



4th Interreg Europe Programming Committee Meeting 30 September 2020

Online

Chaired by: Germany (DE)
Participants: See Participants' List (Annex 01).
Decision notes: Interreg Europe JS

1.	Welcome, opening and approval of the agenda
	<p>Chair welcomed all PC members. 29 Partner States were present. Concerning the agenda, the Chair proposed that point 5. Template "Agreement to the CP" is for information only and not for approval.</p> <p>Decision: The agenda (Annex 02) with the above modification was approved without objections.</p>
2.	State of play of programme preparation
	<p>2.1 Post 2020 negotiations</p> <p>Chair and EC informed that the Working Party on Structural Measures met mid-September and that a trialogue was also held on the CPR; the transposition to the Regulations of the Council decisions in July is done. It is however unlikely that an agreement on the MFF is found quickly and that the final regulations is published before the end of the year. The regulation will be most probably published in spring 2021.</p> <p>EC also explained that the funds allocation for the Interregional programmes is not done by the Member States (which is the case for the cross-border and transnational programmes), but is proposed by the Commission. Once the Member States adopt the programmes, the Commission issues an implementing act with the allocation of funds that goes through the comitology for approval. The current proposal for the four interregional programmes is of MEUR 500, which is like the current budget (514MEUR for 2014-2020). The EC does not see now any intention to challenge the current key of distribution of the budget among the four interregional programmes.</p> <p>2.2 Strategic Environmental Assessment</p> <p>JS informed the Partner States that, according to the French environmental authority, a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) should be produced for Interreg Europe. The relevant procurement for maximum EUR 15,000 is launched after the MC approval.</p>



	<p>2.3 Update on ‘Component 5’ discussion and on version 1 of the Cooperation Programme</p> <p>JS presented the latest developments and discussions with the DG Regio and proposed to update section 1.2.4 of the Interreg Europe Cooperation Programme (version 1).</p> <p>Decision</p> <p>The text was amended as following:</p> <p>“The complementarity to the Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument <i>The Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument is included in the ERDF Regulation and consists of two strands. The first strand focuses on investments in interregional projects, whereas the second strand supports the development of value chains in less developed regions. A small budget allocation is dedicated to capacity building, not addressed to public administrations. The new Instrument and Interreg Europe do not overlap, as their objectives and scopes differ. Still synergies between Interregional Innovation Investment Instrument and Interreg Europe can be envisaged. The results achieved within the new instrument may be an interesting source of learning for the Interreg Europe projects and Policy Learning Platform. Reciprocally, Interreg Europe projects focusing on innovation may set the basis for future Interregional Innovation Investments. This could be planned from the beginning in case a project includes the preparation of such applications as one of its objectives. For other projects, this can be an opportunity that occurs in the course of the project implementation based on the lessons learnt from the cooperation and the identification of areas for joint investments.”</i></p>
3.	<p>Cooperation Programme, Version 2 (CP V2): presentation</p>
	<p>The experts reminded the Partner States on the methodology adopted for developing version 2 of the Cooperation Programme and summarised the results of the survey launched during summer. Their presentation is available in Annex 03.</p>
4.	<p>CP V2: preliminary approval</p>
	<p>Decision</p> <p>In order to move forward, a poll was launched to get feedback on the 3 options. The majority of Partner States selected option 2 which received 55% of the votes (2nd choice Option 1).</p> <p>A new PC meeting will be organised for the end of October, beginning of November, and version 2 of the programme will be updated on the basis of option 2.</p>
5.	<p>Template “Agreement to the CP”</p>
	<p>This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.</p>
6.	<p>Timeline (update)</p>
	<p>This agenda point was postponed to the next meeting.</p>
7.	<p>Any other business</p>
	<p>There was no other business.</p>
<p>End of Meeting</p> <p>NOTE: To ensure transparency of the programming committee meetings, the decision notes are published on the Interreg Europe’s website. Annexes as mentioned in the notes can be requested by email: info@interregueurope.eu</p>	