

## Protocol

### of the 11<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Committee Meeting

for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme  
13 July 2020, online

#### Chair of the Meeting:

Nikoletta Horváth

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#### I.

##### Approval of the Agenda

###### Presentation of the purpose of the meeting

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

I/1) The Monitoring Committee

**approves** the Agenda of the 11<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Committee for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme held on 13 July 2020 as texted in the document *11\_MC\_agenda\_Interreg-SKHU\_v2-00* with the following supplement:

In line with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedures of the Monitoring Committee the Chair proposed to the Monitoring Committee that agenda is completed with one additional theme concerning the modification of the Rules of Procedures of the Monitoring Committee under agenda point AoB.

#### II.

##### Current status of SKHU/1902 Call for Proposals assessment

###### discussion and decision on projects submitted under Priority Axis 1 and Priority Axis 4

Presented by: Veres Csilla/Silvester Holop/Hegyháti-Molnár Andrea

II/1) The Monitoring Committee

**acknowledges** the summary of the evaluation of projects submitted within the Call for Proposals SKHU/1902 as it is texted in the document *Assessment-summary\_SKHU-1902\_v1-06* with no conditions.

Based on the experience of the assessment of the SKHU/1902 Call for proposals the following recommendations are proposed for reconsideration to the MC for the future Call for Proposals:

- by applying two-round formal assessment, quality assessment might come before formal and eligibility assessment in order to accelerate evaluation procedure;
- to keep the method of assigning the same pair of assessors for the same action;

- to propose thematically focused actions in order to set up objective ranking lists;
- the elaboration of new, more focus evaluation grids based on the experience of territorial, strategical and sectoral assessors'.

#### II/2) The Monitoring Committee

**acknowledges the Ranking list of the project proposals** as the basis for the selection procedure submitted in the Call for proposals SKHU/1902 in the Priority Axis 1 and Priority Axis 4 as it is texted in the document *Assessment-summary\_SKHU-1902\_Annex1\_v3-21* with no conditions.

#### II/3)a) The Monitoring Committee

**approves 'en-bloc' the following list of projects** in the frame of the Call for proposals SKHU/1902 in the Priority Axis 1, action 1.1 Joint development of cultural heritage:

- 9 projects were proposed for approval. Budget corrections were made and conditions were set to the projects proposed for approval by the assessors, which are included in Infosheets.
- The overall revised budget of 9 projects proposed to be approved exceeds the disposable budget allocated to the Action 1.1. in the Call for Proposals (9 000 000 EUR). The difference can be financed with the condition that before issuing Declaration of Commitment on ERDF resources by the Managing Authority the overrun amount shall be available from programme budget (i.e. savings on closed projects unused funds, flexibility rules of the programme budget).
- 13 projects are proposed to be put on reserve list.
- 8 projects are proposed to be rejected as they have not reached 65 points.

#### Projects to be approved:

- SKHU/1902/1.1/019
- SKHU/1902/1.1/020
- SKHU/1902/1.1/051
- SKHU/1902/1.1/107
- SKHU/1902/1.1/033
- SKHU/1902/1.1/120
- SKHU/1902/1.1/021
- SKHU/1902/1.1/035
- SKHU/1902/1.1/067

#### Projects to be put on reserve list:

- SKHU/1902/1.1/041
- SKHU/1902/1.1/030
- SKHU/1902/1.1/092
- SKHU/1902/1.1/015
- SKHU/1902/1.1/028

- SKHU/1902/1.1/032
- SKHU/1902/1.1/077
- SKHU/1902/1.1/099
- SKHU/1902/1.1/034
- SKHU/1902/1.1/055
- SKHU/1902/1.1/074
- SKHU/1902/1.1/113
- SKHU/1902/1.1/090

II/3)b) The Monitoring Committee

**approves 'en-bloc' the following list of projects** in the frame of the Call for proposals SKHU/1902 in the Priority Axis 1, action 1.2 Joint development of natural heritage:

- 6 projects were proposed for approval. Budget corrections were made and conditions were set to the projects proposed for approval by the assessors, which are included in Infosheets.
- The overall revised budget of 6 projects proposed to be approved exceeds the disposable budget allocated to the Action 1.2 in the Call for Proposals (8 000 000 EUR). The difference can be financed with the condition that before issuing Declaration of Commitment on ERDF resources by the Managing Authority the overrun amount shall be available from programme budget (i.e. savings on closed projects unused funds, flexibility rules of the programme budget)
- 11 projects are proposed to be put on reserve list.
- 5 projects are proposed to be rejected as they have not reached 65 points.

