

**Second Strategy Board meeting of the Territorial Strategy
under
Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria - Serbia Programme 2021 -2027
held on 20th of April 2023**

1. Description: The Strategy Board meeting under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – Serbia Programme 2021-2027, was held on 20th of April 2023, with the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Strategy Board meeting
Introductory and welcoming speeches:
 - Ms. Desislava Todorova, Deputy Mayor of Vidin Municipality and Chairperson of the Strategy Board
 - Ms. Tatjana Panic Zivkovic, Sector Manager for development of Infrastructure and Sustainable Development, Regional Development Agency “South” and Co-Chairperson of the Strategy Board
 - Mr. Milen Obretenov, Director of Territorial Cooperation Directorate and Head of the Managing Authority of the Programme
 - Ms. Kristina Asković, representative of the National Authority, Ministry of European Integration, Republic of Serbia
2. Approval of the agenda;
3. Draft Methodology for identification of concept notes
Discussion and approval on the general approach;
4. Draft Guidelines for Application with concept notes
Discussion and approval on the general approach;
5. Set up a Governance Project for the implementation of the Territorial Strategy
Discussion, approval and follow up steps;
6. AOB; end of meeting.

The following decisions were taken by the Strategy Board:

2. Decisions:

Decision 1:

The Strategy board members agreed on the general approach set out in the Draft Methodology for identification of concept notes.

Decision 2:

The Strategic Board agreed on the general strategic approach of the Draft Guidelines for Application with concept notes (with the accepted suggestions and comments), and accompanying annexes:

- Annex 1. GfA-Call 1 - Offline Concept Note - JeMS;
- Annex 2. GfA-Call 1 - Letter of Commitment;
- Annex 3. GfA-Call 1 - Project Maturity Development Plan;
- Annex 4. Contribution to Output & Result Indicators,

as well as to launch the public consultations on the Application package for 15 calendar days starting from the middle of May 2023.

Noting that after the public consultations, all received comments will be considered and the final Application package for the 1st Call for PO5 project ideas will be presented to the Strategy Board for approval in order for the Call to be officially launched.

Decision 3:

The Strategic Board approved the Set up of a Governance Project for the implementation of the Territorial Strategy.

3. Attachments:

1. Minutes of the second Strategy Board meeting held on 20.04.2023.
2. Table with received comments on the Minutes of the second Strategy Board meeting.

Signatures:

for BULGARIA:

.....
Ms. DESISLAVA TODOROVA

Deputy Mayor of Vidin and Co-chair of the Strategy Board

for SERBIA: <

.....
Ms. TATJANA PANIC ZIVKOVIC

Sector Manager for development of Infrastructure and Sustainable Development, Regional Development Agency "South" and Co-Chair of the Strategy Board