



**Ministry of Regional Development and Public
Works**

PRIORITIES 2012 - 2013



OUR MAIN PRIORITIES:

- **Strategy BG 2020 – Road Infrastructure Sector**
- **Operational Programme “Regional Development” 2007-2013**
- **Energy efficiency of Multi-family Residential buildings**
- **Improving the legal framework– Law on Spatial Planning, Law on the Black Sea coast Spatial Planning, Cadastre Law, the Water Act, Roads Act**
- **Water Supply and Sewerage Sector**
- **Programming of 2014 – 2020 period**



BG 2020 – ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE



Motorways

1. AM “Lyulin”
2. AM “Trakia”
3. AM “Maritsa”
4. AM “Struma”
5. AM “Hemus”

Tunnels

1. Tunnel under the Shipka Pass
(along the Rouse-Makaza route)

Express roads

1. ER Vidin-Botevgrad
2. ER Rouse- Makaza Border Check Point
3. ER Rouse-Shoumen,
4. ER Gyueshevo Border Check Point -Sofia
5. ER Rila
6. ER Durankulak-Varna
7. ER Plovdiv-Assenovgrad
8. ER Kalotina- Sofia



MAP OF THE ROAD INFRASTRUCTURE





ROAD PROJECTS CURRENTLY UNDER IMPLEMENTATION





OP “REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT” – THE PROGRAMME TARGETED AT PEOPLE



- **43 schemes launched to a total amount of EUR 1,6 billion or approximately 97 % of OPRD budget**
- **790 contracts signed to a total grant amount of EUR 1.2 billion, representing 75 % of the OPRD budget**
- **Over EUR 331 million disbursed funds, representing 28 % of the contracted funds and 21 % of OPRD budget**



OP “REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT” – THE PROGRAMME TARGETED AT PEOPLE



- **Over 162 km of municipality roads rehabilitated**
- **Over 210 schools and kindergartens renovated, 550 are currently under way**
- **Modernization of 11 tourist sites managed by public institutions and 113 managed by municipalities**
- **39 state and municipal hospitals will be renovated and new equipment will be supplied**



WHAT IS LEFT TO START UNDER OPRD?



- **OPRD - Forthcoming grand scheme in 2012**
 - **Green and accessible urban environment – EUR 92 million**

Priority axis 1: Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development

Operation 1.4: Improvement of Physical Environment and Risk Prevention

Scheme	Goal	Launched on	Eligible beneficiaries	Total amount (EUR)
Green and accessible urban environment	To improve the physical and living environment of urban areas as a prerequisite for ensuring sustainable and environmentally friendly urban areas with high quality of life and new opportunities for economic and social development	01/09/2012	36 municipalities which are centres of agglomerations in line with Annex 3a of OPRD	90 000 000



JESSICA – THE NEW INSTRUMENT FOR URBAN DEVELOPMENT



- **JESSICA – Joint European Initiative for Sustainable Investment in the Urban Regions**
- **19 October 2010 – Financial Agreement between the Bulgarian Government and the European Investment Bank (EIB), for the establishment of the Holding Fund under JESSICA was signed;**
- ✓ **The regional Urban Development Fund for cities of Plovdiv, Stara Zagora, Burgas, Veliko Tarnovo, Ruse, Pleven has been already launched.**
- ✓ **An agreement for the Urban Development Fund of Sofia City is pending to be signed.**
- ✓ **Financing of projects under JESSICA is launched:**
 - **50% of the funds by 31 December 2013**
 - **80% of the funds by 31 December 2014**
 - **100% of the funds by 30 June 2015**
- ✓ **General investment criteria of the Fund:**
 - **Projects in line with eligible activities under Priority Axis 1 of OPRD Sustainable and Integrated Urban Development**
 - **Projects in line with Master Plans and Municipal Development Strategies**
 - **Projects generating revenues**



INTEGRATED PLANS FOR URBAN RENOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT BY 2020



- We financed Integrated Plans for Urban Renovation and Development for 36 cities (a total of 11 million Euro);
- The beneficiaries will draw up problematic and targeted analyses, a vision for the development of the city and list up to three areas of impact;
- These plans shall lay the foundations for programming and receiving funds from the EU for the next programming period from 2014 to 2020.





