IV of general regulation .....	17
Table 12 - Evolution of exchange rate of CZK/EUR in period of preparation and negotiation of operational programme .....	22
Table 13 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis .....	28
Table 14 - Indicators of priority axis 1: Regional Infrastructure and Accessibility .....	29
Table 15 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis .....	30
Table 16 - Indicators of priority axis 2: Support for the Region's prosperity .....	31
Table 17 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis .....	32
Table 18 - Indicators of priority axis 3: Urban development.....	33
Table 19 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis .....	34
Table 20 - Indicators of priority axis 4: Rural development.....	35
Table 21 - Information of the financial progress of the priority axis .....	36
Table 22 - Indicators of priority axis 5: Technical assistance.....	36
Table 23 - Changes in the number of employees in 2007 .....	41
Table 24 - Plan of staff recruitment in 2008 .....	42
Table 25 - Electronic Communication and Products .....	45
Table 26 - Printed products .....	46
Table 27 - 3D promotion.....	46
Table 28 - Conferences, events .....	48
Table 29 - Personal advertisement .....	48