

INTERREG IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME "GREECE - ALBANIA 2014-2020"

3rd JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

**14th July 2017
Life Gallery hotel
Korce, Albania**

Brief Minutes & Decisions



The Joint Monitoring Committee (hereinafter referred to as JMC) of the Interreg IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme "Greece-Albania 2014-2020" convened for its 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting on July 14th, 2017 in Korçe, Albania, following an invitation by the Hellenic Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes (hereinafter MA of ETCP), in agreement with the co-chairs.

Mrs Daniela Cekani, Secretary General of the Ministry of European Integration (MEI) who is Chair of the Committee, welcomed the participants, wished a fruitful 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting.

The Chair then passed the floor to Ms Dominic Zaralidou, Legal Advisor to the Special Secretary of ERDF & CF funded sectoral Ops, Ministry of Economy & Development, who substitutes Ms Evgenia Fotoniata Special Secretary of ERDF & CF funded sectoral Ops, Ministry of Economy & Development, who is Co-Chair of the Committee. Ms Zaralidou welcomed the participants, wished a fruitful 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting.

The floor was then passed to Ms Angeliki Bouziani, Head of the MA of ETCP, who welcomed the members, wished a successful meeting.

The chair asked the participants who are not members, substitutes or invited in the JMC, to leave the room in order for the meeting to start.

The chair confirmed that quorum was achieved, requested that the draft agenda is adopted and opened the 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting.

The chair asked all participants of the Joint Monitoring Committee to sign a Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality.

Mrs Kalogianni (Region of Epirus/ Union of Regions) requested that the issues preceding the presentation of projects to be quickly discussed. Mr Pitselis from the Region of Western Macedonia agreed. The chair approved the request.

The Chair then passed the floor to Mr Vasilis Charitantis, Officer of the Managing Authority Unit B2, who presented the revised Rules of Procedure of the Joint Monitoring Committee, as well as the revised Rules of Procedure of the Joint Complaint Committee.

The revisions were approved.

The Chair then passed the floor to Mr George Papadopoulos, Joint Secretariat Coordinator of the Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme "Greece-Albania 2014-2020", who presented the Programme's State of Play.

Mrs Mavria requested that the State of Play includes the indicators covered by the strategic projects approved.

Mrs Bouziani clarified that the statements of indicators are forecasts and not achievements.

Mr Papadopoulos stated that this information is included in the presentation of the proposed projects and that it will be incorporated in the State of Play in the future.

The Chair then passed the floor to Mr Vasilis Charitantis, who presented the Multiannual Plan of the Technical Assistance.

The modified Multi-annual Plan was approved.

The floor was then passed to Ms Katia Sagona, Head of Unit B2 of the MA, who presented the Revision of the "Internal Rules of Procedures of the Joint Secretariat and the assignment of the Project officer's responsibilities to the Project, Communication & Technical Assistance Officer, Ms Anna Koktsidou.

The undertaking of new assignments for Ms Anna Koktsidou was approved.

The floor was then passed to Mr Konstantinos Christodoulou, Head of Unit C of the MA, who presented the Guidance on Management Verifications.

The Chair then passed the floor to Mr George Papadopoulos, who presented the conclusions of the Joint Complaint Committee.

Discussion on the ENVOL project proposal followed.

Mr Pitselis and Mr Mavromatidis left the room in their own will, due to conflict of interest, respecting the rules of procedures.

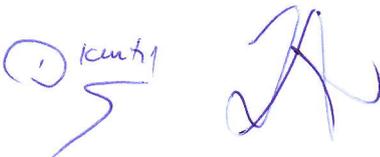
Mrs Zaralidou requested a clarification on the substance of the decision to be made and its consequences in regards with the procedure on permitted errors.

Mrs Bouziani presented the whole procedure and background that led to the complaint on the ENVOL project.

Mrs Kalogianni requested further clarifications.

