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Methodology for assessment of output Indicators' fulfilment under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria – the Former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia programme

I. General overview

The Programme objectives are measured by indicators (output and result), which are vital to the efficient and effective implementation of the Programme. They serve to monitor and evaluate the extent to which the Programme has achieved its objectives, and the efficiency with which it has done so. The output indicators will measure the achievement of the quantitative targets of the Programme, since the result indicators will tracking the values of result indicators allows an on-going assessment on whether or not the supported actions under the Programme correspond to the specific objectives to be achieved.

In accordance with provisions of Article 34(1) of the IPA Implementing Regulation No 447/2014, Article 8(2)(b)(v) of ETC Regulation No 1299/2013, Article 22 of CPR Regulation No 1303/2013 and Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/276 of 23 February 2018 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 215/2014, the achievement of indicators is being closely monitored by the European Commission. Since the achievement of milestones will be assessed in 2019 and in case the indicators are not reached at Programme level, the Programme will be subject of financial corrections from the European Commission.

Under each Specific objective (SO) for every Priority Axis, the Programme has identified a number of output indicators (OIs) and has set target values for each of them. These targets need to be reached through the implemented interventions under the Programme, since each project must contribute to the achievement of the respective output indicators.

Under the Programme, the total number of OIs is 27 distributed per 3 Priority Axes and 6 Specific Objectives, as follows:

Priority Axis 1 „Environment“

- ✓ Under SO 1.1 „Environmental protection and sustainable use of the common natural resources of the CBC area“ - 5 OIs;
- ✓ Under SO 1.2 „Prevention and mitigation of consequences of natural and man-caused disasters of cross-border dimension and impact“ - 7 OIs.

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Priority Axis 2 „Tourism“

- ✓ Under SO 2.1 „Enhancing the tourism potential of the region through cooperation initiatives in better preservation and sustainable utilization of natural and cultural heritage“ - 4 OIs;
- ✓ Under SO 2.2 „Raising the competitiveness of the CBC region’s tourist offer“ - 3 OIs;
- ✓ Under SO 2.3 „Promoting cooperation among regional actors in the area of sustainable tourism“ - 3 OIs.

Priority Axis 3 „Competitiveness“

- ✓ Under SO 3.1 „Improving the competitiveness of regional businesses“ - 5 OIs.

The set targets need to be reached through the implemented interventions under the Programme, since each project must contribute to the achievement of the output indicators. The signed subsidy contract lays down the responsibility of the Lead partner “for implementation of the operation as described in the Application form (Annex 1) within the prescribed period of time according to the terms of the present Contract subject to the provisions of the European and national legislation.” (art. 1, para 2) and “to ensure that its partners fulfill their obligations under this Contract” (art. 10, para 7).

The beneficiaries specify themselves in the Application forms to which of the output indicator/s their project proposal will contribute to, determining as well the exact quantities and sources of verification. In this connection upon completion of each project the Lead partner and all partners are responsible for proving the achievement of the selected type/s and quantities of OI/s by the sources described in the Application form. In case of failure to achieve the set targets of the selected OI/s, projects will be subject to financial corrections.

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II. Scope and quantification of the Programme Output Indicators

Since the completed projects must demonstrate tangible and visible results related to achievement of the respective OIs under the Programme, during the quantification of these OIs the following rules must be observed:

- ✓ **Each indicator is considered in its entirety;**
(For instance: the output indicator 1.2.5 foresees not simply trainings and campaigns, but the trainings and campaigns in the field of risk prevention (flood, fire, etc.). This means that all other initiatives, trainings etc. on other topics, different than the risk prevention should not be counted.)
- ✓ **The achievement of the specified quantities for each indicator must be proved;**
(This means that for each single number, there must be source of verification. The source of verification depends on the particular indicator – for example: certificates from trainings; official/ statistical data for population, benefited from some kind of activities; acceptance protocols for supply of equipment, etc.)
- ✓ **The OIs refer to the project as a whole, not to a single beneficiary;**
(Most of the indicators foresee common/ joint initiatives, which means that those should be counted per project and not per partner.)