LEADING ROLE OF FINANCIAL ENGINEERING IN THE NEXT PROGRAMMING PERIOD



- **The European Commission has set a goal of triple increase of the funds for financial engineering in the next period;**

- **Financial engineering in Bulgaria should be applied in the following areas:**
 - **OP Regional Development;**
 - **OP Green Bulgaria;**
 - **OP Transport and Communications**
 - **OP Entrepreneurship and Innovation**

- **Financial engineering in OPRD can be applied for the housing policy, the urban environment, the areas which have a potential for economic development within the integrated plans; the sports infrastructure, public transport, tourism.**



ENERGY EFFICIENCY OF THE BUILDING STOCK



- **Experience under the Demonstration project for renovation of multifamily residential buildings implemented by MRDPW and UNDP**
 - **50 multifamily residential buildings have been renovated within the framework of the project at the total value of 6 million Euro. The project is pending to be completed.**
 - **The Project received award in the Sustainable Energy Europe Awards Competition 2011, “Living” category as a project with significant effect and demonstrated potential for multiplication in other countries in relation to European priorities for increasing energy efficiency and use of renewable energy resources**



SCHEME „SUPPORT FOR ENERGY EFFICIENCY IN MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL BUILDINGS ”



- **On 18 July 2011 we launched the „Support for energy efficiency in multi-family buildings” scheme under OP „Regional development” , BG161P0001/1.2-01/2011**
- **Extensive communication with the public by:**
 - **Launching a communication campaign**
 - **Establishing integrated project implementation unit to support the “Housing Policy” Directorate**
 - **Providing project managers in the six planning regions**
- **Our goal is: to launch the renovation process of at least one building in each Bulgarian region!**



FUND MANAGER FOR RENOVATION OF MULTI-FAMILY BUILDINGS



- **On 16 November 2011 the Managing Authority of OPRD launched open tender under the Public procurement law for the selection of Fund manager for renovation of multi-family buildings**
- **The main goal is the establishment of a Fund manager as a long term financial engineering tool – 7 mill. Euro available funds**
- **Main responsibility of the Fund manager is to provide loans and guarantees to the Associations of condominium owners and/or owners for the implementation of energy efficiency measures in multi-family buildings.**
- **Expected contract award March 2012**



THE WATER AND SEWERAGE SECTOR (WSS) CHALLENGE



➤ **To finish the WSS Sector reform!**

- **To strengthen the capacity of the structural participants in the reform: WSS Associations, WSS operators, administration**
- **To draw up criteria for the WSS operators, professional qualification requirements for the technical personnel, with the support of JASPERS instrument**
- **To initiate strategic and subdelegated legislation and legislative changes**
- **To plan the WSS development and WSS systems via Regional master Plans**

➤ **To elaborate investment projects!**

- **Construction of 3 new dams – Neykovtsi, Plovdivtsi and the dam of Luda Yana, and the relevant Wastewater Treatment Plants**
- **Reconstruction of Studena dam**



TO IMPROVE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK



➤ **Water Act**

- **Additional differentiation of the public state and public municipal property of the WSS;**
- **Defining 28 separate territories, corresponding to the administrative-territorial organization “region”;**
- **Subtracting the value of the public water supply networks and facilities of the company’s balance sheet, rather than their capital**



TO IMPROVE THE LEGAL BASIS IN THE FIELD OF SPATIAL PLANNING



➤ Law on spatial planning

- **Disburden the enacted regulatory regimes, improving the quality of service for citizens and businesses, thus improving the investment environment**
- **Eliminate the duplication of functions of the control bodies in municipalities and National Construction Supervision Directorate**
- **Increase the powers of local authorities and local administration**



TO IMPROVE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK



➤ Law on the Black Sea Coast Spatial Planning

- To ease the procedures on granting the new coastal concessions and improve the effectiveness of the executed control;
- To regulate the finance and control activities of the concession contracts;
- To introduce legal definitions and concepts, aiming to improve the control over the implementation of the concession contracts and the leases of the coastal area;

➤ Cadastre law

- To improve the regulation on creating a cadastral map and cadastral registers, in order to enhance the capacity of the cadastral data and update it;
- To specify the procedures for maintaining and updating the cadastral map and cadastral registers, in order to facilitate their amendment procedure;
- To improve the administrative services with cadastral information by establishing a more flexible service system



TO IMPROVE THE LEGAL FRAMEWORK



➤ Roads Act

- It shall introduce the concept of an “express road” featuring separate lanes for traffic moving in opposing directions and separated by a median, guard rails, emergency and recreation sites;
- It was made a proposal of interdict to place billboards easement of roads, aiming road safety



