



## **JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE**

**under INTERREG-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme,  
CCI No 2014TC16I5CB005**

**Written procedure No 46, initiated on 08 February 2021**

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**1. Description:** The Written Procedure in accordance with Article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the JMC of the INTERREG-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme for approval of extension of project implementation period of the project “Living Ancient Towns - Asagipinar and Rusokastro” with reference number CB005.2.21.059, Subsidy contract RD-02-29-192/23.07.2019, was initiated by the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria on 08 February 2021.

The official letter No 99-00-2-125\_08.02.2021 and the attachment: Request for modification of Subsidy contract № RD-02-29-192/23.07.2019, project with reference number CB005.2.21.059 were sent to the JMC members via e-mail and made available in the JMC section of the Management Information System.

The request for modification concerns extension of the project implementation period from 21 to 23 months. The request is justified with the quarantine measures taken by the governments of both countries for prevention of spreading of the COVID-19 virus which affect the timely and proper conduction of some of the planned international events under the project, as follows:

- Activity 4: „Publicity and visualization of the project and two important areas”- Two final press conferences in Kirklareli and in Kameno;
- Activity 5 „Our Living Ancient Towns”- Two promotional events - 1 day in Kirklareli and 1 day in Burgas (each with 80 participants);
- Activity 6: „The promotional event in open air museum - through the Time tunnel”- One-day interactive promotional day for children on both sides of the border with the participation of a total of 40 children.

The complicated epidemiological situation in Bulgaria and Turkey and the planned joint events requiring physical participation of the target groups are pointed out as the main reasons for the observed risk for timely implementation of the above activities.

The JMC members were given 3 (three) working days to send their approval or comments on the modification request.

Approval of the request for modification were received from the National Association of Municipalities in the Republic of Bulgaria (NAMRB) and from of Yambol District Administration, Republic of Bulgaria, and were reflected in Attachment 1: "Table of the comments received from the JMC Members".

**2. Decision:** JMC approves the extension of project implementation period of the project "Living Ancient Towns - Asagipinar and Rusokastro" with reference number CB005.2.21.059, subsidy contract RD-02-29-192/23.07.2019 with 2 (two) months – from 21 (twenty one) months to 23 (twenty three) months.

The hereby decision enters into force on 12 February 2021, the date following the deadline for submission of comments / objections / additional proposals from the JMC members.

- 3. Attachments:**
1. Attachment 1: Letter No 99-00-2-125\_08.02.2021 from the Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works - Co-chairperson of the JMC for written procedure for approval of change of the project implementation period of project CB005.2.21.059 "Living Ancient Towns - Asagipinar and Rusokastro";
  2. Attachment 2: Request for modification of project CB005.2.21.059;
  3. Attachment 3: Table of the comments received by JMC members.

**Signatures:**

for BULGARIA:

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*Deputy Minister of  
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Co-chairperson of the JMC*

for TURKEY:

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