

Annex 8

Coordination mechanism for the Operational Programme Research, Development and Education and the Integrated Regional Operational Programme

The coordination mechanism was created for the Operational Programme Research, Development and Education (OP RDE) and Integrated Regional Operational Programme (IROP) to ensure effective coordination of the measures implemented.

In relation to the programming period 2014–2020 and ESIF, the **Operational Programme Research, Development and Education**, more specifically its *Priority Axis 3* Equal access to quality pre-school, primary and secondary education, as well as **the Integrated Regional Operational Programme (IROP)**, more precisely its *Specific Objective 2.4* under Priority Axis 2 Improving the quality and availability of infrastructure for education and lifelong learning involve activities which will be coordinated.

The coordination mechanism will be set at two levels:

1. The central coordination level – MoRD
2. Coordination at the level of programme implementation – implementation structure of the OP E and IROP

1. Central coordination level – MoRD

The coordination of MoRD consists in organizing and coordinating a working group to ensure proper and coordinated announcing of calls for operational programmes, which together have identified synergies and complementarities.

Coordination within the National Document of Territorial Dimension through the platform of the Permanent National Conference (PNC).

MA OP RDE requested membership in the PNC and nominated its representatives. This platform will make it possible to cover the entire area of regional education, within which coordination with IROP at the level of the entire Czech Republic is identified.

Under the PNC there are Regional Permanent Conferences (RPCs), which are established on the principles of partnership with the territorial scope of competence in individual regions. The RPCs are composed of the representatives of regional, local, urban and other public authorities, economic and social partners, and bodies representing civil society and the Agency for Social Inclusion.

In the relevant parts of the RPC focused on education, OP RDE and IROP will be represented through their representatives (e.g. priority axis coordinators), whose aim will be to oversee the needs identified in the various regions in the field of education, and in relevant cases reflect them in the planned coordinated calls.

2. Coordination and cooperation between OP RDE and IROP

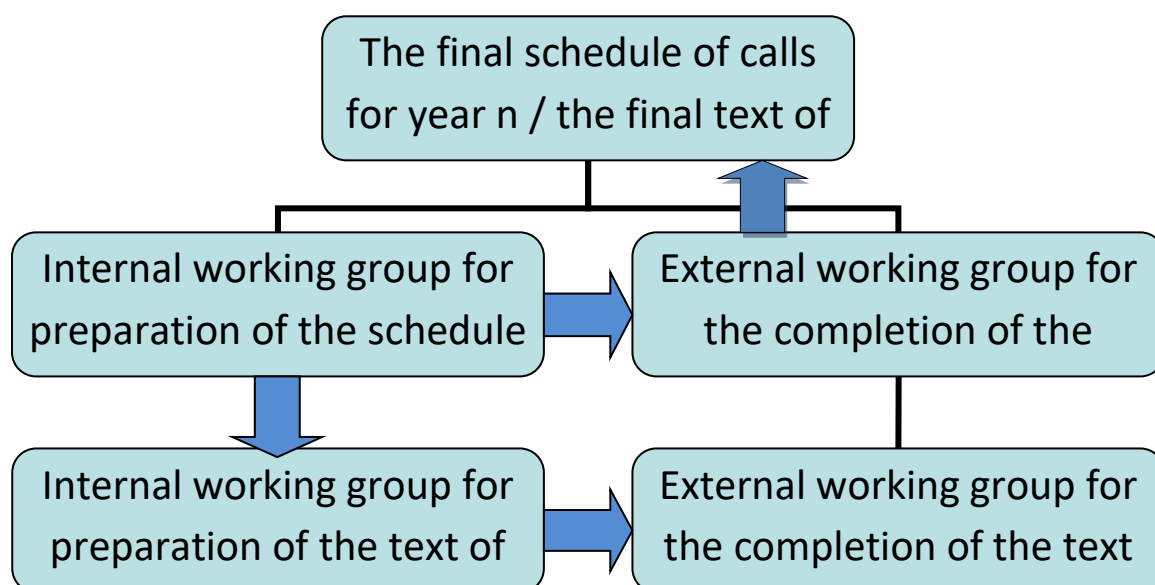
Internal working groups at the level of priority axes / specific objectives will also be

established within OP RDE (this will be a formalized platform without the Statute and Rules of Procedure), **which will define the specific proposal of the text of the call prepared by the MA.** The establishment and operation of an internal working group is described in the control documentation of OP RDE. Internal working group will be composed of implementation staff and, if necessary, it will be attended by representatives of IROP.

