

# **6<sup>th</sup> Strategy Board meeting under Territorial Strategy under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria - North Macedonia Programme 2021 -2027 held on 15-17<sup>th</sup> of December 2025**

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## **1. Description:**

The Strategy Board meeting under Territorial Strategy under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia Programme 2021-2027, was held on 15-17<sup>th</sup> of December 2025 in Sandanski, Bulgaria, with the following agenda:

1. Opening of the Strategy Board meeting  
Introductory and welcoming remarks;  
Approval of the agenda;
2. Assessment rules (main steps of assessment and decision-making process) and outcomes of the closed Open Call for Project Proposals for SME's under Priority 3 - Integrated Development of the Border Region;
3. Training session on the strategic assessment process of submitted project proposals under Open Call for Project Proposals for SME's under Priority 3 - Integrated Development of the Border Region. Topics: integrated territorial development (ITD), assessment of cross-border effects, justifications in the appraisal process;
4. Strategy Board Assessment Panel:
  - Short Presentation of the Summary Report of the A&E and Financial capacity screening under the Open Call for Project Proposals for SME's under Priority 3 - Integrated Development of the Border Region
  - Strategic assessment of submitted SME's project proposals, scored against the following criteria:
    - Relevance and demand-based approach,
    - Accessibility, quality, and innovation in service provision,
    - Cross-border cooperation and synergy,
    - Sustainability, durability, and transferability,
    - Use of knowledge, experience, and lessons learned;
5. Decision of the Strategy Board on the SME's projects ranking;
6. Closure of the Strategy Board meeting.

**2. Decision:** The following decision was taken by the Strategy Board:

**Decision 1:**

**After completing the strategic assessment of project proposals submitted under Open Call for Project Proposals for SME's under Priority 3 - Integrated Development of the Border Region, the Strategy Board approved the ranking list.**

**The Decision enters into force on 17 December 2025, the date of its adoption by the Strategy Board.**

**3. Attachment:** 1. Ranking List of project proposals evaluated by SB.

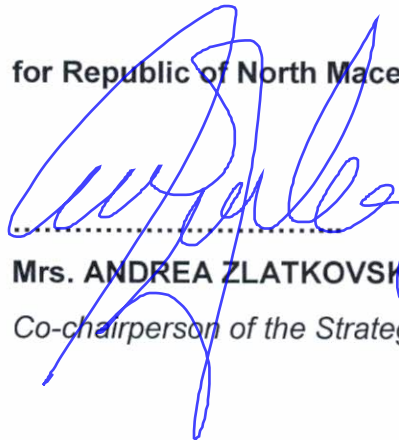
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