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# MAIN DECISIONS 10<sup>TH</sup> MONITORING COMMITTEE

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## SUMMARY

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The meeting addressed updates on project implementation, upcoming financial and regulatory changes, and the preparations for the future programming period. Key outcomes include the approval of Programme modifications, extension of project durations, and the Terms of Reference for the 4<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals (capitalisation projects) in coordination with the Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism.

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### ITEM 0 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

**Chair:** Mr. Antonio Verrico (Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department for Cohesion Policy and the South)

**Head of the Italian Delegation:** Ms. Milena Rosa (Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department for Cohesion Policy and the South)

**Head of the Croatian Delegation:** Mr. Perica Gabrić (Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds)

**Representative of the European Commission:** Mr. Beniamino Brunati (DG REGIO)

### ITEM 1 – INFORMATION FROM DG REGIO

The Monitoring Committee (MC) **acknowledges** the update from Mr. Brunati (DG REGIO, European Commission) on the **Multi-annual Financial Framework (MFF) and the post-2027 programming period**, informing on the status of the negotiation process within the European Parliament. The Commission representative concludes by saying that, as there still is significant work to do before the final relevant regulations are approved, the Programme's work will have to proceed in parallel with the legislative negotiations.

### ITEM 2 – STATE OF THE ART OF PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

The MC **acknowledges** the financial and reporting **updates** provided by the Joint Secretariat (JS) representatives on **ongoing projects**. The Programme currently includes 99 projects involving 589 partners. To date, €51 million have been verified, representing 31% of the Programme budget. Moreover, the MC **acknowledges** the **project modifications** outlined by the JS representatives.

### ITEM 3 – INTERREG PROGRAMME MODIFICATION (IP VERSION 3.0)



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The MC **approves** the updated versions of the **Interreg Programme (vers. 4.0)** and the related documents (*Methodology Paper of the Performance Framework V. 2* dated 12<sup>th</sup> March 2026 and the *Explanatory Note*). The track-changed version of the IP will be shared with the EC after MC's approval. The proposed amendment concerns a **financial reallocation** under Priority 4 for the 4<sup>th</sup> Call for Proposals (CfPs) and adjustments to selected indicators to ensure consistency with implementation developments.

### ITEM 4 – POSSIBILITY OF EXTENSION OF THE MAX DURATION OVER 30 MONTHS FOR 1<sup>st</sup> CfPs STANDARD PROJECTS

The MC **approves**:

- The **maximum duration extension** from 30 to 36 months for the 1<sup>st</sup> CfPs Standard Projects (SPs) to allow projects to achieve the expected level of expenditure, their outputs and investments goals. The MC agrees with the risk analysis conducted by Joint Secretariat and the Managing Authority and considers it appropriate to extend the maximum duration of projects categorised as high risk (6 projects) for up to 6 months and those categorised as low risk (17 projects) for up to 4 months, on the basis of an evaluation carried out case-by-case;
- To **not request an additional Project Report** to the projects that have been extended beyond 30 months. The final Project Report will include the activities, outputs, and expenditure certificates from both the last and second-to-last reporting periods.

### ITEM 5 – MEDITERRANEAN MULTI-PROGRAMME MECHANISM (MMM) TERMS OF REFERENCE (ToR)

The MC **acknowledges** the presentation of the **MMM ToR**, which set the framework for the 4<sup>th</sup> CfPs. The Call will cover sustainable tourism as the thematic focus, and it will be launched in coordination with the other Interreg Programmes that participate in the MMM. The projects that it will finance will focus on the reuse, adaptation or scaling-up of outputs developed under other MMM Programmes. Italy-Croatia beneficiaries may participate either as “takers” (applying to the IT-HR Programme to



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transfer outputs from other Programmes) or as “givers” (transferring IT-HR outputs to other Programme areas). In the latter case, IT-HR partners may be involved as full or associated partners, depending on the rules of the receiving Programme.

### ITEM 6 – POST-27 UPDATE AND TASK FORCE

The MC **acknowledges** the Rules of Procedure of the **Task Force** in preparation for the **2028-2034** programming period, as well as the action plan timeline for its activities. The first Task Force meeting is scheduled for June 2026.

### AoB (ANY OTHER BUSINESS)

The MC **acknowledges updates** on:

- The **closure of the 2014–2020** programming period;
- The finalization of the **Final Environmental Report** for the **2014–2020** programming period;
- Programme **Communication** activities.

