



MONITORING COMMITTEE

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

Written procedure No.11, initiated 10.02.2025

1. Description:

The Written procedure for approval of Report on the screening process of the Full Project Proposals (FPP) received under the Targeted Call for development and submission of Full Project Proposals under Priority 2 "Integrated development of the border region" of the (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria - Serbia Programme and Application package for the Call for proposals under Priority 1, "Competitive border region", Specific objective 1.3. "Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments", including Assessment Rules was initiated by the Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works and Co-chair of the MC on 10.02.2025.

On 14 June 2024, the Monitoring Committee approved the Territorial Strategy (TS) of the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria-Serbia Programme, including key project ideas and guidelines for full project proposals under Priority 2: "Integrated Development of the Border Region." Following this decision, a Targeted Call was launched on 17 June 2024, inviting Lead Partners of approved concept notes (9 main and 3 reserve) to submit full project proposals. By the deadline of 16 September 2024, 10 proposals were submitted via Jems. After screening, the Screening Working Group recommended all 10 proposals for subsidy contracts under Specific Objective RSO5.2, focusing on integrated local development, culture, natural heritage, sustainable tourism, and security in non-urban areas. The total amount proposed for financing these 10 FPPs is €8,382,491.79, while the total available budget is €8,529,412.

The application package for the Call for Proposals under Priority 1, Specific Objective 1.3, focuses on enhancing SME productivity through direct investments, supporting their green and digital transition, and fostering internationalization. The revised package incorporates feedback from public consultations. To ensure effective implementation, the Managing Bodies propose a minimum 90-day submission period for project proposals.

The official letter No 99-00-2-40 /10.02.2025 was sent to the MC members by e-mail for review and approval.

The MC members were given **10 (ten) working days** to send their approval or comments on the proposed documents.

2. Decisions:

Decision 1:

1. The Monitoring Committee approves the Report on the screening process of the Full Project Proposals (FPP) received under the Targeted Call for development and submission of Full Project Proposals under Priority 2 "Integrated development of the border region" of the (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria - Serbia Programme and the proposal for financing the 10 Full Project Proposals (FPPs) with a total amount of € **8,382,491.79**.

2. The Monitoring Committee approves the Application package for the Call for proposals under Priority 1, "Competitive border region", Specific objective 1.3. "Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments", including Assessment Rules.

The hereby decision enter into force on 25th February 2025 – the date following the deadline for submission of comments from the MC.

3. Attachments:

1. Report on the screening process of the Full Project Proposals (FPP) received under the Targeted Call for development and submission of Full Project Proposals under Priority 2 "Integrated development of the border Region" of the (INTERREG VI-A) IPA Bulgaria-Serbia Programme ;
2. Application package for the Call for proposals under Priority 1, "Competitive border region", Specific objective 1.3. "Enhancing sustainable growth and competitiveness of SMEs and job creation in SMEs, including by productive investments", including Assessment Rules
3. Table with received comments.

Signatures:

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