

JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg - IPA CBC Programme CCI 2014TC16I5CB006

Written procedure No.48, initiated on 27.06.2022

1. Description:

On 27th of June 2022 a decision making procedure in writing regarding the implementation of Interreg – IPA CBC Programme between Republic of Bulgaria – Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020

Upon conclusion of the subsidy contracts with almost all projects, approved for financing under the Second Call for Proposals, the Managing bodies updated the analysis of the implementation of Interreg – IPA CBC Programme between Republic of Bulgaria – Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020 with a view to ensure full absorption of the funds in advance, in order to respect the N+3 rule and to avoid decommitment.

In reference with the above, it was proposed JMC to give mandate to the Managing bodies to carry out pre-contracting procedures with the projects from the general ranking list under PA1, PA 2 and PA3 (in descending order) with the available funds within the approved overcontracting rate until full absorption of funds under the Programme.

The official letter No 99-00-2-143/27.06.2022 was sent to the JMC members via e-mail with the attached General ranking per PAs. Documents were also available in the JMC section of the Management Information System.

In accordance with Art. 7 (4) of the Rules of procedure of the Joint Monitoring Committee, the JMC members had been given 5 (five) working days from dispatch of the documents to respond in writing.

The deadline for comments/approval was 04th of July 2022.

Comments were received from the representatives of DG "Strategic planning and programmes for regional development" at the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works and the National Association of the Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria. The comments had been reflected in the Comparative table attached to this Decision and included as justification for pre-contracting procedures to be carried out.

Since the financial resource under each PA are limited and the remaining implementation period to the end of the Programme is 31 December 2023, Managing bodies proposed the pre-contracting procedure to be carried on at two stages. In the first stage each Applicant from the general ranking list have to confirm (in written) that they agree to implement the project under the following conditions:

- within the limited project duration up to 30.09.2023 including commissioning of construction sites (where applicable);
- · given the available financial resources under respective

3. Attachments

- 1. Letter No 99-00-2-143/27.06.2022 for written procedure regarding the implementation of Interreg - IPA CBC Programme between Republic of Bulgaria - Republic of North Macedonia 2014-2020;
- General ranking per PAs.

Comparative table.

Signatures

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