

## JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme,

CCI No 2014TC16I5CB005

Written procedure No.54, initiated on 19 September 2022

### 1. Description:



The Written Procedure in accordance with article 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) of the Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria - Turkey Programme for consideration and approval of amendment of the Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditures of the Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme was initiated by the Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria on 19.09.2022.

The official letter No. 99-00-2-223/19.09.2022 and the attachment: Revised Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditures of the Interreg – IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme 2014 - 2020 were sent to the JMC members via e-mail and made available in the JMC section of the Management Information System (MIS).

The amendment of the Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditures concerns:

#### 1. Change in the remuneration of the First Level Control Unit (FLC) for Bulgaria.

The first amendment of the Eligibility of TA expenditures concerns Budget line 1 “Staff costs”, sub-line 1.3 “Remuneration of the First Level Control Unit within the MA”. So far, the remuneration costs of the FLC unit have been distributed among four Interreg programmes as the INTERREG-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme covers 15% of these expenditures. Due to the assignment of new functions to the FLC unit related to the verification of expenditures under the INTERREG V-A Greece – Bulgaria Programme 2014-2020, it is necessary to change the current rules for eligibility of expenditures. The proposed change envisages, the costs for remuneration of the FLC unit to be distributed among five Interreg programmes as the INTERREG-IPA CBC Bulgaria – Turkey Programme will cover 12% of these expenditures. In addition, it is necessary to update the maximum total amount (threshold) of remuneration of the FLC unit staff, which represents the maximum amount that can be spent on this type of expenditure and can be reimbursed under the Technical

assistance priority axis of the programme. Please note that the proposed increase in the maximum total amounts (thresholds) of FLC unit remuneration does not create an obligation to automatically increase the remuneration of the FLC unit.

**2. Change in accommodation costs for Turkish participants.**

The second amendment concerns Budget line 3 "Travel and accommodation costs" sub-line 3.3 "Accommodation costs" where the maximum accommodation costs in the border region for Turkish participants is increased from EUR 60,00 to EUR 80,00.

The JMC members were given 10 (ten) working days to send their approval or comments on the proposed documents.

No comments were received from the JMC Members from both sides within the set deadline and therefore according to the Rules of procedure of the JMC the revised Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditures is deemed approved.

**2. Decision:**

The Joint Monitoring Committee approves the revised Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditures under Interreg - IPA CBC Bulgaria - Turkey Programme 2014-2020.

The hereby decision enters into force on **5<sup>th</sup> October 2022**, the date following the deadline for submission of comments/ objections/ additional proposals from the JMC members.

**3. Attachments:**

1. Letter No. 99-00-2-223/19.09.2022 of the Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria;
2. Revised Eligibility of Technical Assistance Expenditures;

**Signatures:**

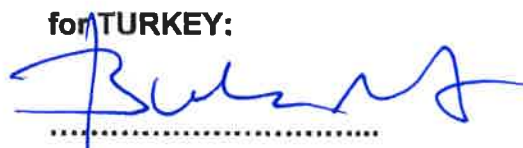
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