Practice and experience on training in public procurement in the Republic of Croatia

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Importance of training in public procurement system

Efficient and transparent public procurement procedures

Professionalization of public procurement

Prevention of irregularities, including fraud and corruption
Development of training system in Croatia – EU technical assistance

- **CARDS 2002 twinning project *Strengthening the Croatian Public Procurement System***
  - twinning partners from Germany and Slovenia
  - delivered a specialised training programme for PPO staff as well as
designed a national training programme for procuring entities

- **PHARE 2005 PPF – Strengthening the Administrative Capacity to Implement the New Public Procurement Legal Framework***
  - twinning partner from Hungary
  - comprehensive training programme for MELE staff and updating of
manuals for procuring entities and bidders
Cooperation with business associations

March 2008 – MELE signed agreements on business cooperation on the implementation of training concerning the system of public procurement with:

- **Croatian Chamber of Economy (CCE)** - 3-day tailor-made workshops for contracting authorities and entities

- **Croatian Employers’ Association (CEA)** - 1-day tailor-made workshops for tenderers
Where have we been in 2008?

**With CCE - in 11 cities on 14 workshops,**
(Rijeka, Zagreb, Varaždin, Osijek, Zadar, Split, Dubrovnik, Pula, Šibenik, Sisak, Požega)

**With CEA in 3 cities on 3 workshops**
(Osijek, Zagreb, Rijeka)
Continuation of cooperation with business associations in 2009

March 2009 – signed new agreements on business cooperation in 2009

- Croatian Chamber of Economy (CCE)
  - 3-day workshops
  - train the trainers programme

- Croatian Employers’ Association (CEA)
  - 1-day workshops
In 2009 we have been....

**With CCE – in 7 cities on 8 workshops,**
(Čakovec, Rijeka, Osijek, Bjelovar, Karlovac - 2, Varaždin, Pula)

**With CEA – in 5 cities on 6 workshops**
(Slavonski Brod, Zagreb, Opatija, Split - 2, Osijek)
... and till the end of the year we will be...

- **With CCE** – in 4 cities on 4 workshops, (Zadar, Zagreb, Krapina, Vukovar)

- **With CEA** – in 1 city (Vinkovci)
Train the trainers programme

- 7 programmes were held in 2009 with 66 participants
- 33 additional trainers as a result of other programmes – e.g. CARDS 2002
- Currently, there are 89 trainers in total
  - from cities across Croatia
  - employees of various contracting authorities and entities (local and regional government, utilities, health institutions, ministries,..) and tenderers
List of trainers is publicly available at the Public Procurement Portal

**POPIS OSOBA SA ZAVRŠENIM SPECIJALIZIRANIM PROGRAMOM ZA TRENERE U SUSTAVU JAVNE NABAVE**

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Training of civil servants

- Modules for civil servants - carried out in co-operation with the Centre for Vocational Training and Professional Improvement of Civil Servants

- In 2007 and 2008 – 5 modules were held with 81 participants in total

- 2009 – modification of modul in line with introduction of new specialist training programme

  - Two modules were carried out in May and September (27 participants)

  - Two will be held in November
Total number of participants in training programmes implemented by the Directorate in the period 2007 – October 2009

*in coordination with other institutions*
Important step forward in 2009

Introduction of the

Specialist training programme in the field of public procurement
Specialist training programme

- Regulated by the Art 12a of the PP Act and the new Regulation adopted in April

- Art 12a - At least one person who completed a specialised training programme must be involved in the preparation and implementation of the PP procedure with estimated values above national thresholds*

* ~ 40,000€ for goods and services; ~ 70,000€ for works.
Implementation of the specialist training programme

Consists of two parts:

1. “Training Programme” in the duration of 50 lessons (classes)
   - implemented by approved authorities according to the laid down curriculum and

2. Knowledge examination carried out by the Directorate
Implementation of the specialist training programme (cont.)

To day:

✓ MELE approved 10 authorities

☐ Register is publicly available at the Public Procurement Portal

✓ More than 400 persons participated on the Training programmes conducted by the approved authorities in number of cities across Croatia
MELE carried out the first knowledge examination on 29 June 2009

To date it was carried out 12 times and in total 152 persons took it
Future activities on training

- Continuation of cooperation with business associations

- Intensive implementation of specialist training programme

- Development of new tailor-made programmes
  - e.g. workshops on economically advantageous tender
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