



## 16<sup>th</sup> Interreg Europe Monitoring Committee online meeting

23 June 2021

*Online*

**Chaired by:** Portugal (PT)

**Participants:** See Participants' List (Annex 01).

**Decision notes:** Interreg Europe JS

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, opening and approval of the agenda</b>
	<p><b>PT chair</b> opened the meeting, welcomed all participants and introduced the agenda.</p> <p><b>Decision</b></p> <p>The updated agenda (Annex 02) was approved without objections.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Presentation of new members</b>
	<p>The new participants of the monitoring committee from the <b>EC DG Regio</b> (Estelle Roger) and <b>DE</b> (Stefan Jaspersen) introduced themselves.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Update on programme developments</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> gave an update on the JS' HR situation (Annex 03).</p>
<b>4.</b>	<b>Update on Communication</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> presented the latest and future communication events and outputs, as well as the strategic partnerships (Annex 04).</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>Policy Learning Platform update</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> and <b>PLP project manager</b> updated the MC on the Platform activities and results (Annex 05). The <b>Chair</b> took this opportunity to thank the platform for the organisation of the successful webinar with the Outermost regions at the beginning of June 2021.</p>
<b>6.</b>	<b>2020 annual report to the Commission</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> presented the 2020 Annual Implementation Report for submission to the Commission (Annex 06).</p> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>The MC approved the Annual Implementation Report 2020.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Projects monitoring</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> presented the 25 applications from the 5<sup>th</sup> call and the 5 pilot action requests that were recommended for approval and sent to the MC as part of the meeting's supporting documents. In line with the approval of the updated agenda under point 1, the written procedure launched on 16 June 2021 was also</p>



	<p>presented and proposed for MC decision during the MC meeting. It included the recommendation of an additional 18 applications from the 5<sup>th</sup> call and 1 additional pilot action. The JS then provided an update on the financial situation of the 5<sup>th</sup> call. As indicated as part of the written procedure launched on 16 June 2021, the JS proposed to overcommit the 5<sup>th</sup> call budget (20.27MEUR ERDF) by 2%, which would give a new total budget of 20.69MEUR ERDF.</p> <p>Finally, an update on changes in running projects, mid-term review meetings and results was provided (Annex 07).</p> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>The 25 recommended applications from the 5<sup>th</sup> call and the 5 pilot actions (submitted to the MC as part of the meeting's supporting documents) were approved by consensus.</p> <p>The three following proposals submitted in written procedure were approved with the abstention of DE:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Overcommitment of the budget to be allocated under the 5th call by 2%, giving a new total budget of 20.69MEUR ERDF is approved by consensus;</li><li>- Approval of the 18 applications from the 5th call;</li></ul> <p>Approval of the pilot action submitted.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<p><b>Update on finances</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>8.1 Financing of negative interest</b></li></ul> <p>JS updated the MC on the negative interest to be covered from the TA budget (Annex 08).</p> <p><b>Decision:</b></p> <p>The MC agreed by consensus to cover negative interest from the TA budget. The MC also agreed to send another official letter to the EC (Annex 08.1), signed by the Chair, to request again that the EC investigates with the ECB solutions to exempt EU funds under shared management from negative interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>8.2 Update on audit matters</b></li></ul> <p>JS gave an update on audit matters to the MC (Annex 09).</p>
<b>9.</b>	<p><b>Any other business</b></p> <p>The MT representative (Carmen) announced her departure from the MC and thanked the participants for the fruitful years of cooperation.</p> <p>JS thanked PT for successfully chairing the last 6 months of work and PT passed the torch on to SI for the next presidency.</p>
	<p><b>End of Meeting</b></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: <a href="mailto:info@interregeurope.eu">info@interregeurope.eu</a></p>