



Social Innovation Fund (SIF)

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What did we need the mechanisms for?

- To gradually introduce new services and new service providers at local level
- To address some of the needs immediately, not waiting for the whole system to reform
- To keep financing numerous and high-quality NGOs that emerged and were financed by humanitarian donor community during the period of sanctions

What did we want to achieve?



- To involve the state institutions into the reforms not only NGOs, and to overcome antagonism between the state and NGO sector
- To create tools for donor coordination
- To disseminate reform ideas among the stakeholders at local level – involving them into the reform process at least by their engagement in applying to the funds

Social Innovation Fund was



- Mechanisms for reform / introduction of new services/new service providers
- Mechanisms for donor coordination
- Decentralization mechanisms
- Mechanisms for good practices' transmission and capacity building at local level

Social Innovation Fund

- Insisted on sustainability and/ or co-financing from local governments
- Gave priority to partnerships between the GO and NGO sector
- Had built in qualitative and financial auditing
- At the latter stage - involvement of six NGOs as Units for M&E
- Complemented reform strategy and ideas

Typical projects targeting children and youth



- Safe houses for women and children victims of abuse and violence
 - Daycare Centers for children with disabilities
 - Clubs for youth in conflict with the law
 - Halfway houses
 - Kindergartens on wheels for children with disabilities, Roma children, children victims of violence
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- *From 2003 to 2006 Submitted projects 399, Approved 88*
 - *From 2003 to 2009 - 235 projects amounting to 6 mil. Euro*

SIF experience facilitated and inspired

- Defining minimum standards for services
- Introducing licensing and accreditation
- LSG to finance services in their mandate
- *Earmarked transfers* – additional funds for less developed LG, LG with residential institutions in the process of transformation and for innovative services