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Support to Authority for Coordination of Structural Instruments (ACIS)
to ensure a sound and efficient management of the EU Structural Funds

Annual Conference for Technical Assistance

Support to beneficiaries France example

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To face automatic decommitment

- High risk of automatic decommitment
- Lack of projects
- Integrated National strategy



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Integrated National strategy

- Simplification of procedures
- Increasing the communication
- Supporting structure for potential beneficiaries



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Implementation in Lorraine

- Involvement of partnership
- Strong communication plan
- Regional team to support applicants



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Regional team - objectives

- Increase absorption of EU funds
- Supporting applicants to prepare and submit projects
- Assist the beneficiaries in project monitoring



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Regional team - method

- 5 people coordinated by the Managing Authority
- Regional network
- Call line





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Regional team - roles

- Dissemination of high quality information
- Direct support to applicants
- Networking





Successful strategy

- More than half of the allocation contracted in one year
- Commitment rate 65% at the end of 2003
- Automatic decommitment avoided for the entire period
- More projects than available funds

