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SUMMARY

The meeting covered the approval of funding for 55 projects from the 1st CfPs and emphasized the importance of continuous project implementation. Updates were acknowledged on SSPs, Risk-based Verification Methodology, the Capitalisation Plan, and the 2024 communication strategy. The MC also approved Italy-Croatia Programme participation in the Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism, discussed OSI Working Group progress, confirmed the revised timeline for upcoming calls and the next steps for future

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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. Olivier Baudelet

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

ITEM 1 – 1st CALL FOR PROPOSALS (CfPs) FOR STANDARD PROJECTS: ASSESSMENT RESULTS

- The MC **acknowledges** the outcomes of the **assessment** carried out on 46 projects proposed for financing.
- The MC **decides to fund a larger number of projects** from the ranking lists proposed by the JS. Specifically, to finance 9 additional projects distributed as follows: 2 in the Specific Objective (SO) 1.1, 2.1, 2.2, 4.1, and 1 in S.O. 1.2.
- The MC **approves**, under conditions, **55 projects** in total and a total **budget** of € 92.010.005,25 ERDF;
- The MC **stresses** the importance of **continuous project implementation** covering the programming period to ensure regular impact on territories and to promote new partnerships having further calls.
- The MC **gives mandate** to the MA to **publish the list of approved** projects under conditions (including lead beneficiaries and the granted public contribution) and to JS to **start the condition clearing phase** soon.



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ITEM 2 – STATE OF THE ART OF SMALL-SCALE PROJECTS (SSPs)

The MC **acknowledges** the **overview on the implementation of SSPs** financed under the 1st CfPs, communication activities and contracting steps.

ITEM 3 – RISK-BASED MANAGEMENT VERIFICATION METHODOLOGY

The MC **acknowledges** the updates on activities carried out by the JS concerning the topic of **Risk-based Management Verification Methodology** (RBMV), one of the main novelties of the 21-27 period agreed between Italy and Croatia.

ITEM 4 – IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CAPITALISATION PLAN

The MC **acknowledges** the status updates on the implementation of the [Capitalisation plan](#) carried out since the latest MC meeting held in May.

ITEM 5 – PLAN OF COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES FOR 2024

The MC **acknowledges** the **plan of communication activities** for **2024**. The Programme communication strategy will focus on several different goals to reach the objectives, both through internal and external communication activities.

ITEM 6 – MULTI-PROGRAMME COORDINATION MECHANISM IN THE MEDITERRANEAN SEA BASIN: ITALY-CROATIA MEMBERSHIP

The MC **approves** the Programme participation to the [Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism](#) in the Mediterranean Sea Basin, aimed at establishing structured coordination among Interreg Programmes in the maritime area.



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ITEM 7 – OPERATION OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE (OSI) STATE OF THE ART OF WG ACTIVITIES

The MC **acknowledges** the state of the art of the results of **Working Group activities** and the works in progress within **OSI**. The team of external experts are involved in the OSI preparation and the assessment of efficiency, effectiveness and learning and adaptability.

ITEM 8 – TIMELINE OF CfPs

The MC **approves** the updated **timeline** for **the next CfPs**, postponing the launch of the Small-scale and Standard projects call and of OSI calls (see ITEM 1 and ITEM 7). The updated timeline will be published on the Programme website.

AoB (ANY OTHER BUSINESS)

The MC **acknowledges** the information provided by the MA about the next steps concerning technical assistance activities and expenses related to the JS selection, as well as the planning of MC meetings, communication and evaluation public procurement activities, and the upgrade of the Management and Monitoring System (JEMS).

