



Overview on the SEE 2020 Strategy implementation

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RCC timeline - evolution

■ 2011-13:

- ✓ SEE 2020 vision (2011);
- ✓ targets (2012);
- ✓ SEE 2020 Strategy (2013).

■ 2014:

- ✓ SEE 2020 Baseline and planning;
- ✓ SEE 2020 Monitoring System;
- ✓ SEE 2020 Programming Process:
 - produced first set of Regional Programmes;
 - First Programming Committee held;
 - First Meeting on Donor Coordination in WB organised.

Lessons learned:

- Prioritisation;
- Building on national priorities;
- Maturity of proposals;
- Link to fundraising;
- Monitoring on 15 Regional Programmes - easy task?
- ...

Process as agreed by countries and RDCs

Identification	<p>setting-up the process</p> <p>Prepare the programming framework and basic documents, inform stakeholders and initiate the programming process; (main responsibility RCC)</p>
Formulation	<p>developing Regional Programmes</p> <p>Translate the SEE 2020 priorities and objectives into Regional Programmes, consult with a broad base of stakeholders on the Programmes, and agree on the final proposals (main responsibility RCC and RDC)</p>
Approval	<p>obtaining approvals</p> <p>Submitting the final proposals of the Regional Programme to the Programming Committee, obtaining Committee's feedback, and adopting Regional Programmes (main responsibility RCC & Programming Committee)</p>
Fundraising	<p>getting funding commitments</p> <p>Submitting the Regional Programmes to potential donors for funding and organizing a donor meeting to seek commitments and enhance coordination (main responsibility RCC)</p>



Integrate
programming through
flagships!

What are these flagships
all about?

Flagship/Theme

- Medium-to-long term perspective (3-5 years)
- Integrated approach
- Gives context for proposed interventions

vs.

Action

- Direct interventions to implement activities

Programming Set-Up

Theme/flagship title:	Connectivity	Competitiveness	Skills and Mobility
Sectors covered:	Energy, Transport, Environment, Digital Society, Trade	Trade, Investment, Industrial development, sectoral work (tourism, food and beverage processing), innovation and R&D	Education, employment, health and social
Related regional programmes already developed during 2014:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - energy awareness - transport (SEETO) - transport (JSPA) - eServices 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - investment - cultural heritage - design incubator - A/V fund - technology transfer - networks of excellence 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - early school leavers - health - labour mobility - teacher training
Other things to consider & cross-cutting issues:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -government eServices (as part of the connectivity agenda) -anti-corruption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - justice as a contributor to a sound business environment - anti-corruption 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - mutual recognition arrangements - capacity development (public administration, business, judiciary)

Skills and mobility

- To contribute towards increasing employment in the region through actions that promote skills acquisition and their upgrade, labor mobility and dynamic and balanced regional labor market.

Increased Competitiveness and Better Industrial Structures

- Supporting the competitiveness and the industrial policy of the region through:
 - ✓ policy communications,
 - ✓ specific recommendations and actions, and
 - ✓ support to creation of business-friendly environment in the SEE.

Enhance soft connectivity

- **Make SEE region better intra- and inter-connected.** Contribute to stronger production networks, well-being and improved livelihood of SEE citizens.
- **Support network** of national Coordinators for priority corridors with soft measures for enabling better connections to economic centers, mitigated environmental impacts of increased connectivity, enhanced local economic and social development and enhanced efforts to address environmental and community impacts of increased connectivity

Actions proposed in 2015

- 1.1 Regional labor market observatory
- 2.1 Better connected consumers and decision makers in the energy sector
- 2.2 Creating an enabling environment for cross border e-Services
- 3.1 New vision for SEE tourism development
- 3.2 Food and beverages processing industry

Our challenge?

- Identify areas in which health actions can contribute to the three flagships
- Continue exploring opportunities for supporting the implementation of the Regional Health Programme in the context of SEE 2020 Strategy

Monitoring system

- Main datasets:
 1. Quantitative indicators
 2. Qualitative indicators
 3. Perception-based indicators (Balkan barometer)
- Data collected in annual cycles through a variety of methods
 - Survey instrument conducted independently by a professional research agency (Balkan Barometer)
 - Survey of statistical , government and international sources conducted by the RCC, regional dimension coordinators and line ministries (SEE 2020 Progress tracker, SEE 2020 Competitiveness Outlook)

Health in SEE 2020

- Regional Programme for cooperation in health 2020 prepared in 2014
- Areas of work:
 - Cross-border public health;
 - Improvements in health system performance;
 - The development of a regional capacity building platform for governance for health; health information and human resources for health

Plans for 2015

- Analytical work
 - *Feasibility study on opportunities for investment in health in the framework of inclusive growth*
 - *Review of legislation, regulations, standards and procedures related to border control of people's movement and trade with importance for human health*
- *ToRs being finalized, RCC to initiate tender procedure*

Working meetings with regional initiatives planned during the second half of 2015

- Central European Free Trade Agreement (CEFTA),
- South East European Centre for Entrepreneurial Learning (SEECEL),
- Network of Associations of Local Authorities of South East Europe (NALAS),
- Regional Environmental Center for Central and Eastern Europe (REC),
- South East Europe Transport Observatory (SEETO),
- Education Reform Initiative of South Eastern Europe (ERISEE) Interim Secretariat-Centre for Education Policy,
- Regional Rural Development Standing Working Group in SEE (SWG).

RCC's small grants proposal

The specific objectives of the Programme are:

- To raise awareness of SEE 2020 Strategy in South East Europe;
- To address specific technical assistance needs of the Regional Dimension Coordinators, government and other stakeholders involved in the SEE 2020 Strategy;
- To engage the civil society in monitoring of the implementation of the SEE 2020 Strategy.
- <http://www.rcc.int/grants>
- Deadline: 10 July 2015