

PROGRAMMING TASK FORCE

11th MEETING – 15th DECEMBER 2021 *online*

Main decisions:

1. 2021-2027 INTERREG IT-HR Programme's output & result indicators

The Task Force agrees on the request made by both national delegations (Italian and Croatian) to modify the assumptions for the quantification of Programme's output & result indicators, revising milestones and target values, considering at least one strategic project for each policy objective (except ISO 1) and adjusting the average size per project as regards standard projects under specific objectives 2.4, 2.7, 3.2 and 4.6 from 1,5 Mio EUR ERDF to 2 Mio EUR ERDF and increasing the average size for strategic projects (more than 2,5 Mio EUR ERDF).

The delegations agree that the assumptions made on the size of projects must be understood as average value without therefore excluding that the projects may have a different size to be decided when drafting the call for proposals.

The Task Force gives mandate to the Managing Authority to define the methodological document on performance framework and update the IP (Interreg Programme) version recalculating the milestones and target values of indicators. The methodological document will be approved via written procedure in January 2022 and annexed to the IP.

2. Breakdown resources by type of intervention

The Task Force agrees on MA/JS (Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat) proposal regarding the breakdown of resources by type of intervention.

Regarding table 7 of chapter 3, the allocation for the year 2021 (due to late IP adoption) will have to be equally allocated to 2022-2025 period according to EGESIF_21-0024-00 note of 21/09/2021.

3. Calculation and reporting of the technical assistance in the 2021-2027 INTERREG IT-HR Programme

The Task Force acknowledges the presentation of the calculation and reporting of the 2021-2027 technical assistance.

The Managing Authority needs to receive a confirmation regarding the amount of co-financing secured by national levels for the technical assistance (which percentage is currently assumed as 20% for all priorities – see table 8 of the IP).

4. Programme communication and visibility

The Task Force agrees on the MA/JS proposal on Programme communication and visibility.

The European Commission suggests some improvements on indicators in order to be more concrete, on the indicative budget for communication and functions of the Communication Officer.

5. IP final version: fine tuning & consistency check

The Task Force agrees on the presentation made chapter by chapter by MA/JS of the IP final version.

The European Commission asks for specific improvements related to chapters 1, 2, 3 in addition to the revision of chapter 5 already detailed under the previous point 4.

The European Commission will provide instructions on the drafting of annex 3a and a possible informal meeting might be organized to discuss the final content of the annex before its submission.

AOB - Any Other Business

- The Task Force acknowledges the update on cross-border consultation provided by the Managing Authority, in particular the analysis of results and the IP revision proposals related to the on-line survey and the cross-border consultation webinar. A detailed report will be sent to the Task Force and published on the Programme website.
- The Task Force agrees on the polls for choosing the priorities' titles, which were launched during the meeting with the following results:
 - Priority 1 (policy objective 1): Sustainable growth in the blue economy
 - Priority 2 (PO2): Green and resilient shared environment
 - Priority 3 (PO3): Sustainable maritime and multimodal transport
 - Priority 4 (PO4): Culture and tourism for sustainable development
 - Priority 5 (ISO1): Integrated governance for stronger cooperation
- The Task Force acknowledges the presentation provided by the Managing Authority related to the next steps for the submission of the IP to the European Commission:

- By 24/12/2021: minutes of this meeting and revised IP (updated chapter 5 including European Commission's remarks, updated indicators, updated table 7 according to the EGESIF note);
- Around mid January 2022: written procedure to approve the performance framework methodological note;
- By end January 2022/mid February 2022: signing of the agreements between participating Member States;
- February 2022: submission to the European Commission of the first draft of the Interreg VI A Italy-Croatia 2021-2027 Programme.