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SUMMARY

During the meeting important updates were presented, including the evaluation results of the 1st CfPs for SSPs, fund reallocations and next steps for project implementation. The MC acknowledged updates on the Evaluation Working Group, Programme Implementation Manual revision, capitalisation activities, TA activities, and the launch of the new Programme 2021-2027 website. Finally, the MC agreed on upcoming meeting schedules and the organization of a national capitalisation event.

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ITEM 0 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair: Ms. Stella Arneri (Croatian Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds)

Head of the Italian Delegation: Ms. Milena Rosa (Agency for Territorial Cohesion)

Head of the Croatian Delegation: Mr. Mislav Kovac (Ministry of Regional Development and EU Funds)

Representative of the European Commission: Mr. Beniamino Brunati

The quorum is confirmed and the members present declare no conflicts of interest.

ITEM 1 – 1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS (CfPs) FOR SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS (SSP): ASSESSMENT RESULTS

The MC **acknowledges:**

- The **evaluation of the 1st CfPs SSP**;
- The main results of the **quality assessment** of the **23 projects proposals**, enclosing a short description of the projects objectives, the shortcomings detected, and the clarifications needed;
- That **training sessions** are needed for new types of **applicants** such as educational organizations and NGOs **with little project design experience**. The projects would be divided into two groups according to the implementation starting date and the relevance of the features to be solved;

The MC **approves:**

- The **reallocation of funds per Priority** in order to finance all the projects that passed the quality assessment;
- The immediate **start of the condition-clearing phase**, without waiting for the approval of MC minutes;
- The **non-application of the DNSH** principle but environmental indicators will be collected anyway.



ITEM 2 – 1st CfPs FOR STANDARD PROJECTS: ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLIANCE AND ELIGIBILITY CHECK

The MC **approves** the outcomes of **administrative compliance and eligibility check** for Standard projects proposed by the Joint Secretariat and **acknowledges** the presentation of the **main features of 1st CfPs** for Standard projects (number and typology of applicants, territorial and budget distribution) and of the cases with eligibility issues, including **reasons for exclusion**.

ITEM 3 – EVALUATION WORKING GROUP 2021-2027: APPROACH AND TIMING

The MC **acknowledges** the next activities, illustration of the Evaluation Working Group calendar and **requests** the two Delegations to provide the names of their representatives (2 per country) by 31st May 2023.

ITEM 4 – TIMELINE OF CfPs

The MC **approves** the draft **calendar** of the Calls for Proposals 2021-2027 presented, to be updated and published on the website after the approval of the Programme additional budget.

ITEM 5 – PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL (PIM): REVISION PROPOSAL

The MC **acknowledges** the **draft** of the second part of the **PIM**, to be finalised by July 2023. The following **sections** are presented:

- No. 6 – Monitoring and reporting, including the Project Mid-Term review;
- No. 7 – Projects Modifications and Flexibility rules;
- No. 8 – Projects Closure;
- No. 9 – Controls and Audit.

The MC **agrees** on the organization of a **technical meeting** online to discuss the PIM in detail.



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ITEM 6 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPITALISATION PLAN

The MC **acknowledges**:

- The **capitalisation activities** implemented and of the upcoming activities, among which is the future identification of the potential “Takers”;
- The updates on the **participation** of the Programme **in two meetings** focusing on possible synergies with other Programmes. One was organized by the Interact Programme and was held in March in Dubrovnik, while the other one was promoted by the Italy-France Maritime, Nextmed, EuroMed Programmes and took place in Florence in early May. Currently, the Italy-Croatia Programme is waiting for details on how to participate to the latter membership related to the multi-programme coordination mechanism;

Moreover, the MC **agrees** to the organization of a **national-level event** about **Capitalisation**.

ITEM 7 – TA ACTIVITIES ILLUSTRATION

The MC **acknowledges** the **TA activities** presented (templates and procedures) and the updates on the **signing of the National Agreement** for the new version of the IP (the Croatian Delegation sent their National Agreement and the Italian Delegation states that the signature process is ongoing).

ITEM 8 – PREVIEW OF THE NEW PROGRAMME 2021-2027 WEBSITE

The MC **acknowledges** the **new Programme 2021-2027 website** developed by the MA and the JS.

AoB (ANY OTHER BUSINESS)

The MC **acknowledges**:

- The calendar of the activities foreseen for 2023 and of the agenda for future meetings;
- The request of the Italian Delegation to receive Citizens’ summary, which the JS confirms will be sent shortly to the MC.

