

JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria-Turkey Programme,

CCI No 2014TC16I5CB005

Written procedure No. 34, initiated on 13 April 2020

1. Description:

The Written Procedure in accordance with Articles 7 (1) and 7 (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Monitoring Committee of the Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme for approval of application package under the 3rd Call for Proposals, including Guidelines for Pre-defined Applicants, criteria for selection of the operations and Assessment rules for the 3rd Call for Proposals of the Interreg – IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme 2014 - 2020, was initiated by the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria on 13 April 2020.

The official letter No. 99-00-2-98_13.04.2020 with the proposed documents were sent to the JMC members via e-mail and made available in the JMC section of the Management Information System:

1. The presented application package is elaborated in accordance with the decision of the JMC held on 12 November 2019 namely, remaining available funding under Priority Axis 1 to be directed to a strategic project proposal with predefined main beneficiaries University Asen Zlatarov, Burgas and Trakya University of Edirne. With the same decision the Managing Authority and the National Authority of the Programme were given a mandate to prepare and present for approval Guidelines for Pre-defined Applicants to submit strategic project proposal.

The Guidelines for Pre-defined Applicants provide the beneficiaries with information for the Programme, rules for application under the 3rd Call for project proposals, documents to be submitted together with the Application form, assessment and selection criteria, instructions "How to fill in the Application Form" and rules for submission of the project proposal. The project proposal should be targeted Priority Axis "Environment", Specific Objective 1.2 "Improving the capacity for nature protection, sustainable use and management of common natural resources through cooperation initiatives in the cross-border area". The financial allocation for the call is EUR 2 855 247. The amount for strategic project has been increased due to the request for termination of the subsidy contract by the Lead partner of the project CB005.2.12.015 and declared withdrawal by the Lead partner of the project proposal CB005.2.12.027.

The Managing bodies propose the deadline for submission of the project proposal to be 45 days after official announcement of the call

for proposal on the web-site of the Programme.

The JMC members were given 7 (seven) working days to send their approval or comments on the proposed documents.

Approval of the proposed amendment was received from the Deputy District Governor of Yambol Region, Southeast Europe Directorate - The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs, Republic of Turkey. Approval together with recommendations were received from the Bulgarian Construction Chamber and "Coordination of EU Affairs and International Cooperation" Directorate, Ministry of Environment and Water, Republic of Bulgaria. All approvals and recommendations are reflected in Attachment 1: "Table of the initial comments received from JMC members". The Managing Authority accepted the recommendations of the JMC members and gave relevant justifications in the Table of comments, as follows:

- In the Guidelines for applicants was included the opportunity to be submitted documents signed electronically with a qualified electronic signature.
- The position of the Ministry of the Environment and Water is going to be sent to the pre-defined Lead Partner with recommendation to comply the project activities with the already announced procedures / projects in order to avoid the possibility of overlapping activities and double funding.

In accordance with art. 7 (6) of the Rules of Procedure for the Joint Monitoring Committee, the JMC members were given another 2 (two) working days to send their approval or comments on the revised documents. Approvals were received from the Southeast Europe Directorate -The Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria and Ministry of Foreign Affairs Directorate for EU Affairs, Republic of Turkey. All approvals are reflected in Attachment 2: "Table of the comments received from the JMC Members on the new remarks and propositions".

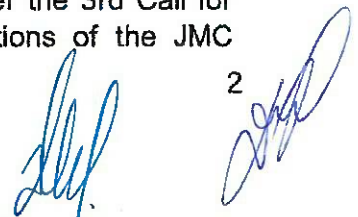
2. Decision:

JMC approves the application package under the 3rd Call for Proposals, including the revised with the propositions of the JMC members Guidelines for Pre-defined Applicants, criteria for selection of the operations and Assessment rules for the 3rd Call for Proposals of the Interreg – IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme 2014 – 2020 and the Announcement for 3-rd Call for Strategic Project Proposal under the Interreg-IPA Cross-border Cooperation Bulgaria-Turkey Programme.

The hereby decision enters into force on the **07.05.2020**, the date following the deadline for submission of comments/ objections/ additional proposals from the JMC members.

3. Attachments:

1. Tables of the comments received by JMC members;
2. Letter No. 99-00-2-98_13.04.2020 from Managing Authority for written procedure for approval of application package under the 3rd Call for Proposals, including the revised with the propositions of the JMC



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members Guidelines for Pre-defined Applicants, criteria for selection of the operations and Assessment rules for the 3rd Call for Proposals of the Interreg – IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme 2014 - 2020;

3. Announcement for 3-rd Call for Strategic Project Proposal under the Interreg-IPA Cross-border Cooperation Bulgaria-Turkey Programme.

Signatures:

for BULGARIA:



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Co-chairperson of the JMC*

for TURKEY:



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