SCREENING CHAPTER 22
REGIONAL POLICY AND COORDINATION OF STRUCTURAL INSTRUMENTS

INTRODUCTION

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Turkish economy;
• made a considerable progress in terms of structural transformation, competitiveness, integration into the international markets
• achieved recently a long-term economic growth performance.
This robust growth performance:
• reduces the gap between Turkish and EU per capita income
• increases the resources to be used for investments to ameliorate internal income disparities.

Challenge:
• sustaining high growth performance while strengthening internal cohesion

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• Regional disparities and inequalities still persist as one of the main problems.
Policies and Tools of Regional Policy

- Development Plans
- Priority Regions for Development
- Organized Industry Zone and Small Industry Estates
- Investment Incentives (Sectoral, Regional)
- Regional Development Plans
Regional Policy and Structural Instruments

There are important transformations in terms of regional policy and structural instruments:

- Adjustment of Turkish regional policy to the EU,
- Public financial management reform (since 2003),
- Local administrations reform (since 2004),
- Constantly Developing Institutional Framework
  Central Authorities
  Regional / Local levels
- IPA: an important tool for adjustment to current EU regional policy
Regional Policy in EU Accession

• Definition of NUTS levels
  - NUTS II main territorial level for Regional Development Plans and Programmes and the establishment of the DAs.

• New vision for programming
  - Preliminary National Development Plan 2004-2006
  - Regional Development Strategy at National Level 2004-2006
  - 9th Development Plan

• Improving operational dimension of the regional policy
  - Regional Development Programmes (12 NUTS II Region)

• Coordinating bottom-up development initiatives
  - Development Agencies
EU Regional Development Programmes

Content: 12 NUTS II, 42 NUTS III
Budget: 259 M € (220 M€ EU, 39 M€ National Contribution)
Main Actors

SPO (Undersecretariat and High Planning Council)
- Long term vision, strategic framework
- Investment planning
- Policy design and analysis including regional policy
- Coordination

Undersecretariat of Treasury
- NAO, NF, DIS Audit Body, CFCU
- Co-financing

Ministry of Finance
- Budget planning and coordination
- Financial management and control/ PIFC/ CHUs
- Fiscal policy
- Accounting, financial information (electronic)

DAs and MAs
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