

## JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

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

Written procedure No 44, initiated on 26 November 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 “Revitalization of abandoned dump sites” with reference number CB005.2.12.075, Subsidy contract RD-02-29-287/18.12.2019, was initiated by the Managing Authority – Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works, Bulgaria on 26 November 2020.

The official letter № 9-00-2-44(23)/26.11.2020 and the attachment: Request for modification of Subsidy contract № RD-02-29-287/18.12.2019, project with reference number CB005.2.12.075 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 12 to 15 months, namely the end of the subsidy contract execution is postponed from 06.02.2021 to 06.05.2021. The request is based on the prepared analysis and is justified with the imposed restrictive measures applied in Republic of Bulgaria and in Republic of Turkey since the middle of March 2020 due to the COVID-19 pandemic situation and the unavailability to conduct trainings and international travels, related to the proper implementation of the following activities of the project:

- Activity 7: Organization of eco workshops in Kirklareli;
- Activity 8: Conducting a campaign for cleaning and revitalization of dump sites (disinfection, reforestation etc.) in Yambol;
- Activity 9: Conducting a campaign for cleaning and revitalization of dump sites (disinfection, reforestation etc.) in Kirklareli;
- Activity 10: Elaboration of Joint management plan of protected areas in the common CB region in Yambol.

The complicated epidemiological situation on the territories of both countries, the above activities planned with presence of big groups of people gathering at one place for a long time and the restrictions related to

crossing the border Bulgaria-Turkey, 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.

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 requested extension of project implementation period of the project "Revitalization of abandoned dump sites" is deemed approved.

**2. Decision:**

JMC approves the extension of project implementation period of the project "Revitalization of abandoned dump sites" with reference number CB005.2.12.075, subsidy contract RD-02-29-287/18.12.2019 with 3 (three) months – from 12 (twelve) months to 15 (fifteen) months.

The hereby decision enters into force on 02 December 2020, the date following the deadline for submission of comments / objections / additional proposals from the JMC members.

**3. Attachments:**

1. Attachment 1: Letter No. 9-00-2-44(23)\_26.11.2020 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 CB005.2.12.075 "Revitalization of abandoned dump sites";
2. Attachment 2: Request for modification of project CB005.2.12.075;
3. Attachment 3: Table of the comments received by JMC members.

**Signatures:**

for BULGARIA:

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**Ms. Denitsa NIKOLOVA**

*Deputy Minister of  
Regional Development and Public Works,  
Co-chairperson of the JMC*

for TURKEY:

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**Mr. Bülent Özcan**

*Acting Director-General to the Directorate  
General of the Financial Cooperation and  
Project Implementation, Directorate for  
European Union Affairs,  
Head of National Authority,  
Co-Chairperson of the JMC*

**Coordinated with:**