Table below presents the examples for quantifications for each of 27th OIs:

PRIORITY AXIS 1 “ENVIRONMENT”			
Specific objective (SO)	Output Indicators (OIs)		Examples for quantification
1.1 Environmental protection and sustainable use of the common natural resources of the CBC area	OI 1.1.1	Number of supported investments for improving the environmental conditions in the programme region	Each object of investment/infrastructure/supply aiming for improving the environmental conditions should be counted here. In case the project envisages investments in both sides of the border region the quantity of OI should be 2.
	OI 1.1.2	Number of nature protected areas addressed by supported interventions	The quantity of the OI depends on the number of nature protected areas for which supported interventions will be elaborated. For example – a project envisages interventions for one protected area in Bulgaria and for one protected area in Macedonia. The quantity of the OI should be 2.
	OI 1.1.3	Number of supported joint mechanisms for environmental protection, promotion of biodiversity and sustainable use of natural resources	Since this indicator refers to joint mechanism, the correct number should be counted per project. In case the project envisages two different mechanisms (for example, one joint mechanism for environmental protection and one for promotion of biodiversity) the number of OI should be 2.
	OI 1.1.4	Number of institutions/organizations involved in environmental related activities	Only those institutions/organizations involved in the implementation of the environmental related activities will be counted. One institution/ organization participating in

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1.2 Prevention and mitigation of consequences of natural and man-caused disasters of cross-border dimension and impact			different events under one project should be counted only once.
	OI 1.1.5	Number of participants in environmental related trainings and campaigns	<p>One person, participating in more than one training activity and campaign within the project, can be considered only once in the total number of participants.</p> <p>Only those people participating in environmental related trainings who will receive the respective certificates should be counted.</p>
	OI 1.2.1	Supported investments for improving disaster management and risk prevention	Investments for improving disaster management and risk prevention (floods, fire) should be counted per partner. If the project envisages joint management and risk prevention then the OI will be counted per project.
	OI 1.2.2	Supported investments for adaptation and mitigation of climate change consequences	Investments for adaptation and mitigation of climate change consequences should be counted per partner. If the project envisages joint investment for adaptation of climate change then the OI will be count per project.
	OI 1.2.3	Supported joint mechanisms for disaster management and risk prevention and for promotion of climate change awareness	<p>Since the activities aimed at establishing joint mechanism and disaster risk prevention are joint, the number of the OI should be counted per project.</p> <p>In case one project envisages development of two joint mechanisms for disaster management (for example, one dealing with floods and one with forest fires), then the number of the OI should be 2 for the whole project.</p>
	OI 1.2.4	Number of institutions/organizations involved in initiatives related to risk prevention and management	Only those institutions/organizations involved in the risk prevention and management initiatives/ activities will be counted. One institution/ organization participating in different events under one project should be counted only once.
	OI 1.2.5	Number of participants in trainings and campaigns in the field of risk prevention, (including marginalized communities and other vulnerable groups)	<p>One person, participating in more than one training activity/campaign within the project, can be considered only once in the total number of participants.</p> <p>Only those people participating in risk prevention training activities who will receive the respective certificates should be counted.</p>
	OI 1.2.6	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	<p>The number of the OI depends on the number of the inhabitants of the regions benefiting from flood protection measures.</p> <p>For example – if a project foresees strengthening of certain parts of a river bed which will ensure flood protection all along the river, the number of the OI should include the population of those regions (settlements/municipalities/districts), where the river passes.</p>
OI 1.2.7	Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	<p>The number of the OI equals to the number of the population who will directly benefit from the fire protection measures.</p> <p>For example – a project envisages supply of 2 fire trucks (one in Bulgaria and one in Macedonia). The number of people benefitting from these measure will be considered on the basis of population of the settlements/municipalities/districts, where fire protection by those trucks will be ensured. In case those two trucks are expected to ensure the fire protection of larger region (neighboring settlements/municipalities, districts, etc.), the number of the OI should include their inhabitants as well.</p>	

