JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

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

Written procedure No.37, initiated on 15 June 2020

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 "ECO WOMAN – INITIATIVES TO MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR BETTER LIFE" with reference number CB005.2.12.079, subsidy contract RD-02-29-174/23.07.2019, was initiated by the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria on 15 June 2020.

The official letter No. 99-00-2-341(15) _15.06.2020 and the attachment: Request for modification of Subsidy contract № RD-02-29-174/23.07.2019, project with reference number CB005.2.12.079 were sent to the JMC members via e-mail and made available in the JMC section of the Management Information System.

The request is based on the prepared analysis due to COVID-19 pandemic situation and the restrictive measures applied in Republic of Bulgaria and in Republic of Turkey since the middle of March 2020 where LP concluded that there is an unavailability to implement trainings and international travels within the following activities:

- Activity 4: Training and capacity building activities No 1: Two training seminars: "Ecology of air, water and soil significance and impact on the living nature" one in Turkey and one in Bulgaria;
- Activity 5: Training and capacity building activities No 2 Two Specialized trainings: "Organization and implementation of ecological and organic production of agricultural products and foods" in Turkey and in Bulgaria;
- Activity 6: Awareness capacity activities related to nature protection, organizing in both countries two cross-border forums "Ecology and bio product" one in Bulgaria and one in Turkey;
- Activity 8: Awareness capacity activities related to nature protection trough International Conference "The importance of growing organic products" in Bulgaria.

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The JMC members were given 5 (five) working days to send their approval or comments on the modification request.

Approval of the request for modification was received from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Republic of Bulgaria and it is 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 "ECO WOMAN – INITIATIVES TO MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR BETTER LIFE" with reference number CB005.2.12.079, subsidy contract RD-02-29-174/23.07.2019 with 3 (three) months – from 12 (twelve) months to 15 (fifteen) months.

The hereby decision enters into force on the 23 June 2020, the date following the deadline for submission of comments / objections / additional proposals from the JMC members.

3. Attachments:

- 1. Attachment 1: "Table of the comments received by JMC members";
- 2. Attachment 2: Letter No. 99-00-2-341(15)_15.06.2020 from the Deputy Minister of Regional Development and Public Works Co-chairperson of the JMC for written procedure for approval of extension of project implementation period of the project "ECO WOMAN INITIATIVES TO MANAGE NATURAL RESOURCES FOR BETTER LIFE" with reference number CB005.2.12.079;
- 3. Attachment 3: Request for modification of project with reference number CB005.2.12.079.

Signatures:/

FOR BULGARIA:

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