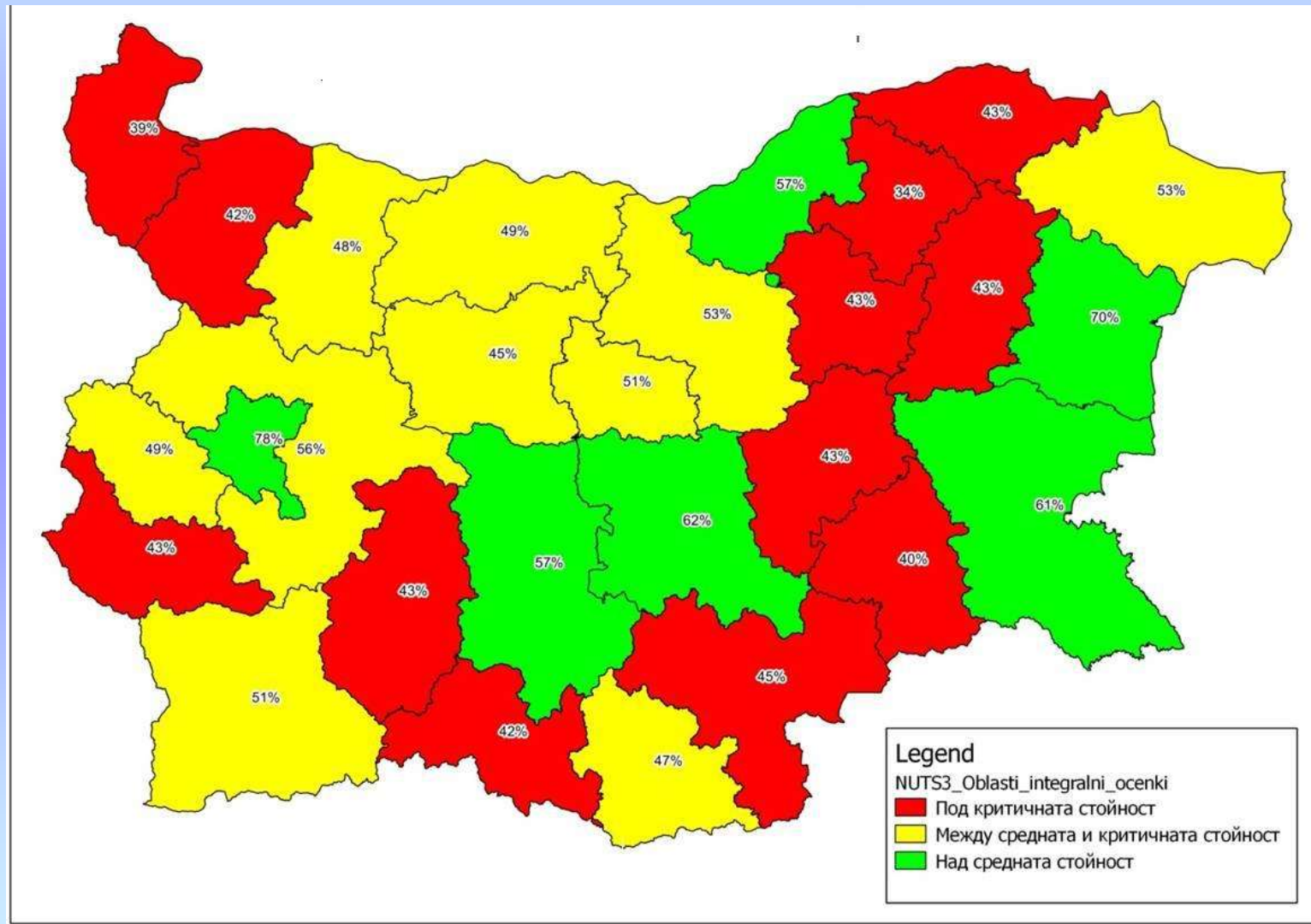
THE PROGRAMMING OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT FOR 2014-2020 HAS BEEN LAUNCHED



- Since April 2011 a project has been under way for a socio-economic analysis - www.regions2014-2020.net;
- The goal is to ensure planning in a timely accurate and efficient manner and contract and implement the activities during programming
- Main activities:
 - prepare a detailed socio-economic analysis, identifying strengths and weaknesses, opportunities and threats to the development of Bulgarian regions;
 - draft a National Agenda for Spatial Development;
 - supply Geographic Information System (GIS) software for geospatial analyses
- Project completion – until the approval of OPRD 2014-2020



SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF DISTRICTS





MAIN CONCLUSIONS FROM THE ANALYSIS



- A well-developed NUTS 2 region, i.e. South-West Region and an underdeveloped NUTS 2 region, i.e. North-West Region; nevertheless weaker inter-regional disparities than the ones in the EU can be observed;
- Negative values of population growth in the country and unfavourable demographic processes;
- The unemployment rate of approximately 10% matches the average European one but employment is lower than in the EU;
- Bulgarian regions rank among the last in terms of GDP produced in the EU with the South-West Region leading amongst them;
- Bulgarian regions are greatly lagging behind in terms of income policy;
- Low percentage of welfare costs compared to the EU level;
- Bulgaria has kept stable indicators of tourism development;
- Bulgaria has potential to develop its cultural heritage and become a centre of culture in the EU;
- In terms of inter-regional disparities, different development between the district centre and the remaining municipalities can be observed.



OUR GOALS



- Financial framework 2014-2020 SCF

Field	Indicative budget (billion Euro)
Infrastructural projects under OP "Transport" 2014 - 2020	4.3
Projects under OP "Regional Development" 2014 - 2020	2.5
Territorial Cooperation Programmes 2014 - 2020	0.3
Water Sector Infrastructure 2014 - 2020	2.5
TOTAL	9.6



Thank You for Your Attention!

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