For the final completion of the substantive part of the text of calls, a Planning Commission has been established; this platform is established under the Monitoring Committee of the OP RDE. The members of the Monitoring Committee of the OP RDE also include a representative of IROP.

For the completion of the substantive parts of the text of calls, i.e. the complete specification of the announced activities that are complementary to the activities of IROP, the Planning Committee of the programme has established a sub-working group represented by regional partners and a representative of IROP. The composition of the Planning Committee of the programme is described in the control documentation of OP RDE.

The Diagram of coordination between OP RDE and IROP through working groups:



Cooperation between the MA and IROP is defined in the programming documents of the OP and further defined in the Memorandum¹ and will be stipulated in the Agreement

¹ The Memorandum between the MEYS and IROP was concluded on 3 July 2014 between the Minister of Education, Youth and Sports Mr Marcel Chládek, and the Minister of Regional Development Ms Věra Jourová.

between the MA OP RDE and the MA IROP after the approval of programming documents.

- MA IROP is involved in preparation of OP RDE in particular in:
 - targeting interventions under the guidance of the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports to achieve the objectives of educational policy in the territory;
 - preparing financial, legal, technical and organizational support for relevant areas of intervention with regard to synergies and complementarities;
 - preparing the future manner of implementation through local and regional education development plans (piloting), cooperation in developing the methodology for the preparation and implementation of local and regional education development plans;
 - membership in relevant platforms established by the Ministry of Regional Development and the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sports to prepare IROP and OP RDE;
 - preparation of documents related to cooperation in the settlement of comments on IROP and OP RDE;
 - preparation of related documents for the negotiations in the form of preparing documents/arguments (or other forms) and sending to the OP RDE.

- IROP will participate in the implementation of the OP RDE in particular in:
 - coordinating financial, legal, technical and organizational support for relevant areas of intervention;
 - cooperation in developing a methodology for the selection of projects in the territory in which education development plans will be prepared;
 - coordination of the substantive focus of calls for proposals with regard to education policy objectives and with a view to fulfilling the planned values of monitoring indicators, take-up schedule and implementation milestones;
 - temporal coordination and announcing relevant calls and take-up schedule;
 - cooperation in setting technical parameters of calls (allocation of funds, determining the form of call, territorial focus, specifications of eligible applicants and beneficiaries, etc.).
 - cooperation in the evaluation and selection of submitted projects (cooperation will consist in defining specific criteria for project evaluation); a detailed description of how IROP will be involved in the evaluation and selection of projects will be discussed in the Cooperation Agreement
 - cooperation on call evaluation;
 - mutual framework information on the progress of project implementation;

The agreement between the MEYS and the MoRD will be concluded in accordance with the Memorandum after the approval of the Operational Programmes by the European Commission.

- cooperation on evaluating project benefits and cooperation in the relevant evaluations of IROP and OP RDE;
- monitoring IROP and OP RDE (annual reports, implementation reports, progress towards milestones, etc.) in their respective areas;
- Membership in the Monitoring Committee of IROP and OP RDE and other relevant platforms;
- cooperation in the audits of the European Commission, the European Court of Auditors, the Audit Authority and the Supreme Audit Office;

To coordinate OP RDE and IROP, implementation will involve a close cooperation in exchange of information and coordination of the above activities between the OP RDE and IROP. According to the current needs, the working group OP RDE and IROP will be convened, or another way will be chosen (e-mail, telephone etc.). Both of these options are possible depending on the current area being addressed. The activity in the Agreement will be divided in detail between the OP RDE and IROP, following up on the concluded Memorandum.