

Protocol

of the 7th Monitoring Committee Meeting

for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme
17th of July 2017, Budapest

Chair of the Meeting:

Zsigmond Perényi / Adrián Savanyú

I.

Approval of the Agenda

Presentation of the purpose of the meeting

Presented by: Zsigmond Perényi

I/1) The Monitoring Committee

approves the Agenda

of the 7th Monitoring Committee for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme 17th of July 2017 in Budapest with no conditions.

II.

Current status of SKHU/1601 Call for Proposals assessment

Discussion and decision on projects submitted in Priority Axis 1 and Priority Axis 2

Presented by: Zsigmond Perényi / Adrián Savanyú

II/1 The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the Ranking list of the project proposals as the basis for the selection procedure submitted in the 1st Call for proposals for the Priority Axis 1 and Priority Axis 2 as it is texted in the documents

Project-overview+ranking-list_SKHU-1601_SO11_v1-01.xls

Project-overview+ranking-list_SKHU-1601_PA2_v1-01.xls

II/2) The Monitoring Committee

approves the increase of the overall ERDF allocation for financing project proposals submitted in the PA1 within the 1st Call for proposals up to 40,351,153.20 EUR with the following remarks:

National Authority (NA):

- recommends to the MC members not to approve the increase of the financial allocation at this moment taking into consideration that the increased allocation represents

approx. 95% of the whole PA1 allocation for the whole programming period and during the planning of the programme the allocation was planned to be partially divided among more Calls for proposals in order to give more opportunities to project applicants for submitting their project proposals.

- a major risk of a smooth implementation of the program can be seen by contracting 95% of PA1 allocation given also the fact that JS will be in charge of preparing a large number of contracts while fulfilling other challenging tasks related to the implementation of other priority axes.

Managing Authority (MA):

- agrees with the recommendation of the NA and considers the amount launched within the call as limit for current absorption.

Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county:

- recommends to the MC plenum not to increase the financial allocation of the 1st CfP and save financial resources of PA1 for another Calls for proposals.

Detailed result of voting¹ regarding the increase of overall ERDF allocation in PA1 up to 40,351,153.20 EUR:

No voting due to impartiality	Abstained voting	Voted against
-	HU: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade Ministry for National Economy SK: -	SK: NA, Ministry of Environment of SR HU: MA, Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg county

II/3) The Monitoring Committee

approves the method of the selection procedure of the project proposals one by one according to the ranking list created from the summarised scores assigned to the project proposals during the quality assessment process with the following remarks:

Impartiality of MC voting members shall be considered in line with Rule 7 (9) of Rules of Procedures of the MC.

Order of projects in the ranking list is set based on the scores gained by the project proposals during the quality assessment. In case the applications receive same total score and the availability of funds is not sufficient, the total scoring of the “*relevance and cross-border cooperation*” evaluation criteria is used to distinguish between applications (in line with the Assessment Manual).

¹ Heves county, Ministry of National Development of Hungary and Ministry of Culture of SR as voting members were not present at the 7th MC plenary session.

II/4 The Monitoring Committee

approves the list of projects in the frame of the 1st Call for proposals for the Priority Axis 1 as follows:

Project ID	Project Acronym	No voting due to impartiality	Abstained voting	Voted against
SKHU/1601/1.1/206	CtoC	SK:- HU: BAZ county	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/014	DANUBE BIKE&BOAT	SK: BA county, NR county, TT county HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/009	SK-HU FOREST SCHOOLS	SK: NA HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/160	Rowing in one river	SK: - HU: -	SK: BA county HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/198	GREX	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/226	COMMON HERITAGE	SK: - HU: -	SK: BA county HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/035	Aggtelek-Domica curative cave	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/229	HUSK Limes Romanus	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/060	MONUMENTIS	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/041	CULTACROSS	SK: - HU: -	SK: BA county HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/209	CULTPLAY	SK: - HU: -	SK: BA county HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/267	LIVING HERITAGE	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/063	Connecting Heritages	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/202	Sweet memories	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/002	SK-HU FORESTERS AND BEES	SK:NA HU: -	SK:- HU: GyMS county, SzSzB county	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/010	SK-HU FOR FORESTS II	SK:NA HU: -	SK:- HU: SzSzB county	SK: - HU: -
SKHU/1601/1.1/030	Modern Monasteries	SK: - HU: -	SK: Ministry of Environment of SR (MEoSR) HU: Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary (MFAToH), Ministry of National Economy of Hungary (MNEoH), SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA

