

JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria - Serbia Programme

Written procedure No. 52, initiated on 24 February 2021

1. Description: The Written procedure regarding the implementation of Interreg – IPA CBC Programme Bulgaria – Serbia 2014-2020 was initiated by the Co-chairperson of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) from Bulgarian side. The modification is related to:

- 1. Declining subsidy contract for project proposal with reference numbers CB007.2.13.049, CB007.2.31.101 and CB007.2.31.113 proposed for financing under Priority axes (PA)1 and PA3 because of:**
 - Withdrawal from signature of the subsidy contract CB007.2.13.049 due to pandemic situation and unfavorable circumstances for implementation the planned activities submitted by the LP - Primary school "Vuk Karadzic";
 - Withdrawal from the project proposal CB007.2.31.101 of PP2 due to unsecured own co-financing and failure of the LP to submit the requested from MA for a second time documentation;
 - Implementation of part of the activities under the project before signature of the contract CB007.2.31.113 with other sources;
- 2. Transferring of funds between priority axes as a result of an analysis conducted by the MA, establishing that additional funds became available under two priority axes:**
 - Transferring of part of the available funds from PA2 to PA1 at the amount of 66 248 EUR needed for financing of project proposal with reference number CB007.2.11.064;
 - Transferring of the rest of the available funds under PA2 at the amount of 30 420 EUR to PA3 for financing of the project proposal CB007.2.32.025;
- 3. Conducting precontracting procedures with 2 additional projects under PA3:**
 - The available funds under PA3 to be spent for contracting additional projects on the basis of a general ranking per final scores on technical and quality assessment through conducting precontracting procedure with project proposal CB007.2.32.089 – reserve in the general ranking list with final score of 92,00 and CB007.2.32.175 –with final score of 91,50;
- 4. Revision of the Guidelines for Applicants under Second Call for Proposals in point 6.5 Pre-contracting procedures of the GfA allowing virtual (online) checks for the investment projects;**
- 5. Correction of technical mistake in the text of Decision No 48 from 20 November 2020 by JMC for approval of request for changes in the partnership and budget changes of project CB007.2.22.022;**
- 6. Request for modification of project with reference number CB007.2.12.056 concerning extension of 3 months, leading to**

- change of the implementation period from 12 months to 15 months due to imposed measures related to COVID-19 in Bulgaria and Serbia;
7. Request for modification of project with reference number CB007.2.22.231 concerning extension of 3 months, leading to change of the implementation period from 12 months to 15 months due to imposed measures related to COVID-19 in Bulgaria and Serbia;
 8. Request for modification of project with reference number CB007.2.21.072 concerning inclusion of 9 471,23 EUR (VAT excluded) own co-financing in the budget of LP.
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The Managing Authority considers that the proposed changes are acceptable and justified.

The official letter No. 99-00-2-460/23.02.2021 with the request for the above mentioned Programme' modifications was sent to the JMC members via the Management Information System of the Programme, for review and approval.

The JMC members were given 5 working days to send their approval or comments on the proposed modifications. Only opinions of approval were received.

2. Decisions:

JMC approves the modifications in implementation of Interreg – IPA CBC Programme Bulgaria – Serbia 2014-2020 as follows:

1. Approving decline of subsidy contract for project proposals with reference numbers CB007.2.13.049, CB007.2.31.101 and CB007.2.31.113 proposed for financing under PA1 and PA3;
2. Approving updated financial analysis concerning the absorption of funds and proposal for Programme amendment on the transfer of 66 248 EUR from PA2 to PA1 and 30 420 EUR from PA 2 to PA 3;
3. Giving mandate to the Managing Authority to send to the European Commission the proposed amendment of the Programme under p. 2;
4. Giving mandate to the Managing bodies to conduct pre-contracting procedures with projects CB007.2.32.089 and CB007.2.32.175 from the reserves lists which will guarantee efficient absorption of the Programme' budget;
5. Approving the amendment of the Guidelines for Applicants under Second Call for Proposals that allows on-line checks of investment projects during precontracting stage;
6. Approving revised text of the Decision No 48 from 20.11.2020 by JMC with correction in amount of the budget of the new Lead Partner (73 239,37 EUR) and the amount of reduced of the total budget (693,37 EUR) under the project with reference number CB007.2.22.022;
7. Approving request for modification of project with reference number CB007.2.12.056 and proceeding on behalf of the Managing Authority for signature of the Addendum to the subsidy contract of the project;
8. Approving request for modification of project with reference number

CB007.2.22.231 and proceeding on behalf of the Managing Authority for signature of the Addendum to the subsidy contract of the project;

9. Approving request for modification of project with reference number CB007.2.21.072 and proceeding on behalf of the Managing Authority for signature of the Addendum to the subsidy contract of the project.

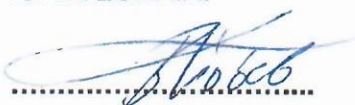
The hereby Decision enters into force on 04 March 2021 - the date following the deadline for submission of objections / additional proposals from the JMC members.

3. Attachments:

1. Letter No 99-00-2-496-(4)/02.12.2020 for withdrawal from LP under the project proposal No CB007.2.13.049;
2. Correspondence between MA and LP under the project proposal with ref. No CB007.2.31.101;
3. Correspondence between MA and LP under the project proposal with ref. No CB007.2.31.113;
4. Analysis on the absorption of funds under the INTERREG-IPA Cross-border Programme Bulgaria-Serbia 2014-2020 (available in MIS);
5. List of projects from the reserves lists of the Second Call for Proposals to be proposed for financing and contracting in case of available funds;
6. Modified Guidelines for Applicants under the Second Call for Proposals (in track changes, available in the MIS);
7. Request for modification of project with ref. No CB007.2.12.056 - available in MIS;
8. Request for modification of project with ref. No CB007.2.22.231 - available in MIS;
9. Request for modification of project with ref. No CB007.2.21.072 - available in MIS.

Signatures:

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