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# **Bilateral Relations 2009-2014 - making the most of it!**

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# Ambition with this presentation

- ☐ Provide you some reflections from a Journey
- ☐ Make a connection between



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# The most demanding part of a program or a project is to...

**GET STARTED >**

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# To get started you need to...

## Get to know your partner!



# A list of criterias in good bilateral collaboration

- ✓ Smooth decision process in the two countries (some paper work done)
- ✓ Recruitment and Selection of the partners (competency, level, impact)
- ✓ Developing the programme in collaboration (some paper work done)
- ✓ Priorities, consensus, agreements
- ✓ Finding the project partners in spe and facilitating the bilateral collaboration
  
- ✓ Getting to know your colleagues
- ✓ Developing a *culture of collaboration*
- ✓ *Communication, communication, communication*
  
- ✓ *Dedication...*  
*«more than a job»*

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# There must be music...





# Summarizing some «export articles»

**Intersectorial  
collaboration –  
on all levels!**

**Research &  
resources for  
scaling up  
competency  
gathered!**

**Good quality  
services near  
the service user!**

## Some advice...

- ❑ *One or two flagship projects (as Coordinating Methodological Center in Slovakia)*
- ❑ *Lively exchange between the project partners (“more than 500 emails altogether my mailbox tells me”)*
- ❑ *Engaging the Embassies!*



# Lessions learnt from dpps

- ☐ Inspiring and motivating collaboration
- ☐ Study visits have provided insight in each others way of working
- ☐ Continuity in contact – shared knowledge
- ☐ Clear-cut agreements on contributions
- ☐ Good communication
- ☐ Good structure and planning
- ☐ Important to understand each others' «systems»
- ☐ Mutual expectations must be shared and discussed

# Assessment

*“Overall the role played by both DPP and dpp led to new perspectives and improved results, although the potential for value added was often not sufficiently capitalized upon. The most successful cases involved parties who knew each other from earlier engagements”*

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**It is easy to get enthusiastic when describing our very qualified partners on the different levels, their devotion and sustainable work during these years...**

**At the same time: Have patience - Good Things Take Time !**

*“If you try to do everything  
- you might end up having done nothing”*





We also know that the collaboration will continue...



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# Thank you for your attention!



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