

Protocol

of the 10th Monitoring Committee Meeting

for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme
16-17 April 2019, Dudince

Chair of the Meeting:

Nikoletta Horváth

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 10th Monitoring Committee for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme held on 16-17 April 2019 in Dudince as texted in the document *10_MC_agenda_Interreg-SKHU_v1-00*.

II.

Presentation of projects submitted within the SKHU/1802 Call for proposals

Presented by: Lead Beneficiaries of CCPs

II/1) The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the presentations of projects submitted within the SKHU/1802 Call for proposals in the Priority Axis 3 with the following recommendations:

SKHU/1802/3.1/043: It is recommended to examine the legal possibilities for cross-border social services.

III.

Current status of SKHU/1802 Call for Proposals assessment, discussion and decision on projects submitted under Priority Axis 3

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth/Szilveszter Holop

III/1) The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the summary of the evaluation of projects submitted within the Call for Proposals SKHU/1802 as it is texted in the document *Assessment-summary_SKHU-1802_v1-03*.

III/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/1802 in the Priority Axis 3 as it is texted in the document *Project-overview_ranking-list_SKHU-1802_PA3_v1-01*.

III/3) The Monitoring Committee

decides ‘en-block’ regarding to each group of project proposals of TAPes in accordance with the results of the quality assessment and final recommendations of the assessors as listed in the Ranking list and Infosheets in the frame of the Call for proposals SKHU/1802 in the Priority Axis 3.

Additional project specific conditions raised by the Monitoring Committee:

SKHU/1802/3.1/043: JS shall examine the SGEI (service of general economic interest) relevance of the project activities on the basis of maintenance plan and business model to be submitted by the Beneficiaries during contracting in line with the condition for approval as stated in the Infosheet.

SKHU/1802/3.1/049: Project shall reflect to the needs of joint branding by developing a joint strategy during project implementation (plan on how to work with the created brand, guide for local producers how to join the brand, marketing strategy).

SKHU/1802/3.1/025: JS shall re-examine the SGEI (service of general economic interest) relevance of the project activities on the basis of business plan on maintenance to be submitted by the Lead Beneficiary during contracting in line with the condition for approval as stated in the Infosheet.

Project specific recommendations raised by the Monitoring Committee:

SKHU/1802/3.1/033: It is proposed to the project partnership to consider the possibilities for increasing the budget of the Beneficiary SOŠ Filákov.

IV.

Information on status of the SPF Umbrella Projects implementation

Presented by: Julianna Orbán Máté, Ema Vasiová

IV/1) The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the presented information on the status of the SPF Umbrella Projects implementation.

V.

**Discussion on and approval of the
Annual Implementation Report 2018 of the Small Project Fund**

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

V/1) The Monitoring Committee

approves the Annual Implementation Report 2018 of the Small Project Fund as texted in the document *AIR_2018_SPF_v2-01* with no conditions.

Remarks from the MC members:

Trnava self-governing region:

- The minimum and maximum budget for small projects (20 - 50 thousands EUR) shall be reconsidered in the next programming period. These amounts are still too high for certain local actors;
- External quality assessors of the small projects shall receive remuneration;
- In the next programming period there shall be a flexibility in terms of reallocating the financial resources between the supported priority axes;
- In the current programming period there is much higher interest in PA1 from the side of the small project applicants;

National Authority:

- It is very positive that programme has succeeded in applying the subsidiarity principle and handing in the management of the SPF tool to the EGTCs as cross-border actors on regional level;
- In line with the European legislation the SPF is eligible in PA4 (TO11). Taking into consideration the regional needs during the preparation of the programme certain proportional percentage was allocated to the SPF in the PA1 (TO6) too. It is necessary that the management actors of the SPF Umbrella Projects seek for the possibilities to increase the interest of potential applicants in PA4;
- The financial possibilities for remuneration of the external quality assessors shall be searched by the management actors of the SPF Umbrella Projects;

Bratislava self-governing region:

- Despite all the efforts, the administrative burdens of the applicants in SPF are still too high, significant simplification within the SPF is needed in the phase of applications as well as implementation;
- In the next programming period bigger flexibility within the SPF tool shall be given and promoted already by the EU regulatory framework;
- Recommendation to abandon the rule of having the identical ruling documentation in the Western and Eastern part of the Programme area;

COM:

- SPF is a tool for supporting small local initiatives, it is foreseen that in the future the tool will enable further simplifications;

VI.

Discussion on and approval of the Annual Implementation Report 2018

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth/Lenka Strížencová

VI/1) The Monitoring Committee

approves the Annual Implementation Report 2018 of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme as texted in the document *AIR_2018_v1-00* with no conditions.

VII.

