



JEREMIE

GENERAL INTRODUCTION

**of the JEREMIE initiative
and its key role in the context
of the cohesion policy**

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OBJECTIVES

- **Renewed Lisbon Strategy and CSG stress the EU objective to enhance:**
 - start-ups,
 - market driven and sustainable financial products for SMEs
- **JEREMIE was established:**
 - to provide improved access to finance for SMEs and to support new business creation and innovation
- **Joint initiative:**
 - role of the partners: EIF and EIB



INNOVATIVE ELEMENTS

- **JEREMIE has two main innovative features:**
 - **Repayable instruments instead of once-off payment of grants**
 - **Introduction of Holding Fund – *optional* - flexibility, expertise, leverage, ...**



KEY ADVANTAGES

- **Sustainability by recycling funds over long-term**
- **Leverage effect using grants to attract and combine with private capital**
- **Stronger incentives towards better performance**
- **New sources of expertise and know-how**
- **Development and modernisation of financial markets**



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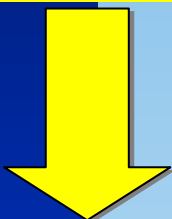
LEGAL FRAMEWORK

- **General regulation for the Structural Funds, 1083/2006, Art. 44, Art. 78(6) and 78(7)**
- **Commission regulation for the SFs, 1828/2006, Articles 43 – 46**
- **EU legislation on:**
 - **Public procurement**
 - **State Aid**
- **Applicable national legislation**

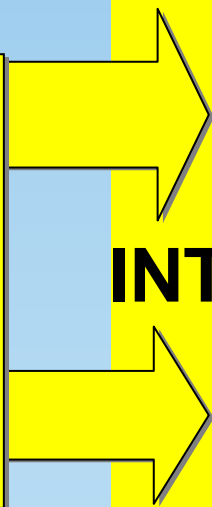


JEREMIE FLOW CHART

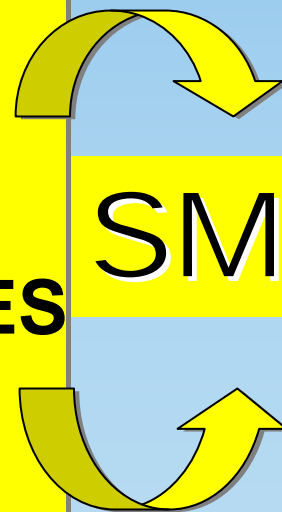
Operational Programme



HOLDING FUND



FINANCIAL INTERMEDIARIES



SMEs



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KEY DATES

- **2005 - launch of JEREMIE at the ministerial meeting in Brussels (11th October 2005)**
- **2006 – signing of the MoU between the Commission and EIF**
- **2006 – signing of the first CA with EIF**
- **2006 – kick-off meetings, first evaluation studies launched**
- **2007 – first MoU and FA signed**



JEREMIE PHASES (1)

Phase 1 - Preparation:

- **Evaluations (2006-2007-2008):**
 - Scope: gap analysis + action plan
 - Co-financed by EC (75-85%) and EIF (25-15%)
 - 56 studies: 46 completed by now + 10 in the pipeline for 2008
- **Programming (2006-2007):**
 - 85 OPs include an option to use JEREMIE type of actions



JEREMIE PHASES (2)

Phase 2 (2007 - ...)

Early implementation (Set-up):

- **MAs select Holding Fund**
- **MAs contribute to Holding Fund**
- **HF selects financial intermediaries**
- **HF contributes to financial intermediaries**



JEREMIE PHASES (3)

Phase 3 (2008 - ...)

Advanced Implementation:

- **Financial intermediaries support:**
 - SMEs
 - micro-credit beneficiaries
- **Closing OPs in 2015 or earlier**
- **Recycling OP resources**



FUNDING AGREEMENTS

EIF as HF	EIF/National institution(s)	National institution(s)
Greece Romania Latvia Lithuania Languedoc- Roussillon (FR) (*)	Slovakia Bulgaria	Hungary Wales (+loan from EIB) Finland
Regions in Poland, Italy, Spain		



PERSPECTIVES (1)

- **About 20 MSs expected to implement or to be inspired by JEREMIE**
- **EIF expected to assume the challenge in about 15 MSs**
- **Estimates: >EUR 2.5 billion to be managed under JEREMIE from ERDF + potential leverage**



PERSPECTIVES (2)

- **Very good perspectives but hard work required**
- **TIMING!**
- **REGIO – EIF – MSs are key players**
- **EU financial and banking sector and SMEs respond positively**



JEREMIE NETWORK

- **Under preparation**
- **Main ideas:**
 - **DG REGIO – EIF – MAs**
 - **Exchange of experience and good practices**
 - **Technical issues, studies, ...**
 - **Monitoring of the JEREMIE implementation**
 - **Yearly conference**



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