

## MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria Serbia 2021-2027 Programme

Written procedure No.03, initiated 08.03.2023

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### 1. Description:

The Written procedure for approval of revision of the Guidelines for Pre-defined applicants for the 1st Call for Proposals under the (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme 2021-2027, was initiated by the Head of the Managing Authority and co-chair of the MC on 08.03.2023.

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The modification concerns extension of the maximum project duration set out in point 2.5.2.1 of the Guidelines for pre-defined applicants **from 24 to 30 months**, as well as amendment of point B5.9 (supporting documents parts) where is included opportunity for the beneficiaries to choose among three options for ensuring sufficient information and justification of the efficiency of the planned budget for supply of equipment, namely:

- **From** "At least 3 official offers from different providers for the envisaged supply (signed by respective provider) - issued in the original language and English translation signed by respective organization as true copy." **to** "At least 3 official offers from different providers for the envisaged supply (signed by respective provider) OR market research on the basis of company catalogues OR historical data for concluded contracts from previous similar deliveries - issued in the original language and English translation signed by respective organization as true copy."

The official letter No. 99-00-2-60/08.03.2023 with the proposed amendments, was sent to the MC members via e-mail, for review and approval.

The MC members were given **5 working days** to send their approval or comments on the proposed documents. Several opinions of approval were received, as well as with recommendations from the Ministry of Environment and Water (MOEW) concerning ensuring clear demarcation and double financing check in the assessment stage under the Strategic project between both Programmes, as well as proposal for inclusion of the text: "OR market research on the basis of company catalogues OR historical data for concluded contracts from previous similar deliveries" in question 21 of "ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELIGIBILITY COMPLIANCE CHECK" at page 58 of the Guidelines for pre-defined applicants. The above recommendations are summarized in a table and communicated to the MC members for information.

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## 2. Decisions:

### Decision 1:

The Monitoring Committee approves the amendment of point 2.5.2.1 of the Guidelines for pre-defined applicants in reference with extension of the maximum project duration.

### Decision 2:

The Monitoring Committee approves the amendment of point B5.9 where is included opportunity for the beneficiaries to choose among three options for ensuring sufficient information and justification of the efficiency of the planned budget for supply of equipment, as well as inclusion of the corresponding text on page 58 of the Guidelines for pre-defined applicants in line with the recommendations of the MOEW.

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**The hereby decision enter into force on 16th March 2023 – the date following the deadline for submission of comments from the MC.**

## 3. Attachments:

1. Revised Guidelines for pre-defined applicants under the (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme 2021 – 2027 (Version 2)
2. Comparative table with received comments.

## Signatures:

for BULGARIA:

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**Ms. DESISLAVA GEORGIEVA**

*Deputy Minister of Regional Development  
and Public Works  
Head of the Managing Authority  
Co-chairperson of the MC*

for SERBIA:

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**PROF. TANJA MIŠČEVIĆ, PHD**

*Minister of European Integration  
Ministry of European Integration,  
Republic of Serbia*



**TABLE WITH RECEIVED COMMENTS**  
on Written procedure No. 3 initiated on 08 March 2023  
(Interreg VI-A) IPA Bulgaria Serbia Programme

Member of the Monitoring Committee / Institution	Resume of Comments/ Remarks:	Position of the Managing Authority	
		Accept/ Decline:	Justification:
Mrs. Gergana Rakova Ministry of Tourism Directorate "Programming and Project Management" (voting member)	Approves the proposal	n/a	n/a
Mrs. Albena Milcheva Ministry of Environment and Water Directorate General Operational Programme "Environment" (non-voting member)	<p>1. As Directorate General Fire Safety and Civil Protection—Ministry of the Interior will be eligible beneficiary for upcoming conducted procedure "Ensuring the ground capacity to forest fires fight and prepare the population for response" under the Operational Programme Environment 2021-2027 a clear demarcation and double financing check will be made in the assessment stage between both programmes.</p> <p>2. In Part at page 58 "ADMINISTRATIVE AND ELIGIBILITY COMPLIANCE CHECK", Supporting documents, question 21 "Detailed technical specifications (for supplies) with unit and total prices in Euro is presented (technical specification is not required for equipment, which will be used for management of the project). At least 3 official offers from different providers for the envisaged supply are presented" the texts "<u>OR market research on the basis of company catalogues OR historical data for concluded contracts from previous similar deliveries</u>" is not included.</p>	Accept	<p>1. In accordance with Assessment Rules under the Strategic call for proposal approved by MC on 1<sup>st</sup> meeting took place on 21.12.2022 a part of tasks of the Assessment Working Group is to perform a documentary check of presence/lack of double financing. The check of presence/lack of double financing (on Bulgarian territory) is performed with implemented projects under territorial cooperation programmes for period 2014 – 2020 and 2007 – 2013 and also within other relevant programmes on the territory of the Republic of Bulgaria. The results of this check will be included in the Evaluation Report and will be presented to the members of the MC for approval.</p> <p>Furthermore, the MA will provide additional information to the MA of the Operational Programme Environment 2021-2027 upon request regarding project activities of the strategic project which will be carried out by the Directorate General Fire Safety and Civil Protection—Ministry of the Interior with a view to clear demarcation and to avoid double financing between both programmes.</p> <p>2. Remark is accepted. The text "<u>OR market research on the basis of company catalogues OR historical data for concluded contracts from previous similar deliveries</u>" was included in question 21 at page 58.</p>

Mr. Nikolay Veichkov Ministry of Foreign Affairs Southeast Europe Directorate (non-voting member)	Approves the proposal	n/a	n/a
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Remark: From other members of the Monitoring Committee there was no response received.