



EU Funding From a National Perspective

Successful use of EU funds in state institutions

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Why?



- More cost than benefit
- Difficult
- No certainty
- Financial cycle and funding don't match
- No expertise and/ or capacity
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Why?



- Cheap
 - 1 million euros for 5-20 days work
- Easy
 - After 10 applications...
- Do more for less
 - No extra claims needed
- Develops your international network
 - Find your partners and learn from them



Why we did it



- Contributing to the EU but only marginally benefiting from funding
- Government decision
- European dimension is increasing



COST-BENEFIT ANALYSIS: USEFUL STARTING FROM 50.000 EUROS

Cross border activities

Partnership (agreement)

Co financing available

Expertise available

Fits the strategic goals of the organization



How?



The ministry of Justice in the Netherlands

35.000 employees, state agencies, prisons, courts, immigration, child protection, many locations, different financial systems....

- Immigration and Naturalization Service
- National Forensic Institute
- Others



Monopoly status



What is it?

Availability of grants for specific projects

Why?

No competition with other JLS field

FIU.NET

Police co-operation

CEP?



Centre for European Financial Programs 3 FTE, since 2008.

1. Inform and advise in using EU funding
2. Assist in application process
3. Assist during implementation
4. Representation and networking



- Immigration and Naturalization Service has its own bureau
- Other agencies are likely to follow (Prisons, Forensics, Repatriation etc.)

Combined in National Network of Funding Experts (NNFE) with Ministry of Interior and Dutch Police: quarterly meeting, message board, news briefings, etc.



Success through experience



- 600,000 euros in 2008
- 5,500,000 euros in 2009?

- Exclusively working for the Justice Department, free of charge but with funding re-allocated.

- 1 FTE financed 70 percent through EU funds
- More to follow
- There is more than JLS!
- Investment: salary and training



Thank you for your attention



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