Projects to be approved:

- SKHU/1902/1.1/058
- SKHU/1902/1.1/082
- SKHU/1902/1.1/060
- SKHU/1902/1.1/057
- SKHU/1902/1.1/114
- SKHU/1902/1.1/080

Projects to be put on reserve list:

- SKHU/1902/1.1/039
- SKHU/1902/1.1/123
- SKHU/1902/1.1/011
- SKHU/1902/1.1/066
- SKHU/1902/1.1/024
- SKHU/1902/1.1/012
- SKHU/1902/1.1/031
- SKHU/1902/1.1/070
- SKHU/1902/1.1/042

- SKHU/1902/1.1/075
- SKHU/1902/1.1/087

Regarding project no. SKHU/1902/1.1/114 with acronym REJOICE, representative of Ministry of Environment of Slovak Republic (MoE of the SR) (Jana Rolínová) remarked that the project aims to be developed on the water management significant watercourse of Hernád/Hornád administrated by Slovak Water Management Company, state enterprise (SWME). SWME has taken a positive stance towards the project. Also, if the construction of infrastructure interfered the border section of the Hernád/Hornád watercourse, it would be necessary to proceed in accordance with the Act No 364/2004 Coll. on water and on amendments to Act of the Slovak National Council No 372/1990 Coll. on offences as amended (Water Act) in line with section 60 paragraph 3 in this Water Act. The MoE of SR did not propose any pre-condition set for financing the project concerned.

II/3)c) The Monitoring Committee

**approves 'en-bloc' the following list of projects** in the frame of the Call for proposals SKHU/1902 in the Priority Axis 1, action 1.3 Joint development of tourism attractions:

- 7 projects were proposed for approval. Budget corrections were made and conditions were set to the projects proposed for approval by the assessors, which are included in Infosheets.
- 4 projects are proposed to be put on reserve list.
- 6 projects are proposed to be rejected as they have not reached 65 points.

Projects to be approved:

- SKHU/1902/1.1/009
- SKHU/1902/1.1/059
- SKHU/1902/1.1/064
- SKHU/1902/1.1/022
- SKHU/1902/1.1/086
- SKHU/1902/1.1/037
- SKHU/1902/1.1/023

Projects to be put on reserve list:

- SKHU/1902/1.1/062
- SKHU/1902/1.1/029
- SKHU/1902/1.1/095
- SKHU/1902/1.1/096

II/3)d) The Monitoring Committee

**approves 'en-bloc' the following list of projects** in the frame of the Call for proposals SKHU/1902 in the Priority Axis 4, action 4.1 Investment in institutional capacity:

- 11 projects were proposed for approval. Budget corrections were made and conditions were set to the projects proposed for approval by the assessors, which are included in Infosheets.
- 8 projects are proposed to be put on reserve list.
- 6 projects are proposed to be rejected as they have not reached 65 points.

Projects to be approved:

- SKHU/1902/4.1/049
- SKHU/1902/4.1/108
- SKHU/1902/4.1/104
- SKHU/1902/4.1/076
- SKHU/1902/4.1/036
- SKHU/1902/4.1/093
- SKHU/1902/4.1/001
- SKHU/1902/4.1/111
- SKHU/1902/4.1/050
- SKHU/1902/4.1/112
- SKHU/1902/4.1/085

Projects to be put on reserve list:

- SKHU/1902/4.1/010
- SKHU/1902/4.1/025
- SKHU/1902/4.1/109
- SKHU/1902/4.1/013
- SKHU/1902/4.1/122
- SKHU/1902/4.1/014
- SKHU/1902/4.1/007
- SKHU/1902/4.1/081

National co-ordinator of Danube Strategy (Oroszi Viktor) expressed his satisfaction concerning project SKHU/1902/1.1/108 being on the list of approved projects, as this project possesses the letter of recommendation of the PA5 of the Danube Region and he suggested to mention this project in the next Annual Implementation Report in the Chapter about the contribution to macro-regional strategies.

II/3)e The Monitoring Committee

**approves 'en-bloc' the following list of projects** in the frame of the Call for proposals SKHU/1902 in the Priority Axis 4, action 4.2 Development of new cross-border services:

- 12 projects were proposed for approval. An additional project is proposed to be approved with condition; project with acronym REWO (SKHU/1902/1.1/073) has already been supported as part of a territorial action plan for employment (TAPE) within SKHU/1802 Call for Proposals. Therefore, it shall be funded only under condition that the TAPE support would not be contracted for this project.
- As the overall revised budget of 12+1 projects proposed to be approved exceeds the disposable budget allocated to the Action 4.2 in the Call for Proposals (2 000 000 EUR). The difference can be financed with the condition that before issuing Declaration of Commitment on ERDF resources by the Managing Authority the overrun amount shall be available from programme budget (i.e. savings on closed projects unused funds, flexibility rules of the programme budget).
- Budget corrections were made and conditions were set to the projects proposed for approval by the assessors, which are included in Infosheets.
- 16 projects are proposed to be rejected as they have not reached 65 points.

