



## MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg VI-A IPA Bulgaria – North Macedonia Programme

CCI 2021TC16IPCB006

Written procedure No.21, initiated on 17.03.2026

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### 1. Description:

On 17<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 with official letter No 99-00-2-118/17.03.2026, a decision making procedure in writing for approval of results from the complaint procedure under the Open Call for Project Proposals with reference number 2021TC16IPCB006 – 2025 – 4 under Priority 3 "Integrated development of the cross-border region", was initiated by the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works of Republic of Bulgaria.

The results of the administrative compliance and eligibility screening, financial capacity screening and operational screening under the Open Call for Project Proposals with reference number 2021TC16IPCB006 – 2025 – 4 were approved by Monitoring Committee (MC) Decision from 10 February 2026 where 15 project proposals were rejected for non-compliance with the criteria for administrative compliance and eligibility screening and financial capacity screening. The results were published on the Programme website and on 13 February 2026 rejected applicants were officially notified about the reasons their proposals were not admitted to the next stage of evaluation.

According to the Attachment 2 Complaint Procedure to the Guidelines for Applicants, in case of disagreement with the MC decision for rejection, each Lead partner may issue a complaint following the respective procedure. Within the complaint procedure on the administrative compliance and eligibility screening and financial capacity screening under the Open Call for Proposals, one complaint (project proposal with ref. No. BGMK0500159) was submitted within the deadline of 7 working days from receipt of the notification (till 24 February 2024).

In compliance with the Programme implementation procedures the complaints were examined by a Complaint panel including representatives of the Managing Authority, the National Authority and the Joint Secretariat.

In accordance with Article 7(4) 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 25<sup>th</sup> of *March* 2026.

No written objections, additional proposals or comments have been received within the given deadline, and it can be concluded that the MC approves the results from the complaint procedure under the Open Call for Project Proposals with reference number ~~2021TC16IPCB006 – 2025 – 4~~ under Priority 3 “Integrated development of the cross-border region”.

**2. Decisions:** The Monitoring Committee approves the results from the complaint procedure under the Open Call for Project Proposals with reference number **2021TC16IPCB006 – 2025 – 4** under Priority 3 “Integrated development of the cross-border region”

The hereby Decisions is adopted on the 26<sup>th</sup> of March 2026 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 99-00-2-118/17.03.2026 to MC members;
2. Compliant procedure report.

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