Mrs Mavria stressed the fact that the procedure of the permitted errors is an advantage of Interreg Programmes that should not be misused. She underlined that the rules and regulations should be respected by the JMC, whose focus should remain strictly on the Programme and its effective implementation.

With 8 votes against - including the agreement of the co-chairs - and 5 in favour, the proposal to include ENVOL project in the 2nd phase of evaluation is rejected.



The floor was then passed to Ms Katia Sagona, who presented the statistical analysis of the submitted project proposals under the 2nd Call for project proposals.

The floor was then passed to Ms Koktsidou, who made a short presentation of the projects proposed for approval.

The Chair then passed the floor to Ms Katerina Tsamouri, who presented the results of the 2nd phase evaluation (quality assessment) of the project proposals submitted under the 2nd Call for Project Proposals.

Extensive discussion took place on the overbooking proposed. Two main proposals were on the floor:

1. By the Managing Authority: 65% overbooking, hence 13.3 m euro leftover
2. By UoR (GR) and Region of Epirus: 92% overbooking, hence 10 m euro leftover

With 11 votes in favour, 2 abstains and 1 against the JMC voted for the 2nd Proposal by the Union of Regions of Greece and the Region of Epirus.

A second issue that was raised to voting concerned the management of the remaining budget:

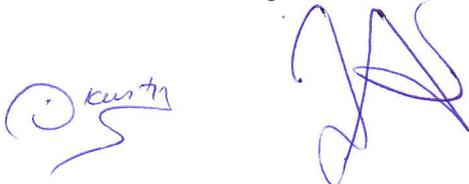
1. The projects approved will be final. No reserve list will be activated.
2. The projects that were not approved for funding will be part of a reserve list, which will be activated after the budget reduction.

With 8 votes in favour, 6 votes against and 1 abstain, the 1st proposal was accepted. No further projects of the specific ranking list will be approved for finance.

The Union of Regions and the Region of Epirus requested that the budget reduction of the CB RAILWAY project should be defined after comparison with the implemented project (CBIP) from the previous programming period.

Following the discussions, the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) decides unanimously to approve as presented by the MA/JS:

- The Revised JMC RoPs
- The Revised JCC RoPs
- The Multiannual Plan of the Technical Assistance
- The revision of the internal rules of procedures of the Joint secretariat. They were informed about the assignment of Project officer's responsibilities to the Communication & Technical Assistance Officer of the joint Secretariat
- The Conclusions of the Joint Complaint Committee in relation to ENVOL project



- The results of the 2nd phase evaluation (quality assessment) of the project proposals submitted under the 2nd Call, according to which 40 project proposals are approved for funding, as follows:

The Joint Monitoring Committee approves

- ✓ Eighteen (18) project proposals to be financed, under Priority Axis 1, according to the ranking list and
- ✓ Twenty two (22) project proposals to be financed, under Priority Axis 2, according to the ranking list.

The approved project proposals are:

1. Priority Axis 1:

Specific Objective	Acronym	Lead Beneficiary (LB)	Country (GR/AL)	Submitted Budget (€)
1.1	SaveSafeWater	Water Association of Ioannina Basin	GR	930.000,00
1.1	LESS-WASTE-II	Waste Management of Western Macedonia S.A	GR	860.358,55
1.3	LED	National Agency of Natural Resources	AL	596.000,00
1.2	BlueCoast	Management Agency of Zakynthos National Marine Park	GR	500.000,00
1.1	CB Railway	Erga OSE S.A.	GR	998.600,00
1.1	GREENPOINT-MOB	Waste Management of Western Macedonia S.A	GR	776.100,55
1.4	4PlusCitizens	National Confederation of Disabled People (NCDP) of Greece	GR	499.000,00
1.3	G.A.T.E.	Centre for Renewable Energy Sources & Saving CRES	GR	600.000,00
1.1	EXTROVERT ROADS	Municipality of Georgios Karaiskakis	GR	990.656,00
1.3	NET METERING	Municipality of Prespes	GR	568.500,00
1.1	INTERNET OF BINS	Municipality of Ziros	GR	708.457,14
1.2	ECO-FISH	Technological Educational Institute of Epirus - Special Account for Research Funds - Department of Agricultural Technology	GR	352.000,00
1.3	HCU Energy Optimization	6th Regional Health Authority of Peloponnese, Ionian Islands, Epirus & Western Greece	GR	536.500,00
1.1	PhaRem	University of Ioannina – Research Committee /	GR	848.940,40

