

## JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg - IPA CBC Programme between Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of North Macedonia

Written procedure No.38, initiated on 10.08.2020

1. Description:

On 10<sup>th</sup> of August 2020 a decision making procedure in writing for approval of request for contract modification of projects CB006.2.12.120 "Saving Inhabitants of One Mountain Along Two Rivers" and CB006.2.12.142 "Applying of flood protection measures in the municipalities of Konce and Strumyani" under INTERREG – IPA CBC Programme between Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020 was initiated by the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria.

The official letter No 99-00-2-217/10.08.2020 was sent to the JMC members via e-mail and attached Request for modification of project with ref. No CB006.2.12.120 2 and Request for modification of project with ref. No CB006.2.12.142 were made available in the JMC section of the Management Information System.

Both requests for contract modification are for content change of the investment design and concerns respectively the Lead partner (Municipality of Strumyani) of project CB006.2.12.120 and the Project Partner 2 (Municipality of Strumyani) of project CB006.2.12.142. The projects of Municipality of Strumyani represent implementation of two phases of one common investment design for "Increasing the hydraulic conductivity of the Tsaparevska river", namely Phase II, Stage I for project CB006.2.12.120 and Phase II, Stage II for project CB006.2.12.142.

During implementation of Phase I (Stage I and Stage II) of the design, since beginning of 2019, it was established that the regulatory boundaries of the Tsaparevska riverbed are reduced in size and route, which partially does not coincide with the existing position of the

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riverbed and requires the formation of a new riverbed and dike, and there is a need of detailed review of Part Geodesy for Phase I and respectively for Phase II. As a result of the review made, an Amendment under the Spatial Planning Law (art. 154) was elaborated for the whole investment design, covering also Phase II (Stages I and II). The change of the route require changes in the planned construction and installation works — additional removal of significant amount of stones, increase of bulk material, reduction of the thickness of the geocell system, etc., which modification are described by designers and respective project partner.

The requests for modification of the investment design and respectively of the projects content represents a significant amendment to the investment design, approved in 2017, as per the Spatial Planning Law.

Detailed information for the reasons for contract modifications is provided in Attachments 1 and 2. Upon approval by the JMC, an addendum to the Subsidy contracts shall be prepared and signed with the Lead partners of both projects.

In accordance with Art. 7 (4) of the Rules of procedure of the Joint Monitoring Committee, the JMC members had been given 3 (three) working days from dispatch of the documents to respond in writing.

The deadline for comments/approval was 13th of August 2020.

No written objections had been received within the given deadline, and it can be concluded that the JMC approves the request for contract modification of projects CB006.2.12.120 and CB006.2.12.142.

## 2. Decisions:

JMC approves the request for contract modification of projects CB006.2.12.120 "Saving Inhabitants of One Mountain Along Two Rivers" and CB006.2.12.142 "Applying of flood protection measures in the municipalities of Konce and Strumyani".

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The hereby decision enters into force on the 14<sup>-th</sup> of August 2020. the working day following the deadline for submission of comments / objections / additional proposals from the JMC members.

## 3. Attachments:

- Letter 99-00-2-217/10.08.2020 for written procedure for approval
  of request for contract modification of projects CB006.2.12.120
  and CB006.2.12.142 under INTERREG IPA CBC Programme
  between Republic of Bulgaria and Republic of North Macedonia
  2014-2020;
- 2. Request for modification of project with ref. No CB006.2.12.120;
- 3. Request for modification of project with ref. No CB006 2.12.142.

Signatures:

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Co-chairperson of JMC

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