



## **Second Strategy Board meeting of the Territorial Strategy under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria - North Macedonia Programme 2021 -2027 held on 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2023**

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**1. Description:** The Strategy Board meeting under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia Programme 2021-2027, was held on 28<sup>th</sup> of March 2023, with the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Strategy Board meeting  
Introductory and welcoming speeches:
  - Mr. Ilko Stoyanov, Mayor of Blagoevgrad Municipality and Chairperson of the Strategy Board
  - Mrs. Andrea Zlatkovska, East Planning Region and Co-chairperson of the Strategy Board
  - Mrs. Desislava Georgieva – Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Head of Managing Authority
  - Mrs. Tatjana Janevska – Programme Officer, Ministry of Local-Self Government, Republic of North Macedonia
2. Approval of the agenda;
3. Draft Methodology for identification of concept notes  
Discussion and approval;
4. Draft Guidelines for Application with concept notes  
Discussion and approval;
5. Set up a Governance Project for the implementation of the Territorial Strategy  
Discussion, approval and follow up steps;
6. AOB; end of meeting.

The following decisions were taken by the Strategy Board:

**2. Decisions:** **Decision 1:**

**The Strategy Board approved the Draft Methodology for identification of concept notes with accepted suggestions and comments.**

**Decision 2:**

The Strategic Board approved the Draft Guidelines for Application with concept notes (with the accepted suggestions and comments), and accompanying annexes:

- Annex 1. GfA-Call 1 - Offline Concept Note - JeMS;
- Annex 2. GfA-Call 1 - Letter of Commitment;
- Annex 3. GfA-Call 1 - Project Maturity Development Plan;
- Annex 4. Contribution to Output & Result Indicators.

Noting that additional decisions will be made on the issues for which it was decided to have additional consultations.

**Decision 3:**

The Strategic Board approved the Set up a Governance Project for the implementation of the Territorial Strategy.

**3. Attachments:**

1. Methodology for identification of PO5 projects;
2. Guide for application with concept notes (Call 1) with accompanying annexes;
3. Table with Comments from the members of the Strategy Board on the Draft Methodology for identification of project ideas that support the achievement of the Territorial Strategy's objectives under the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria North Macedonia Programme and SB' comments on the Draft Guidelines for Application with concept notes under the Territorial Strategy of the INTERREG VI-A IPA Bulgaria - North Macedonia Programme 2021-2027
4. Minutes of the second Strategic Board meeting.

for Republic of Bulgaria:

  
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Mr. ILKO STOYANOV

*Chairperson of the Strategy Board*

for Republic of North Macedonia:

  
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Mrs. ANDREA ZLATKOVSKA

*Co-chairperson of the Strategy Board*

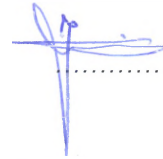
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