Project ID	Project Acronym	No voting due to impartiality	Abstained voting	Voted against
SKHU/1601/1.1/212	VIRTOUR	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/038	Bodrog Active tourism	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/013	SacraVelo	SK: BA county, TT county HU: GyMS county, KE county	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/031	RailGate	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/175	Palócland - Hont - Podpolanie	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/225	EKOKH	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/258	NATUR/DANUBEP ARKS	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/051	ZOO4NAT	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/217	TreeJoy	SK: - HU: -	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA

II/5 The Monitoring Committee

approves with condition the following list of projects in the frame of the 1st Call for proposals for the Priority Axis 1:

Project ID	Project Acronym	No voting due to impartiality	Abstained voting	Voted against
SKHU/1601/1.1/228	CROSS-BORDER RURAL TOURISM	SK:- HU:-	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/065	Bird of paradise	SK:- HU:-	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/227	Fragments of nature	SK:- HU:-	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA
SKHU/1601/1.1/284	Cyclepath 3	SK:- HU:-	SK: MEoSR HU: MFAToH, MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: NA HU: MA

Condition:

As all of the above projects received the same total score (77,5) therefore the project proposals are approved with condition depending on the available financial allocation after the revision of the budgets by merging the external experts' proposals by JS of all additionally approved projects under the PA1 based on decision of the MC to increase the overall allocation.

According to the Assessment Manual *“In case the applications receive same total score and the availability of funds is not sufficient, the total scoring of the following evaluation criteria will be used to distinguish between applications: relevance and cross-border cooperation criteria.”*

Scoring given to relevance and cross border cooperation evaluation criterion is the highest in case of project no. SKHU/1601/1.1/228 (score is 14), in case of project no. SKHU/1601/1.1/065 and project no. SKHU/1601/1.1/227 this score is the same (13) and concerning the project no. SKHU/1601/1.1/284 the score equals to 11,5.

II/6 The Monitoring Committee

approves the list of project in the frame of the 1st Call for proposals for the Priority Axis 2 as follows:

Project ID	Project Acronym	No voting due to impartiality	Abstained voting	Voted against
SKHU/1601/2.2.1/127	Mária Valéria Bike	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -	SK: - HU: -

II/7 The Monitoring Committee

approves with condition the list of project in the frame of the 1st Call for proposals for the Priority Axis 2 as follows:

Project ID	Project Acronym	No voting due to impartiality	Abstained voting	Voted against
SKHU/1601/2.2.1/109	KOMBI	SK:- HU:-	SK: - HU: MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: - HU: -

Condition:

Organization “Európske zoskupenie územnej spolupráce Pons Danubii s ručeným obmedzením” acting in the role of the Lead Beneficiary in the submitted project proposal has to pay back the pending reclaimed amount detected by irregularity of project no. HUSK/1101/2.3.1/0239 until 30 days from the day of 7th MC plenary session.

II/8 The Monitoring Committee

does not approve the project in the frame of the 1st Call for proposals for the Priority Axis 2 as follows:

Project ID	Project Acronym	No voting due to impartiality	Abstained voting	Voted against
SKHU/1601/2.2.2/354	Skylog System	SK: - HU: -	SK: BA county, TT county HU: MNEoH, SzSzB county	SK: BB county, KE county HU: GyMS county, KE county, Nógrád county, Pest county

Reason for rejection:

The project reached 65 points and considering the fact that under the same Priority Axis and in Priority Axis 1 and Priority Axis 4 the Monitoring Committee selected only projects which received more than 70 points. The Monitoring Committee used equal treatment in terms of scoring in case of all priorities within the first call for proposals.