Information on First Phase Evaluation Report of the Interreg V-A SKHU

Presented by: Gyula Ocskay

VII/1) The Monitoring Committee

approves the First Phase Evaluation Report of the Interreg V-A Slovakia – Hungary Cooperation Programme as texted in the document *First_phase_evaluation_report_v4-04* with no conditions.

Remarks from the MC members:

Bratislava self-governing region:

- A thorough analysis of the target area including analysis of the legislative obstacles is necessary when defying the programme's objectives in the next programming period in order to avoid the modification of the cooperation programme;

Trnava self-governing region:

- In the next programming period there shall be a flexibility in terms of reallocating the financial resources between the supported priority axes;
- Possibility should be given also to a reconstruction of the existing road infrastructure not only to building a new one;
- Possibility to cooperate shall be given also to applicants without common history;
- Necessity and priority to create of new working places differs among regions because the employment rate also differs.

National Authority:

- On 17 May 2019 there will be a technical meeting organized with participation of the Slovak self-governing regions concerning the strategic aims for the future programming period;

Managing Authority:

- The EU regulatory framework for the current programming period did not allow reconstructions of the existing road infrastructure;
- Agrees that it is necessary to expand the project partnerships and provide opportunities for new partners;

VIII.

Information on Annual communication plan 2019 and Report on annual communication plan 2018

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

VIII/1) The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the Annual communication plan 2019 as texted in the document *Annual_communication_plan_2019_v1-01* **and the Report on annual communication plan 2018** as texted in the document *Communication_report_2018_v1-05*.

IX.

Discussion on and approval of the modification of the Guide on eligible expenditures

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

IX/1) The Monitoring Committee

approves the modification of the Guide on eligible expenditures as texted in the document *Guide-on-expenditures_b4-00* (public version number *Guide-on-expenditures_SKHU_v4-00*) with no conditions.

X.

Discussion on and approval of the modification of the Visibility Guide

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

X/1) The Monitoring Committee

approves the modification of the Visibility Guide as texted in the document *Visibility_guide-for-projects_v3-02* with no conditions.

Task based on the requirement of Bratislava self-governing region: For the next Call for proposals the JS shall examine the possibilities of new design for the temporary and permanent billboards, plaques and posters.

XI.

Modification of the Rules of Procedures of the MC

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

XI/1) The Monitoring Committee

approves the modification of the Rules of Procedures as texted in the document *Rules_of_Procedure_of_the_MC_v3-07* with no conditions.

XII.

Presentation on the updates on the developments in the 2020+ regulatory framework

Presented by: Katalin Júlia Péntzes

XII/1) The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the presentation of the updates on the developments in the 2020+ EU regulatory framework and important aspects to be taken on board when planning the new CP.

Remarks from the MC members:

Bratislava self-governing region:

- The ambition of the Slovak self-governing regions is to be intensively involved in the negotiations during preparation of the legislative package for the next programming period;
- In case the 5th component is left out the remaining financial allocation should be transferred to the cross-border cooperation;
- 70% of community co-financing rate is considered to be too low; the Bratislava region supports keeping the 85% of the ERDF contribution in the next programming period;
- 25 km rule for defining the national allocation is considered to be unfavourable for both countries, the length should be reconsidered and increased. This position will be incorporated into the joint position of the Slovak regions;
- Asks the COM if the new legislative package will allow the CBC programmes to clearly support tourism or if the COM plans to launch some other direct programmes aimed on the tourism support;

COM:

- The 25km rule is used to calculate the overall financial allocation for the cross-border programmes;
- Regarding the question of Bratislava region concerning the direct support of tourism, a written answer will be sent to the MA;

XIII.

Information on n+3 status

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth/Lenka Strižencová

XIII/1) The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the information on the n+3 status and forecast as texted in the document *n+3_status-and-forecast_v1-00*.

XIV.

Any other business

XIV/1) The Monitoring Committee

gives mandate to the Managing Authority to initiate preparation of the Call for proposals in the Priority Axis 3. Based on the principle of equal treatment the Call for proposals in PA3 shall be restricted for the TAPes whose projects were rejected during the eligibility assessment step in order to reach capitalization of the results and Programme`s objectives.

XIV/2) The Monitoring Committee

gives mandate to initiate the approval of the restricted Call for Proposals in PA3 via shorter written procedure (5 days) and to initiate the decision making process on project proposals submitted within the restricted Call for proposals via written procedure.

XIV/3) The Monitoring Committee

gives mandate to the Managing Authority to initiate preparation of the Call for proposals in the Priority Axis 1 and Priority Axis 4. In Priority Axis 1 small and medium sized enterprises shall be involved among the eligible applicants.

XIV/4) The Monitoring Committee

gives mandate to initiate the approval of the Applicants package and Call for Proposals for PA 1 and PA 4 via written procedure.

XIV/5) The Monitoring Committee

gives mandate to CESCO to prepare regional strategic analysis of the programme`s eligible area.