

**MONITORING COMMITTEE**

under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia Programme

CCI 2021TC16IPCB006

Written procedure No.04, initiated on 25.05.2023

1. Description:

On 25th of May 2023 with official letter No 99-00-2-126/25.05.2023, a decision making procedure in writing for consideration and approval the Application package for the Call for investment projects under Priority 1 "Greener border region" specific objective 1.1. "Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution " of the INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria - North Macedonia Programme, was initiated by the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Republic of Bulgaria.

In accordance with Articles 7 (1) and 7 (2) of the Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee (MC) of the INTERREG (VI-A) IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia Programme 2021-2027, were sent to MC members for consideration and approval the Application package for the Open call for investment projects under Priority 1 "Greener border region" specific objective 1.1. "Enhancing protection and preservation of nature, biodiversity, and green infrastructure, including in urban areas, and reducing all forms of pollution " of the INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria - North Macedonia Programme.

The proposed Application package had been revised in accordance with the comments received during the public consultations and those discussed on the MC meeting held on 16th of May 2023. In order to ensure timely implementation of the Priority 1 "Greener border region" Managing bodies of the Programme would like to propose the submission period for investment projects to be at least 90 days from the date of the launch of the Call for proposals.

In accordance with Article 7 (3) of the Rules of procedure of the Monitoring Committee, the MC members had been given 5 (five) working

days from dispatch of the documents to respond in writing. The deadline for comments/approval was 01st of June 2023.

The comments received during the written procedure are reflected in the comparative table. The revised Application package in accordance with comments received by the Ministry of Finance (State aid and Real Sector Directorate) had been distributed to all MC members.

2. Decisions:

The Monitoring Committee approves:

1. Application package for Priority 1 "Greener border region" on the condition that Call for investment projects will be launched after receiving a positive opinion from the Ministry of Finance (State aid and Real Sector Directorate) on the revised Application package;
2. A period of at least 90 days for submission of investment projects under the Open call for investment projects - Priority 1 "Greener border region".

The hereby Decisions is adopted on the 02nd of June 2023 the date following the deadline for submission of approval/ objections/ additional proposals / comments from Monitoring Committee members.

3. Attachments:

1. Letter from Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works No 99-00-2-126/25.05.2023 to MC members;
2. Application package for P1 "Greener border region";
3. Comparative Table with comments.

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