



3rd Interreg Europe Programming Committee Meeting 10 June 2020

Online

Chaired by: Croatia (HR)
Participants: See Participants' List (**Annex 01**).
Decision notes: Interreg Europe JS

1.	Welcome, Opening and approval of the agenda
	The Chair welcomed the participants. PC approved the agenda (Annex 02).
2.	State of play of post 2020 negotiations
	The Chair informed about the state of play of post 2020 negotiations.
3.	Cooperation Programme, Version 1 (CP V1): presentation
	The experts presented the draft CP V1 (Annex 03). This presentation included an overview of the steps taken since the previous PC meeting, the results of the survey among partner states, the decisions made by the Troika and the content of the draft CP V1.
4.	CP V1: preliminary approval
	<p>The draft CP V1 was discussed block by block. This discussion also took into account comments submitted by PS in writing and the response to these comments proposed by the experts in advance of the meeting (Annex 04).</p> <p>Decision:</p> <p>The PC agreed the following points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The programme will be based on the ISO as the single objective. ▪ Under this objective, the programme will cover all Specific Objectives of the ERDF regulation. ▪ These specific objectives will be divided into 2 groups – one having the main share of the budget, and the rest receiving a minority share of the budget (e.g. 80/20) <p>The composition of the two groups of specific objectives as proposed in the draft version 1 of the cooperation programme, as well as the budget share allocated to each group remains indicative for the moment. This will be finally decided once the programme budget and the text of the regulations are agreed.</p>



	The experts will revise the draft version 1 in line with the discussion with the committee as well as any updates in terms of the regulatory framework.
5.	Cooperation Programme, version 2 (CP V2): input
	<p>The experts presented the roadmap with the steps that will lead to the drafting of V2 of the CP (Annex 05).</p> <p>Besides, they presented a number of selected items relevant for V2 with the aim to obtain preliminary feedback from the PC (Annex 06). As the meeting ran late and there was low interactivity, polls were used and little discussion took place. Consequently, it was mentioned that these results will be only indicative and that these topics will be developed and explained more extensively during an additional webinar and/or a short survey over the summer.</p> <p>The following two sections were covered:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Types of actions and main features of Interreg Europe projects and the policy learning platform (PLP). The outcomes of the polls indicated support among the partner states to establish a certain link to Goal 1 programmes in projects. There is a rather balanced preference to do this either as a selection criterion or as by introducing the minimum requirement of 1 partner with a clear link to a Goal 1 programme. Besides, the polls reflected the preference for a more flexible approach to the 2 project phases by allowing for learning activities to take place in parallel to implementation in the same phase. Finally, the polls indicated that the PLP should cover all thematic fields selected by the programme, and that its management should be internal at the JS if the budget allows for it.▪ Target groups. The polls reflected a clear preference for introducing a geographical criterion to reduce territorial disparities. Besides, the poll indicated the need to leave the stakeholder group involvement as it is, with no more formal links to the project. The polls also indicated the need to better stimulate the demand side as regards the PLP target groups. <p>There was not enough time left to address the content of the third section related to “Communication and awareness-raising”.</p>
6.	Timeline (update)
	JS presented the updated programme timeline (Annex 07). JS pointed out that the next meeting was foreseen 29 and 30 September. However, after discussing with DE, the future Chair, it was agreed that it might be too early to go back to physical meeting and the PC should meet online.
7.	Any other business
	The PC did not have any other business.
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