# Fourth Strategy Board meeting of the Territorial Strategy under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria - North Macedonia Programme 2021 -2027

held on 09th of February 2024

## 1. Description:

The Strategy Board meeting under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia Programme 2021-2027, was held on 9<sup>th</sup> of February 2024, with the following agenda:

- Opening of the Strategy Board meeting Introductory and welcoming speeches:
  - Mr. Zhivko Ivanov, Business Information and Consulting Centre Sandanski (BICC - Sandanski) and Chairperson of the Strategy Board
  - Mrs. Andrea Zlatkovska, East Planning Region and Cochairperson of the Strategy Board
  - Mrs. Stanka Dimitrova Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Head of Managing Authority
  - Mr. Vullnet Arifi Programme Officer, Ministry of Local-Self Government, Republic of North Macedonia
- 2. Approval of the agenda;
- Presentation of the Summary Report of the Identification Process carried out under the First Call for Concept Notes under the Territorial Strategy of the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia 2021 – 2027;
- Discussion on the Summary Report and identification of ranking criteria for 2 equally scored project concepts;
- 5. Approval of the report and the proposed ranking of project concepts:
- Approval of Decision for approval of the List of identified concept notes (including the reserve ones) to become part of the Territorial Strategy of the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia 2021-2027 and Decision to mandate the Operational Unit to inform all applicants about the results of the identification process conducted under the First Call for Concept Notes;
- Overview of the entire process for identification and contracting of project proposals submitted under the Territorial Strategy of the programme, incl. information on the Guidelines for development and submission of full project proposals.
- 8. AOB; end of meeting.

The following decisions were taken by the Strategy Board:

## 2. Decisions:

### Decision 1:

The Strategy Board approved the Summary Report of the Identification Process carried out under the First Call for Concept Notes under the Territorial Strategy of the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia 2021 – 2027 and the proposed ranking of project concepts

### Decision 2:

The Strategy Board approved the Decision for approval of the List of identified concept notes (including the reserve ones) to become part of the Territorial Strategy of the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia 2021-2027.

# **Decision 3:**

The Strategy Board approved the Decision to mandate the Operational Unit to inform all applicants about the results of the identification process conducted under the First Call for Concept Notes.

### 3. Attachments:

- Summary Report of the Identification Process carried out under the First Call for Concept Notes under the Territorial Strategy of the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia 2021 – 2027;
- List of identified concept notes (including the reserve ones) to become part of the Territorial Strategy of the Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia 2021-2027;
- 3. Minutes of the fourth Strategic Board meeting.

for Republic of Bulgaria:

Mr. ZHIVKO IVANOV

Chairperson of the Strategy Board

for Republic of North Macedonia:

Mrs. ANDREA ZLATKOVSKA

Co-chairperson of the Strategy Board