



**INTERREG IPA CBC PROGRAMME  
"GREECE – THE FORMER YUGOSLAV REPUBLIC OF  
MACEDONIA 2014-2020"**

**3<sup>rd</sup> JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING**

**March 31, 2017**

**Strumica, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia**

**Brief Minutes & Decisions**

The Joint Monitoring Committee (hereinafter referred to as JMC) of the Interreg IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme "Greece-The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia 2014-2020" convened for its 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting on March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017 in Strumica, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, following an invitation by the Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes (hereinafter MA of ETCP), in agreement with the co-chairs.

The meeting started as Mr. Arsim Fidani, the chair of the Committee welcomed the participants, and wished a dynamic discussion and fruitful 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting. He wished that the 2014-2020 IPA CBC Programme will capitalize on the success of the previous period programme.

The chair then passed the floor to Ms. Angeliki Bouziani, who substitutes Ms. Evgenia Fotoniata, Special Secretary of ERDF & CF Funded Sectoral OPs, Ministry of Economy and Development. She thanked the hosts for their hospitality and wished that the programme will proceed immediately to implementation phase.

Mr. Samaras from the Managing Authority requested from the member of the MC to sign the Declaration of impartiality, confidentiality and absence of conflict of interest.

A quorum was achieved as the meeting was attended by eleven (11) members with voting right (from both countries), in line with the list of participants attached. An additional list includes the non-voting members and those who participated as observers/experts.

The presentations were delivered by the Managing Authority and the Joint Technical Secretariat, as foreseen in the Agenda.

The MA presented its plan to further assess projects against State Aid rules that apply only to Greek beneficiaries and also its plan upon the recruitment of Joint Secretariat staff. The MA also explained that the Joint Secretariat still has the responsibility to monitor the implementation of projects still running from the previous 2007-2013 period in the IPA country.

The MA also presented to the JMC the decision taken by the JSC that approves the evaluation and hierarchy of proposals per Axis and proposes for financing under conditions 40 project proposals (18 in Axis 1 and 22 in Axis 2).

Mr Hende Csaba presented the European Commission's and INTERACT's initiatives on immigration and highlighted the need for the Programme to take action on the matter, if possible.

Mr Mourouzis representative of the National Confederation of Disabled People requested from the MA to reconsider certain technical issues of quality evaluation procedure during the next call for project proposals. The MA replied that his remarks will be taken into consideration.

Mr Mouratoglou representative of Central Union of Municipalities requested from the MA data concerning the proposed for approval projects and the budget of future calls. The requested data were provided to the JMC members.

Mr. Pitselis representative of the Region of Western Macedonia also expressed his support of the JSC

Mr. Befas, representative of the Region of Central Macedonia, also expressed his support to the proposal of the JSC.

Mr Samaras explained that the MA plans to open a 2<sup>nd</sup> call after the budget clearance and contracting of the 1<sup>st</sup> call projects will be concluded.

Mr Arsim Fidani requested information regarding the possibility and capability of pre financing that is described in the bilateral agreement. The MA replied that the CA has received in advance payment from the EC. This amount may cover the pre advance payment requirements for all beneficiaries of the 40 projects approved, including the beneficiaries from Greece. As beneficiaries from Greece will not request such payment, the CA will be able to cover all the requests for advance payments.

**Following the discussions, the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) decides unanimously to:**

- Approve the Agenda
- Approves the Rules of Procedure of the JS
- Approve the proposal of the JSC for funding, under the conditions presented, 40 projects (18 in Axis 1 and 22 in Axis 2)

Under Axis 1, eighteen projects (18) with the following Acronyms and reference numbers:

1. CONNECT ref.no 2095, 2. Cross4all ref.no 1816, 3. IpA Shield II ref.no 2491, 4. HealthNET ref.no 1817, 5. TERRA VINO ref.no 1986, 6. In4Child ref.no 2056, 7. COMETECH ref.no 1901, 8. EMPLOYOUTH ref.no 1943, 9. EX-INFO ref.no 2032, 10. QuadHelix/ Quality Health ref.no 2089, 11. I-TOUR ref.no 1754, 12. CINECULTURE ref.no 1981, 13. Heart Safe Cities ref.no 1963, 14. IBiSEait ref.no 1966, 15. ToCulter ref.no 1872, 16. WE CARE ref.no 2098, and two were placed in the reserve list : 17. HOLY WATER ref.no 1975, 18. Icba ref.no 2038.

Under Axis 2, twenty two (22) projects with the following Acronyms and reference numbers : 1. Plan D.oiran ref. no 2003, 2. HELP ref.no 1898, 3. BENEFITref.no 1884, 4. LESS-WASTE-II ref.no 1940, 5. WE CROSS BORDERS ref.no 1956, 6. COMBINE2PROTECT ref.no 1945, 7. SYMBIOSIS ref.no 2498, 8. TRAP ref.no 1800, 9. AQUA-M II ref.no 1961, 10.J-CROSS ref.no 1828 ,11. wa-mbrella ref.no 1728, 12. PAPESHE ref.no 1749, 13. 3EM ref.no 1947, 14. CONSE-PP ref.no1951, 15. STRAS ref.no 1886, 16. ZEFFIROS ref.no 1896, 17. SmartWaterSave ref.no1889, 18. ENPOL-EE ref.no 2464, 19. aGROWchain ref.no 1902, 20. BIOREAL ref.no 1927, 21. SUMBIO ref.no 2644 and one was approved in the reserve list 22. Green Inter-e-Mobility ref.no 1874.

➤ Acknowledge the content of the State Aid Factsheet.

The Joint Monitoring Committee authorizes the MA\JS to proceed with the required actions in order to clear the conditions of funding for all projects approved and proceed to the contracting phase

Finally, the document was signed by the two co-chairpersons.

**The Co-Chairpersons  
of the Joint Monitoring Committee**

**Chair**

Arsim Fidani

I agree with the content of the minutes, however, I do not accept the denomination used for my country, since the constitutional name is Republic of Macedonia. MFV.

Ministry of Local Self Government

**Co-chair**

Ms. Angeliki Bouziani



Ministry of Economy and Development

Attachments:

1. Agenda of the 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting
2. Participants' list of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting (2 lists)