Projects to be approved:

- SKHU/1902/4.1/053
- SKHU/1902/4.1/038
- SKHU/1902/4.1/069
- SKHU/1902/4.1/003
- SKHU/1902/4.1/110
- SKHU/1902/4.1/079
- SKHU/1902/4.1/027
- SKHU/1902/4.1/101
- SKHU/1902/4.1/073
- SKHU/1902/4.1/006
- SKHU/1902/4.1/048
- SKHU/1902/4.1/105
- SKHU/1902/4.1/047

Managing Authority shall prepare a methodology for financing applications being on the reserve lists of projects submitted in the Call for proposals SKHU/1902, as unused funds are available by Priority Axes, while reserve lists are set up by Actions. Methodology for Priority Axis 4 shall be presented for approval of MC by the end of September 2020 via a written procedure, as in this Priority Axis the Programme already has remaining ERDF sources from closed projects implemented under SKHU/1601 Call for proposals. Methodology for financing project on the reserve list for Priority Axis 1 shall follow shortly after.

### III.

#### Information on N+3 status of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme

Presented by: Horváth Nikoletta/Veres Csilla

III/1) The Monitoring Committee

**acknowledges** the Information on N+3 status of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme as presented in the document *N+3\_status\_v1-00* with no conditions.

The Joint Secretariat will contact all Lead Beneficiaries in August to overview the actual status of spending and payment forecast of the projects under implementation.

#### IV.

#### **Discussion on and approval of the modification of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme relating to COVID-19 outbreak**

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth/Veres Csilla

IV/1) The Monitoring Committee

**approves the modification of the Interreg V-A SKHU Programme** as texted in the document *03\_Position\_paper\_for\_justification\_of\_modification\_v2-00* with the following remarks:

European Commission suggested a minor drafting change in point 5 of the text of the proposed Position Paper. Texting shall be agreed with the representative of the EC.

As for accelerating the submission of Programme's Payment Claims to the EC thus ensuring programme's liquidity and contribution to the fulfilment of N+3 Monitoring Committee entitles the Managing Authority for modification of the Programme in the EC's SFC monitoring system with immediate effect (without waiting for the approval of the Monitoring Committee's meeting minutes).

#### V.

#### **Any other business**

#### **V/1) Information on the change of status of the National Authority and modification of the Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee**

V/1)a The Monitoring Committee

**approves the modification of the Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee for Interreg V-A SKHU Programme** as texted in the document *Rules\_of\_Procedure\_of\_the\_MC\_v4-00*.

National Authority informed the Monitoring Committee that as from 01/07/2020 the newly established Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatization (MIRDI) will be taking over the whole management of European Union funds.

Until 01/07/2020 the Office of the Slovak Republic Deputy Prime Minister for Investment and Informatisation was acting as the hosting body of Central Coordination Authority (CCA), which ministry was appointed to the Monitoring Committee as non-voting member.

As the CCA is transformed to the new ministry, MIRDI is now in the position of non-voting member instead of former Slovak Republic Deputy Prime Minister for Investment and Informatisation.

### **V/2) Information on the acceptance of the Annual Implementation Report 2019 by European Commission**

- EC informed the MA that it has accepted the Annual Implementation Report 2019 of the Programme with the following remarks: 1. The fulfilment of financial commitments should be accelerated; 2. The discrepancies between planned and actual indicators should be explained in detail in future reports. 3. Information on the contribution to macro regional strategies should be included in further AIRs and in FIR.

### **V/3) Proposal for the option of transfer of funds between Beneficiaries**

- Bratislava Self-Governing Region suggested that the option to transfer funds between Beneficiaries should be considered and Subsidy Contract shall be updated accordingly.
- National Authority supported this suggestion and asked the JS to draft a proposal for the implementation of the transfer option. This should only be used in specific cases, such as issues related to Public Procurement procedure.

### **V/4) Information on the next meeting of the Programming Committee**

- JS informed the MC that the next meeting of the Programming Committee is planned for 04/08/2020 in Dudince. The invitation to Members shall follow shortly.