

# THE SLOVENIAN R&I SYSTEM AND OPPORTUNITIES ARISING FROM SYNERGIES

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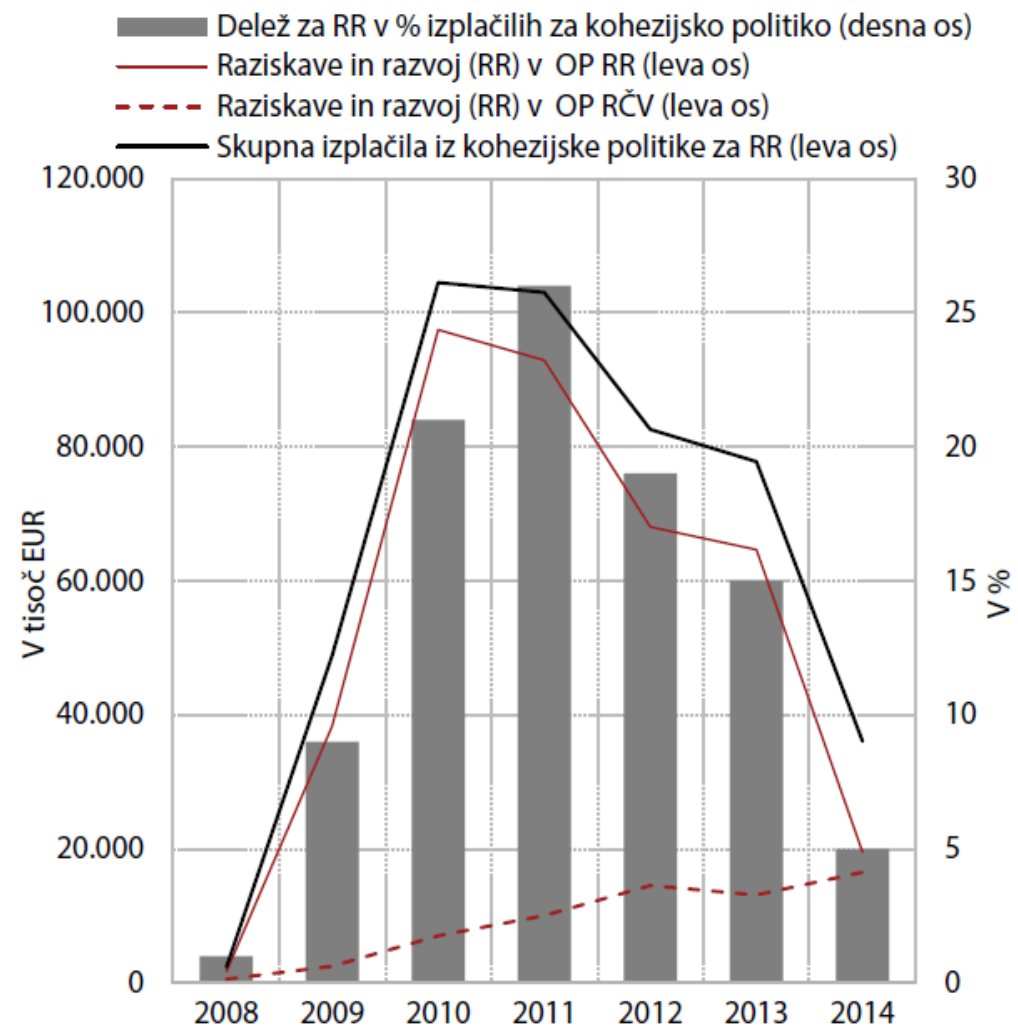
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- ▶ **Analysis of 2007-2013 period of SF/FP experience**
- ▶ **Main instruments, policy and implementation**
- ▶ **Interviews: identification of synergies & barriers**
- ▶ **Case study**
- ▶ **Opportunities?**

**CONTENT**

- ▶ Significant increase of funds available for R&D&I from ERDF & ESF.
- ▶ Several important new or financially enhanced instruments.
- ▶ Well- designed combination of instruments: from Centres of Excellence, Centres of Competence, Development Centres, (R&D)Investment projects.
- ▶ All instruments oversubscribed- no lack of absorption capacity!
- ▶ Implementation: less coordination, delays in calls (TIA!), some administrative barriers were identified and led to revisions, resulting in friendlier/ more effective management of ESIF.

## ANALYSIS OF 2007-2013 PERIOD OF SF/FP EXPERIENCE



Vir: Služba vlade za razvoj in evropsko kohezijsko politiko.

Opomba: V absolutnih zneskih so zajeta samo EU-sredstva, ki predstavljajo 85-odstotni delež sofinanciranja in so povrnjena iz proračuna EU; podatki zajemajo projekte, ki so bili sofinancirani po operativnih programih krepitev regionalnih razvojnih zmogljivosti (OP RR) in razvoja človeških virov (OP RČV).

Main **policy lessons** learned during the policy cycle 2007 – 2013:

- ❑ Sustainability of the measures/ instruments: long(er)-term approach in support needed to achieve better results;
- ❑ Implementation in view of policy/ organisational changes: coordination of various implementation agencies should not be subject to daily politics
- ❑ “Push-pull” factors for the participation in **FP7/H2020 calls/projects**:

Push: additional research funds; ambition to participate in EU research, engagement with various international partners; lack of national funding; additional financial award for participation, etc.

Barriers: administrative/ teaching work overload for research staff, especially at HEI; complex national employment policies at HEI.

ANALYSIS OF 2007-2013 PERIOD OF  
SF/FP EXPERIENCE- CONT.

- ❑ Main problems identified by R&I performers & management personnel from different HEIs, private companies, PROs;> **definition of double financing; continuity?; delays? changing processes & unclear time-frame**
- ❑ Main problems identified by National policy makers at the level of relevant Ministries; **frequent changes in recent years make planning and coordination impossible**
- ❑ Main problems identified by management personnel/staff from funding agencies; **same as above + unclear role in ESIF**
- ❑ main problems identified by National (regional) Contact Points for H2020/ ESIF: **Implementation modalities: time -frame of the ESIF calls in no relation to H2020. Administration- SF!**

## **INTERVIEWS: IDENTIFICATION OF SYNERGIES & BARRIERS**

- ❑ Centre of excellence under SF
- ❑ Several FP projects, including ERC grant
- ❑ National funding under research programme scheme and young researchers' scheme.
- ❑ Each funding source served a particular purpose and the complementarities created by the funds resulted in a very strong unit with top research equipment and impressive basic research results at global level as well as contacts with business sector.
- ❑ Facilitating mechanisms and constraints for synergies: double financing?

## **CASE STUDY: UNIT FOR RESEARCH IN NANOTECHNOLOGY AT IJS**

- ▶ Policy design: So far only one initiative identified for the 2014-2010 period: in cases of ERC grants, national funding will be made available to proposals positively assessed, but not receiving funding by ERC.
- ▶ Coordination of timing of calls ESIF/H2020?
- ▶ Double financing/ co-financing?
- ▶ Promotion of synergies with clear rules
- ▶ Coordination of instruments and their implementation by MESS/ MEDT/ GODCP?

OPPORTUNITIES?