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MAIN DECISIONS 6TH MONITORING COMMITTEE

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SUMMARY

The meeting covered the approval of the 2nd CfPs for OSI, including related documents and follow-up activities. It also reviewed updates on projects status (small-scale and standard), approved revisions to the PIM and the communication, capitalisation and evaluation plans, as well as the Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism 2024/2025 Action Plan. Finally, the the Rules of Procedure were updated and the MC acknowledged ongoing activities in technical assistance and public procurements.

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ITEM 0 – WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

Chair: Mr. Antonio Verrico (Italian Department for Cohesion Policies)

Head of the Italian Delegation: Ms. Battistina Cugusi (Presidency of the Council of Ministers – Department for cohesion policy and South)

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

Representative of the European Commission: Mr. Beniamino Brunati

Welcome speeches of Mr Paolo Galletta (Italian Department for Cohesion Policies) and Ms Caterina De Pietro (Veneto Region).

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

ITEM 1 – 2nd CALL FOR PROPOSALS (CfPs) FOR OPERATIONS OF STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE (OSI) PROJECTS: ILLUSTRATION OF THE CfPs AND SELECTION CRITERIA

The JS **presents** the 2nd CfP for OSI projects, illustrating the call package and the main changes made to the following documents:

- Call Announcement;
- Annex 1 – Thematic Descriptive Sheet;
- Annex 2 – guidance on Aid Schemes for Priority 1;
- Project Selection Procedure;
- Annex 1 to the Project Selection Procedure (Selection Criteria).

The MC **approves** the 2nd CfPs documents and gives the mandate to the MA/JS to perform minor changes in the documents.



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ITEM 1 – FOLLOW-UP FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE 2nd CfPs

The MA **provides** details on the **follow-up activities** for the launch of the **2nd CfPs**, including the plan for publicity and the infodays.

Both Delegations express their availability to support the follow-up activities:

- The Croatian Delegation confirms the availability to support the dissemination of the call;
- The Italian Delegation confirms the availability of the Friuli Venezia Giulia Region to host the info day event.

The MC **acknowledges** the proposed follow-up activities and gives the mandate to the MA/JS to proceed with the planned activities.

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

The MC **acknowledges** the **state of the art** of **SSPs** as presented by the JS highlighting strengths and weaknesses and **requests** the JS to continue monitoring and reporting on the progress of the projects. For more information on the projects, go to this [link](#).

ITEM 3 – STATE OF THE ART OF STANDARD PROJECTS (SPs)

The MC **acknowledges** the **state of the art** of **SPs**, as presented by the JS, and **requests** the JS to provide **continuous reporting** on any issues or delays for the Condition Closure and contractualization.



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ITEM 4 – REVISION OF PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION MANUAL (PIM)

The MC **acknowledges** the revision of the PIM – as presented by the JS with the aim to finalize the document before the start of the OSI call – and gives the mandate to the MA/JS to proceed with the revision.

ITEM 5 – FORESEEN COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES AND CONSULTATION OF STAKEHOLDERS POST-2027

The MC **acknowledges** the **planned communication activities** illustrated by the JS for 2024 and for the post-2027 consultation carried out to date.

ITEM 6 – UPDATE ON THE CAPITALISATION PLAN

The MC **approves** the update on the [Capitalisation Plan](#) presented by the JS.

ITEM 7 – UPDATE OF THE EVALUATION PLAN

The MC **approves** the update of the [Evaluation Plan](#) presented by the JS, highlighting proposed amendments and the needs that emerged during the implementation of the Programme.

ITEM 8 – ACTION PLAN 2024/2025 OF MULTI-PROGRAMME COORDINATION MECHANISM

The MC **approves** the **Action Plan 2024/2025** for the [Multi-Programme Coordination Mechanism](#) presented by the JS highlighting the potential links with future Calls of the Programme.



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ITEM 9 – UPDATE ON EVALUATION ACTIVITIES: FINDINGS FROM THE FIRST OPERATION EVALUATION

The MC **acknowledges** the findings from the 1st report of the **Operational Evaluation** at Programme level presented by the MA.

ITEM 10 – RULES OF PROCEDURE (RoP) UPDATE

The MC **approves** the update of the **RoP** presented by the MA, introducing changes in the wording of the document (art. 2.6, 2.7, 2.8, 2.10, 13.4) and in delegating the closure responsibilities for the 2014-2020 period to the current MC 2021-2027.

AoB (ANY OTHER BUSINESS)

The MC **acknowledges** the updates on the following implemented activities:

- **Technical Assistance;**
- **Public procurements** related to Communication and Evaluation.

