

JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

**Meeting under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme
held on 27 October 2015, Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria**

1. Description:

The Joint Monitoring Committee meeting under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme was held on 27 October 2015 in Sofia, Republic of Bulgaria with the following agenda:

1. Opening and welcome speeches by the co-chairpersons of the JMC. Adoption of the agenda of the meeting.
2. Presentation of the Rules of Procedure of the JMC. Discussion and approval.
3. Presentation of the Application package including Guidelines for Applicants and criteria for selection of operations under the First Call for Proposals. Discussion and approval.
4. Presentation of the Multi-annual Technical Assistance Strategy. Discussion and approval.
5. Presentation of the Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditure, 2015 Annual Technical Assistance Plan and 2015 Technical Assistance budget. Discussion and approval.
6. Presentation of the Programme Communication Strategy. Discussion and approval.
7. Presentation of the Job descriptions of the controllers and Head of unit responsible for verification of expenditures made by partners from Bulgaria. Discussion and approval.

The following decisions were taken by the JMC:

2. Decisions:

Decision 1:

The JMC approved the Rules of Procedure of the JMC of the INTERREG-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bulgaria-Turkey 2014 – 2020 with the following amendments:

- Article 2, paragraph 3 shall read: "Authorities under Art. 2 (2) shall nominate 2 representatives, one of which shall be deputy representative. Deputy representatives shall exercise their voting rights only in the case of the non-presence of the representatives. In cases when neither the representative nor the deputy can participate in the JMC meeting, the heads of the authorities / organisations participating in the JMC have the right to empower substitute to the meeting."
- Within Article 4, paragraph 2, letter C the following text will be included: "approves the increase of the total funding of the Calls for proposals under the proposal of MA/NA."
- A new paragraph 2 will be added to Article 5 with the following text:,,

When the situation requires so, an extraordinary meeting can be convened at the initiative of the participating countries, 1/3 of the authorities under Art. 2 (2) or the European Commission.”

The decision was adopted unanimously.

Decision 2:

The JMC approved the proposed Application package including Guidelines for Applicants and criteria for selection of operations under the First Call for Proposals with the following amendments:

- In Eligibility of expenditures (section 2.5.3) as eligible expenditure within BL 6 are included expenses for feasibility studies, technical survey, work design, certificates and permits;
- Criteria for eligibility compliance No 28 (section 6.2) to be checked at Opening session (The Lead partner has not submitted any other project proposal as a Lead partner under this call for proposals. All project partners (including the Lead partner) do not participate in more than 3 (three) projects (including the current one) under this call for proposals);
- The term of 3 working days is substituted with 10 working days in Section 6.4 “Complaint procedure”, third paragraph of the Guideline for Applicants.

The decision was adopted unanimously.

Decision 3:

The JMC approved the Multi-annual Technical Assistance Strategy of the INTERREG-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bulgaria-Turkey 2014 - 2020.

Decision 4:

The JMC approved the Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditure, 2015 Annual Technical Assistance Plan and 2015 Technical Assistance Budget of the INTERREG-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bulgaria-Turkey 2014 - 2020.

The decision was adopted unanimously.

Decision 5:

The JMC approved the Programme Communication Strategy of the INTERREG-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme Bulgaria-Turkey 2014 - 2020, with the following amendments:

- The term INTERREG to be included in the list of abbreviation of the Strategy,
- Section “3 Key messages” to be amended as follows: The sentence “III. The Programme is managed in an efficient and transparent way.” to be replaced with “III. The Programme is managed in a sound, efficient and transparent way.”

The decision was adopted unanimously.

Decision 6:

The JMC approved the Job descriptions of the controllers and Head of unit responsible for verification of expenditures made by partners from Bulgaria.

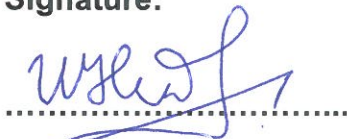
The decision was adopted unanimously.

The hereby Decision enters into force on 27th of October, 2015 – the date of the JMC Meeting.

3. Attachments:

1. Registration list.
2. Agenda of the JMC Meeting.
3. Revised JMC Rules of Procedure.
4. Revised Annex 3 Letter of Attorney to the JMC Rules of Procedure.
5. Revised Guidelines for Applicants.
6. Revised Multi-annual Technical Assistance Strategy.
7. Revised Multi-annual Indicative Budget Forecast.
8. Revised Programme Communication Strategy.
9. Revised Job description of Controllers responsible for verification of expenditures made by Bulgarian partners.
10. Revised Job description of Head of unit responsible for verification of expenditures made by Bulgarian partners.
11. Minutes.

Signature:



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**Head of the Joint Secretariat
of IPA CBC Bulgaria-Turkey
Programme**

