

PROGRAMMING TASK FORCE

6th MEETING – 2nd JULY 2021 *online*

Main decisions:

1. 2021-2027 Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme's «customised» scenario

The Task Force approves the proposal of the customised strategic and thematic scenario (STS).

Croatian delegation requests to extend the geographical scope for the tourism sector related to challenge n.30. Italian delegation suggests including innovation skills in challenge n.6 and to delete the concepts of “main ports” and maintain only “ports” in challenge n.18. These specifications made by the national delegations shall be taken into account when drafting the examples of actions of the Interreg Programme.

In open discussion on the customised scenario and possible inclusion of Interreg specific objective n.1 (ISO1), the Task Force decides to postpone the final decision to the next meeting and to hold an informal meeting with both national delegations on these matters that will be held before the 28th of July when the 7th Task Force meeting is scheduled. The Managing Authority (or the Joint Secretariat) will provide the delegations with an input paper to ease the discussion and refer to concrete possible applications of ISO1 within the Programme.

2. 2021-2027 Interreg Italy-Croatia Programme: draft chapter 1 & methodological approach to select the types of action

The Task Force acknowledges the presented Interreg Programme (IP) draft, chapter 1 (sections 1.1, 1.2 and 1.3) as well as the methodological approach to select the types of action. Intervention logic is explained, and next steps are agreed. By September, allocating IP budget will define type of support, field of intervention, and territorial delivery mechanisms. Also, a methodological document and quantifying indicators will be drafted.

3. Presentation of the draft thematic evaluation - analysis on projects of limited financial volume

The Task Force acknowledges the “Report on projects of limited financial value”, as presented by the external expert, and decides to approve the included recommendations.

Additional to these recommendations, the Italian delegation emphasizes the direct approach and the use of simplified cost options only. Moreover, small projects could be for instance focusing on ISO1 where soft actions are foreseen.

The Croatian delegation also confirms the support for the analysis carried out by the external expert and suggests having a presentation at the next informal meeting of a small project facility to support SMEs used in the Hungary-Croatia CBC Programme. It is decided to present the HU-HR facility at the informal meeting to be held before 28th of July to discuss ISO1.

4. Cross-border consultation: first methodological proposal

The Task Force agrees with the proposed methodology for cross-border consultations (approach, tools and timing) and decides to give the mandate to the Managing Authority to proceed with the proposed activities.