

SCREENING OF CSP 2007-2013 Regional Strategy Central America

Disclaimer: The information contained in this table has been prepared to provide some guidance in analysing the draft CSP. It is based on an interpretation of the information provided within the draft CSP. The result should therefore be checked against the

General Information on the country

<i>Percentage of people living in poverty</i>	n.a.	
<i>Percentage of women living in poverty</i>	n.a.	
<i>Key Issues</i>	n.a.	

Overview over the Regional Indicative Programme

	2007-2010 (in Euro/in %)		2011-2013 (in Euro/in %)	
<i>The financial allocation:</i>	€75 million has been earmarked for Central America in the period 2007-2013.		€75 million has been earmarked for Central America in the period 2007-2013	
<i>Focal Sector 1</i>	Strengthening the institutional system for regional integration	€15 million	Strengthening the institutional system for regional integration	€5 million
<i>Focal Sector 2</i>	Consolidating the customs union and related harmonised and common policies	€25 million	Consolidating the customs union and related harmonised and common policies	€22 million
<i>Focal Sector 3</i>	Strengthening regional security	€4 million	Strengthening regional security	€4 million
<i>Non-focal Sector 1</i>	No		No	
<i>Non-focal Sector 2</i>	No		No	
<i>Non-focal Sector 3</i>	No		No	

	Indicator	Explanation	Text	Comment
<i>1. How many focal sectors are there?</i>	There are three focal sectors.	1) Strengthening the institutional system for regional integration, 2) Consolidating the customs union and related harmonised and common policies 3) Strengthening regional security		
<i>2. How many non-focal sectors are there?</i>	None			
<i>3. Which issues are treated as cross-cutting?</i>	4	Gender, respect for minorities and different cultures, especially indigenous peoples, conflict prevention and environmental sustainability	p. 24	

Overall Questions			
Consultations			
4. Was national parliament consulted (date, time, agenda, participants)?	No		
5. Will the national parliament adopt the CSP?	n.a.		
6. Were CSOs consulted (date, time, agenda, participants)?*	4	For the RSP the EC has had consultation with the regional authorities, the EC Delegations in Central America headed by the Delegation in Nicaragua and EU Member States represented in the region.	p. 27
7. Was the draft CSPs available before/during/ after the meeting?	n.a.		
8. To what extent did consultations effect the final CSP draft? Can the Commission provide reports from these consultative meetings?	n.a.		

Comparison DCI and CSPs			
9. Are there other sources to finance CSPs than DCI?	Yes	An indicative allocation of € 75 million has been earmarked for Central America in the period 2007-2013 under the financing instrument for development cooperation (DCI). These resources will be supplemented by projects funded from specific EC budget lines.	
10. Are DAC codes listed or are explanations given about how the action is to be financed in conformity with DCI ?	No		
11. Are there activities mentioned that are unlikely to be in compliance with the DAC criteria?			
12. How big are the funds for those programmes that are not in compliance with DAC criteria?			
13. Is the EC giving general budget support? (Explain why or why not.)	No		p. 30 The RSP's indicative programme will be mainly implemented by means of "classic" projects.

MDG			
14. <i>Is there an MDG profile showing the starting point in the specific country (and how far is the country in relation to the achievement of each of the 8 MDGs?)</i>	No		
15. <i>Is a timeline given which lays out activities for each year to achieve the MDGs by 2015?</i>	No		
16. <i>How will Commission Programmes achieve these targets?</i>	n.a.		
17. <i>How will member states programmes achieve these targets?</i>	n.a.		
18. <i>How will the national government programmes achieve these targets?</i>	n.a.		
Health and education			
19. <i>Is the 20% benchmark on basic health and basic and secondary education met?</i>	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
20. <i>Has spending on basic health and basic and secondary education increased?</i>	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	

Gender			
21. <i>Is there any specific programmes to strengthen women's empowerment?</i>	No		
22. <i>Do programmes outlined in the CSP show gender sensitivity? What is the evidence for this?*</i>	4		
Donor coordination			
23. <i>Is there a national development plan? How does the EU relate to that?</i>	n.a		
24. <i>Is donor coordination based on CSPs, PRSPs or other means?</i>	n.a		
25. <i>Is there any indication of which is the lead donor in the country (and their relation to the Commission)?</i>	Yes	It is stated that Spain is one of the most prominent EU Member States in the Central American region.	p. 20
26. <i>Does CSPs create a linkage between Commission and Member States strategy?</i>	n.a		