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PRIORITY AXIS 2 "TOURISM"			
Specific objective (SO)	Output Indicators (OIs)		Examples for quantification
2.1 Enhancing the tourism potential of the region through cooperation initiatives in better preservation and sustainable utilization of natural and cultural heritage	OI 2.1.1	Number of cultural and historical touristic sites reconstructed/ restored/covered by conservation and protection actions	Each reconstructed/restored cultural and/or historical touristic objects should be counted here (the focus is on the number of the objects, regardless of their location). If the project envisages reconstruction of two historical objects – one in Bulgaria and one in Macedonia, than the correct quantity of this indicator is 2.
	OI 2.1.2	Length of new or reconstructed or upgraded access roads to natural, cultural and historic tourism sites, cycling routes and walking paths	Length (in kilometres) of newly build or reconstructed access roads to natural/cultural/historic sites will be counted here. If the project envisages rehabilitation of 1km access road to tourist site in Macedonia and 2,5 km access road to historic site in Bulgaria, than the correct quantity will 3,5 km.
	OI 2.1.3	Number of newly built or reconstructed or upgraded tourist related facilities and attractions	Tourist related facility/attraction on every single territory is counted here. Objects of the same type are counted as 1. If the project envisages construction of facilities of the same type in different sites, than the number of the particular site/s should be counted.
	OI 2.1.4	Number of created/reconstructed facilities for disabled people for access to or in the supported touristic sites	Each created/reconstructed facility for disabled people in the supported touristic sites, regardless of the exact location, is counted here. If the project envisages construction of more than one facility for disabled people on one and the same site, then the number of the OI should correspond to the exact number of the facilities. If the project addresses two sites (one in each country), then the number of the OI should also correspond to the exact number of the facilities
2.2 Raising the competitiveness of the CBC region's tourist offer	OI 2.2.1	Number of joint touristic products, services, brands, thematic routes	It is important to define that the products/ services/ brands/ thematic routes have to be common/ jointly developed/ used - then the number of the OI should be 1. For example – the project envisages establishment of joint tourist product, which will cover the tourist route in both countries, it should be counted as 1 (this is a common touristic product, provided in the two countries). In case the project envisages establishment of two different thematic routes (e.g. creation of 2 thematic bike trails, one established in Bulgaria and 1 in Macedonia), it should be counted as 2.
	OI 2.2.2	Number of actions, tools and initiatives developed and/or implemented for promotion of sustainable tourism potential of the border area	The number of established touristic actions, tools and initiatives (e.g. participation in tourism trade fairs, exhibitions and other promotional events, advertising campaigns, ect.), regardless of the exact location, should be counted here. It is important to define whether the respective actions, tools and initiatives will be common/ jointly used - then the number of the OI should be 1. For example – organization of one day tourism forums, which will take place in both countries, should be counted as 1 (this is one action, provided in both countries). In case the project envisages two completely different tourist actions/tools/initiatives (for example – organization of one tourism forum and establishment of promotional tool), then the number of the OI should be 2. Each of the two mentioned actions in the example could be organized in both countries, but still the number is 2, and not 4.

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	OI 2.2.3	Number of participants in joint training and qualification initiatives in the field of sustainable tourism	<p>One person, participating in more than one training activity/campaign within the project, can be considered only once in the total number of participants.</p> <p>Only those people participating in joint training activities and qualification who will receive the respective certificates should be counted.</p>
2.3 Promoting cooperation among regional actors in the area of sustainable tourism	OI 2.3.1	Number of cross-border networks established or strengthened in the field of sustainable tourism	The cross-border networks in field of sustainable tourism are counted per project (not per partner).
	OI 2.3.2	Number of cultural events held for promoting the region's cultural identity	<p>The number of cultural events held for promotion of the region, should be counted here. If the cultural event is a joint one (e.g. folk festival held in Bulgaria and Macedonia), it should be counted as 1.</p> <p>In case festival of cherry is held in Bulgaria and festival of rose is held in Macedonia – the cultural events are counted as 2.</p>
	OI 2.3.3	Number of participants in youth initiatives	One person attending one and the same initiative implemented several times on different places is counted as one participant.

PRIORITY AXIS 3 "COMPETITIVENESS"			
Specific objective (SO)	Output Indicators (OIs)		Examples for quantification
3.1 Improving the competitiveness of regional businesses	OI 3.1.1	Supported joint start-up and self-employment initiatives	<p>Since the activities aimed at establishing joint start-up and self-employment initiatives are joint, the number of the OI should be counted per project.</p> <p>In case one project envisages development of two joint initiatives - (one start-up dealing with entrepreneurs and one dealing with young self-employers), then the number of the OI should be 2 for the whole project.</p>
	OI 3.1.2	Number of participants (split into men and women) in supported training and qualification initiatives	<p>One person, participating in more than one training activity/qualification initiative within the project, can be considered only once in the total number of participants.</p> <p>Balance number of man and women participating in training activities and qualifications who will receive the respective certificates should be counted.</p>
	OI 3.1.3	Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprise receiving non-financial support under one project is counted only once.
	OI 3.1.4	Supported initiatives for economic development and investment promotion	The initiatives are counted per project (not per partner) -in case they are on the same topic but implemented on both sites of the border. If there are several initiatives, carried out separately and/or on different topics of economic development and investment promotion, the number of the OI is equal to the number of the initiatives.
	OI 3.1.5	Number of cooperation networks	The cooperation networks are counted per project (not per partner).