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Promotion of the development of NGO's of civil and social dialogue –

Starting points: based on research in 2006:

- 1. NGO's experienced a considerable boots in last two decades of XX century**
- 2. The dialogue between the NGO's and the Government contributed greatly to the process of acceding the EU**
- 3. In 2003 – The Resolution on cooperation with NGO's by the Govt. :
→ a broad framework of long-term cooperation**



Government measures:

- **Promoting mutual information and NGO cooperation**
- **However – insufficient financial incentives → the actual capacity of NGO sector were not able to realise the civil dialogue to a satisfactory degree**

The NGO sector:

- **Inappropriate financial mechanism/incentives of the state to strengthen the NGO sector**
- **Lack of measures to promote employment in the NGO sector**
- **Inadequate systemic legal environment**
- **Low level of awareness of people of the role of NGO's**



1. The Government: Failed in ensuring a sufficient capacity of NGO's

2. NGO's could not significantly contribute to putting into force the principle of sound management: in practice - preparation of better public policies and implementation of public services

On these two statements:

► specific goals:

- Ensure support environment for NGO's that could contribute to more quality and sustainability – oriented policies (primarily employment)**
- Strengthen the capacities for acting of those NGO's**
- Promote NGO sector as a backup to the 1st and 2nd strategic goals**

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Envisaged activities / goals / in the ESF Operational programme for Human Resources Development 2007-13:

Strengthen insitutional capacities and efficiency and Strenghten capacities for policy and programme implementation in relevant fields

- a) Support to horizontal networks of NGO's at the national level**
- b) Support to area/content networks**
- c) Support to NGO's at the regional level**

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Horizontal networks: ensure information and other services for NGO's to make place with a view of improving the possibilities for civil dialogue

Area/content networks: contribute to strengthening NGO's in individual area of operating by informing and articulating mutual interests

NGO focal-points networks at the regional level: facilitate harmonious functioning of NGO's at the regional and local levels – paving the way for the fundamental goal of the cohesion policy → reduction in regional disparities

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Promoting the development of NGOs, Social and civil dialogue

Implementation of the 5.3 priority line of the Operational Programme for Human Resources Development 2007 – 2013 (cca. 13 mio € for NGOs) –

Programme: Promotion of the Development of NGOs, civil and social dialogue:

- Public tender for promoting the development of NGOs and civil dialogue, 2010-2012, on-going
- Public tender for funding horizontal network of NGOs and regional NGO focal points for 2009 and 2010, funded by the European Social Fund, closed
- Public tender for funding of area/contents NGO networks at the national level for 2009 and 2010, funded by the European Social Fund, closed
- Public tender for funding horizontal networks of NGOs and regional NGO focal points for the year 2008, funded by the European Social Fund, closed
- In preparation: Public tender for promoting the development of NGOs and civil dialogue, 2012 - 2014

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The key objectives of the Operational Programme HumanResources Development 2007-2013 - consistent with the objectives of the National Strategic Reference Framework 2007-2013

Relate to the provision of increased employment, quality of life, greater social inclusion of vulnerable groups and reduce regional disparities

By investing in human resources development -special role in achieving these goals plus the name of the institutional and administrative capacity, as the latter is a prerequisite for faster economic / sustainable development of the Republic of Slovenia.

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Ministry of Justice and Public Administration in the 2007-2013 period also included in the 5th Development priority "Institutional and Administrative Capacity" and the following priority guidelines:

I. Preferred orientation: an efficient and effective public administration
and

**II. Preferred orientation: Promoting the development of NGOs, social
and civil dialogue**

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- **Funding is provided for horizontal NGO Networks, regional NGO focal point sat regional level and NGO Networks from different fields or issue areas**
- **Supported activities: capacity building of NGOs, cooperation and networking of NGOs, training, promotion of NGO sector and civil dialogue;**
- **Supported: 2 horizontal NGO Networks, 6 regional NGO focal points (2008), 2 horizontal NGO Networks, 6 regional NGO focal points, 12 content NGO Networks (2009-2010), 1 horizontal NVO network, 12 regional focal points, 14 area/contents NGO networks.**



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Thank you for your attention!

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