<i>Specific questions</i>			
Human Development			
Health			
27. <i>Are there programmes to boost basic healthcare in the country? (Explain which?)</i>	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
28. <i>Do these programmes pay specific attention to marginalised groups (women, children, ethnic- religious and other discriminated group and people with disabilities)?***</i>	n.a		
29. <i>Do these programmes focus on the health-related MDGs?</i>	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
30. <i>Are there programmes on the major and neglected diseases?</i>	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
31. <i>Are there programmes on sexual and reproductive health?</i>	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	

Primary education			
32. Are there programmes to build human resources in the health and education fields?	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
33. Are there measures to improve basic and secondary education?	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
34. Are there measures to reduce inequalities in terms of access to education?	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
Social cohesion and employment			
35. Are there programmes to work towards Decent Work?	No		
36. Are there programmes to combat child labour?	No		
37. Are there measures to help the most vulnerable groups (such as those with disabilities, indigenous people and children)?****	4	Particular emphasis on the attention to vulnerable groups (women and children, indigenous peoples)	

Governance			
38. Are efforts being made to ensure that programmes on governance target priority sectors such as healthcare and teachers as part of civil society? (Explain!)	No	There is no focus on health or education in the RSP.	
39. Are efforts being made to promote good governance and combat corruption? (Explain!)	No	There are no specific programmes, but it is mentioned that the promotion of good governance and the fight against corruption is a cross-cutting issue.	
Food security			
40. Are there programmes developed to ensure food security?	No	It is mentioned that financial assistance will also come from the thematic programme "food security".	p. 18
SME			
41. Are there measures to facilitate the setting up of SMEs and boost wealth creation?	No		

Water and environment			
42. Are there measures to promote sustainable development (environmental protection and natural resources)?	Yes	Sustainable development is one of the cross-cutting issues that have to be taken into account in every action undertaken by the EC.	p. 30
43. Are there measures to support sustainable integrated water resources management, access to safe drinking water and sanitation and sustainable use of water resources?	No		
44. Are there efforts to prioritise sustainable energy sources?	No		
Infrastructure			
45. Are infrastructure measures foreseen and will they benefit the poorest in the country?	No		
46. Are there programmes to target priority areas such as health and education in terms of building infrastructure in these areas (schools and hospitals)?	No		

Local authorities			
<i>47. Do efforts exist to develop programmes including local authorities?</i>	No		
<i>48. Do efforts exist to develop programmes for NSAs?</i>	No	But under cross-cutting issues it is emphasised that consultation with and participation of civil society is to be included in future EC cooperation programmes.	p. 30
<i>49. Do efforts exist to get NSAs/NGOs and local authorities to work together?</i>	No		
Rural development			
<i>50. Are measures foreseen to support sustainable rural development?</i>	No		
Overall comment			

Q 6:

*Following scale is used:

- 1 = Full transparency and complete information on when/where/with whom/the agenda and report from the consultation.
- 2 = Consultations are mentioned and there is some evidence.
- 3 = Consultations are mentioned in the CSP but no conclusive evidence.
- 4 = Consultations are mentioned in the CSP but no other source and no evidence.
- 5 = No evidence of that consultations have taken place.

Q 22:

**Following scale is used:

- 1 = There is complete information regarding programmes for women and an in-depth gender analysis.
- 2 = Standard sentence mentioning and some specific information regarding programmes for women and a gender analysis.
- 3 = Standard sentence mentioning and giving specific information regarding some activities for women.
- 4 = Standard sentence on women and gender issues.
- 5 = No attention at all to women and gender issues

Q 28:

***Following scale is used:

- 1 = There is complete information regarding programmes on all marginalized groups.
- 2 = Standard sentence mentioning and giving specific information regarding programmes for most marginalized groups.
- 3 = Standard sentence mentioning and giving specific information regarding programmes for some but not all marginalized groups.
- 4 = Standard sentence on marginalized groups.
- 5 = No attention at all to marginalized groups

Q 37:

****Following scale is used:

- 1 = There is complete information regarding programmes on all most vulnerable groups.
- 2 = Standard sentence mentioning and giving specific information regarding programmes for many most vulnerable groups.
- 3 = Standard sentence mentioning and giving specific information regarding programmes for some but not all most vulnerable groups.
- 4 = Standard sentence on most vulnerable groups.
- 5 = No attention at all to most vulnerable groups