Moreover due to the state aid incidence approximately 78% from the overall ERDF contribution of the submitted project proposal must be deducted. Due to significant change in the project budget's EU contribution but keeping the total budget with all the activities to be performed the Monitoring Committee raised eventual risk factors to successful implementation and delivery of the planned project aims and outputs.

III.

Discussion on and approval of the Application Package of the Call for Proposals of Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility (Priority Axis 3)

Presented by: Adrián Savanyú / Nikoletta Horváth

III/1) The Monitoring Committee

postpones the decision on Application Package of the Call for Proposals of Promoting sustainable and quality employment and supporting labour mobility (Priority Axis 3) and Assessment manual as it is texted in the documents

Call-for-proposal_SKHU-1703_b2-39.doc

Applicants-Manual_SKHU-1703_b1-27.doc

Application-form_SKHU-1703-p1_b2-40.doc

Application-form_SKHU-1703-p2_b1-21.xls

Letter-of-intent_SKHU-1703_b1-00

Quality-AG_SKHU-1703_v1-17.xls

Guide-for-quality-assessment_SKHU-1703_b1-09.doc

Assessment-Manual_Interreg-V-A-SKHU_v2-07

for the written procedure. MC members may deliver their written proposals for development of the documents until 21st July 2017.

Other proposals from MC members for improving the assessment procedure:

Trnava county:

- Names of quality assessors is proposed to be included in all quality assessment grids sent out to the MC members before the plenary session on which the decision on project selection is to be done.

Košice county:

- During the assessment procedure – with respecting the anonymity of the assessors involved in the assessment procedure – the applicants can have the possibility for argumentation regarding the preliminary result of the quality assessment based on which the assessment grids can be finalised by the external evaluators.

Bratislava county:

- More emphasis shall be given to the regional viewpoints during the quality assessment.

Nógrád county:

- The overall quality of the assessment procedure introduced in the modified Assessment Manual and in the Guide for quality assessment of TAPE has been considerably improved; scoring system of the assessors is well guided by these documents.
- Due to the complexity of PA3 concept, the proposed date for submission deadline in this Priority Axis is 15th of November 2017.

EC:

- MC shall *ex-ante* interfere into the assessment procedure in order to reach the objective of the Cooperation Programme by improving such an assessment grids which serves the project selection in line with Priority Axes. The MC plays crucial role in planning and developing the eligibility criteria of the Call for Proposals based on the analysis of the Cooperation Programme and formulating evaluation criteria for aiming the fulfilment of indicators laid down in the CP and not acting *ex-post* and influencing the procedure and result of the assessment already accomplished by the independent assessors.

Managing Authority:

- Publishing the names of quality assessors – either the names of the assessors from the region, or from the JS – has no value added to the assessment procedure but increase the risk of attempting to obtain confidential information or to influence the result of assessment process, therefore the MA is strictly against publishing the names of assessors. Influencing the assessment by the applicants against the principle of independent evaluations.

National Authority:

- Criteria for selection of the assessors shall be developed in advance.

IV.

Any other business

IV/1) The Monitoring Committee gives its mandate that the decision of the MC on the B-Light Scheme Project Proposal submitted in the first round of the Call for B-Light Scheme Project Proposals can be made via written procedure without necessity to hold a plenary session once the quality assessment process is finalized.

IV/2) The Monitoring Committee members are asked to provide information to the MA on the anticipated general interest from the regions toward the Call for Proposals in PA2 and PA3. New Call for Proposals in PA1 might be launched conditionally only after having exact information on the unused funds in PA2 and PA3.