		Department of Chemistry		
1.2	RIVER 2 RIVER	Municipality of Metsovo	GR	500.000,00
1.3	GREAT SUN	Municipality of Ziros	GR	587.104,22
1.4	iAlarms	University of Ioannina/ Research Committee/ Department of Physics	GR	498.739,22
1.1	E HORECA WANET	Ionian University/ Research Committee/ Department of Informatics	GR	1.000.000,02

2. Priority Axis 2:

2.1	MileSTONES II	Municipality of Dodoni	GR	699.982,87
2.1	PROSFORA	UNIVERSITY OF IOANNINA - RESEARCH COMMITTEE / DEPARTMENT OF PRIMARY EDUCATION	GR	699.274,32
2.2	IN ECO	Chamber of Kastoria	GR	696.632,77
2.1	EXPLORAL	University of Ioannina Research Committee Department of Computer Science & Engineering	GR	597.108,56
2.2	HERBINNO	University of Ioannina Research Committee Department of Biological Applications & Technology	GR	520.000,00
2.1	CBTB	CHAMBER OF GREVENA	GR	697.501,00
2.1	POLYPHONIA	REGIONAL UNION OF MUNICIPALITIES OF EPIRUS	GR	694.000,00

2.1	RHYTHM	Ministry of Culture and Sports Ephorate of Antiquities of Corfu	GR	700.000,00
2.1	EXTRO-CULT	Chamber of Kefalonia & Ithaka	GR	697.003,00
2.2	IDEA	Auleda Local economic development agency	AL	678.250,00
2.2	OLIVE_CULTURE	Municipality of N. Skoufas	GR	697.900,00
2.1	4ALL	URBAN RESEARCH INSTITUTE	AL	699.900,00
2.1	CULTURE PLUS	University of Thessaly, Special Account Funds for Research Department of planning and Regional Development	GR	695.649,55
2.2	ACCEL	Research Committee, University of Western Macedonia, Department of Mechanical Engineering	GR	627.697,50
2.2	Business Clubs	Municipality of Argos Orestiko	GR	679.270,80
2.1	CULTURAL LANDS	MUNICIPALITY OF ZITSA	GR	478.811,04
2.1	IT CULTURE	Municipality of Grevena	GR	696.000,00
2.2	InClust	Development Company Chamber of Arta	GR	697.200,00
2.1	THEMA	Development Agency of Epirus S.A.	GR	595.407,50

2.1	CULTURE LANDS	Municipality of Florina	GR	699.877,00
2.2	COMPLETE	Veterinary Reserch Institute Hellenic Agricultural Organization DEMETER	GR	700.000,00
2.2	WINCOME	Municipality of Zitsa	GR	562.270,18

The JMC members agreed on the guidance for verification of expenditures as presented by Unit C/ MA.

At the end of JMC meeting, Brief Minutes and Decisions were drafted by the MA/JTS and the Chairperson read them out to all JMC members to comment.

Finally, the document was signed by the two co-chairpersons.

The JMC members authorised the JS/MA to proceed with technical meetings and to finalise the budget of each project.

The Co-Chairpersons of the Joint Monitoring Committee

Chair

Ms Daniela Cekani

Secretary General
Albanian Ministry of European
Integration

Co-Chair

Ms Dominic Zaralidou

Legal Advisor to the Special
Secretary for ERDF & CF
Hellenic Ministry of Economy &
Development

Attachments:

1. Agenda of the 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting
2. Participant's list of the 3rd Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting