



15th Interreg Europe Monitoring Committee Meeting 24 February 2021

Online

Chaired by: Portugal (PT)
Participants: See Participants' List (Annex 01).
Decision notes: Interreg Europe JS

1.	Welcome, opening and approval of the agenda
	<p>Chair welcomed all MC members.</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The agenda (Annex 02) was approved without objections.</p>
2.	Presentation of the new MC members
	The new participants of the monitoring committee from Germany (DE) introduced themselves.
3.	Presentation from the CISMOB project from Portugal
	<p>Lead partner of the CISMOB project from the University of Aveiro (PT) presented the project's main achievements (Annex 03).</p> <p>JS asked what suggestions the project could give for the future interregional cooperation programme and the lead partner proposed to continue enabling cooperation among partners with different profiles. The project also clarified that the Managing Authority has been actively involved in the stakeholders groups to support the two Portuguese partners, the University of Aveiro and the Municipality of Agueda.</p>
4.	Update on programme developments
	<p>Human Resources</p> <p>JS presented the current four maternity leaves, and the two newcomers (Annex 04).</p>
5.	Update on Communication
	JS presented the latest and future communication events and outputs, as well as the strategic partnerships (Annex 05).



6.	Update Policy Learning Platform
	<p>JS and PLP expert presented the PLP state of play, confirming that the PLP activities are implemented according to plans despite the circumstances. A short video clip presenting the main outputs of the PLP was shared (Annex 06.1).</p> <p>PLP expert also highlighted several notable successes: cycling policies webinars, peer review in Warminsko-Mazurskie, integration of peer review methodology in the curriculum of the Zuyd University of Applied Sciences, NL (Annex 06.2).</p>
7.	Project monitoring
	<p>JS updated the MC on various issues related to project monitoring such as changes in running projects, the schedule of the upcoming mid-term review meetings and the updated achievements of the projects.</p> <p>Finally, 14 pilot actions were presented for approval, 12 coming from the 3rd call and 2 coming from the 4th call. JS explained an increase in the budget for the 2 pilots from the 4th call compared to the amounts indicated in the supporting documents. Since pilots in phase 1 should contribute to the learning process not only in the pilot regions but also within the partnership, non-piloting partners requested additional budget to ensure their involvement (Annex 07).</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The MC approved the 14 pilot actions recommended.</p>
8.	Call for additional activities
	<p>JS presented the main features of the 'Call for additional funding' based on the strategy discussed at the previous MC meetings. JS explained the main new elements: consultation step with the JS, dedicated application form, 'first come - first serve' principle, eligibility assessment. The budget estimation for the additional call amounts to around 20 MEUR, to be updated in May 2021 based on the same reasoning already presented. Finally the updates on the Application pack, following the comments received from the Partner states was presented (Annex 08).</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The MC approved the application pack including the four documents proposed: Terms of reference; dedicated application form; partner declaration; updated programme manual. No objections were raised.</p>
9.	Update on finances
	<p>JS updated the MC about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The TA 2020 actual expenditure and TA 2021 budget proposal▪ The National contributions to TA that were fully paid. No further contributions will be requested for this programming period.▪ The consumption of points of contact budget; some Partner States have available budget that can be used until the end of the first semester of 2023. The amounts related to attending the MC can also be reported.▪ Audit matters regarding the annual closure of accounts , the preparation of the next Group of Auditors (GoA) meeting on 30 March 2021 and the ongoing investigation on a potential conflict of interest case in Italy (Annex 09).



	<p>The point regarding the negative interest to be covered from the TA budget was postponed to the next MC meeting due to time constraints.</p> <p>Decision</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ The MC approved the TA 2020 actual expenditure and the TA 2021 budget without objections.▪ The MC agreed to postpone the decision on negative interests to the next MC meeting.
10.	Any other business
	There was no any other business.
<p>End of Meeting</p> <p>NOTE: To ensure transparency of the monitoring committee meetings, the decision notes are published on the Interreg Europe's website. Annexes as mentioned in the notes can be requested by email: info@interregeurope.eu</p>	