



## The Minutes of the 7<sup>th</sup> Monitoring Committee meeting of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2014-2020

15-16 May 2019, Palanga, Lithuania  
chaired by Ms. Deimantė Jankūnaitė, Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee

### **Item 1. Opening of the meeting and words of welcome**

The meeting was opened and the participants were welcomed by Ms. Deimantė Jankūnaitė, the Chairperson of the South Baltic Programme Monitoring Committee. The MC delegations presented latest updates in the composition of the delegations and representatives of the Joint Secretariat introduced themselves. The current staff situation at JS was briefly presented.

### **Item 2. Adoption of the agenda (D)**

The Monitoring Committee members approved the agenda as proposed, without changes.

### **Item 3. Signing of impartiality and confidentiality declarations by MC Members**

The MC members were asked to declare their partiality to project proposals subject to selection and sign the impartiality declarations.

### **Item 4. Programme implementation – state of play (I)**

The information regarding Programme implementation was presented and included among others approved projects, planned and achieved indicators and situation in the Technical Assistance. It was confirmed by the JS that the implementation of the Programme had been going in line with the schedule and the performance framework.

### **Item 5. Amendment of the Cooperation Programme (D)**

The Monitoring Committee agreed on introducing the following modifications to the Cooperation Programme:

- Modification of the co-financing rate for PAs 1-5 to 83%. The new rate will be applicable to the accounting year in which the modification occurred and to future accounting years.
- Transfers of allocation between the PAs.
- Modification in indicators for PA 1: removal of an output indicator in PA1 "number of enterprises receiving grants".

After the reallocation between Priority Axes, the allocation (counting the total eligible budget) in the Cooperation Programme is following:

- PA 1 – 11 807 951,38 EUR
- PA 2 – 48 788 486,01 EUR
- PA 3 – 17 453 495,95 EUR
- PA 4 – 11 159 963,72 EUR
- PA 5 – 5 317 726,85 EUR.

### **Item 6. Assessment observations & recommendations (I)**

The conclusions and trends noticed during the 6<sup>th</sup> call for proposals were summarized and possible scenarios of financial consequences of the project selection were presented. Assessment procedure, criteria as well as assessment results were presented.

### **Item 7. Selection of 6th call projects (D)**

The Monitoring Committee selected for funding the following projects with further conditions, clarifications, and/or recommendations included in the consolidated project assessments sheets:

SO 2.2: BSAM, Liquid Energy, WISA, BAPR

SO 3: Secmar

SO 4: JOHANNA, AquaVIP

SO 5: CROSSROADS, South Baltic Creative Clusters

At the same time the Monitoring Committee decided not to select the following projects:

SO 2.2: Green housing technologies, Seaside 4.0, BaltGas

SO 3: SB AIRPORT ACCESS MEDIA

SO 4: Baltic Skills, Blue Skills

SO 5: INFEED-NATURA2000

Following the Monitoring Committee decision on the approval of the projects submitted under 6<sup>th</sup> call proposals, an analysis of the committed Programme resources was presented taking into the account the modification of the co-financing rate to 83% and shift of allocation between the PAs decided along with the amendment of the Cooperation Programme.

The Monitoring Committee agreed to start the contracting process for the projects: Liquid Energy, AquaVIP and South Baltic Creative Clusters if the amendment of the Cooperation Programme is approved by the European Commission.

Total eligible budget of the 6<sup>th</sup> call project selected for funding by the Monitoring Committee is 10 695 451,50 EUR.

#### **Item 8. Utilisation of Programme savings (I)**

The situation of financial resources in the Programme regarding the savings from the on-going projects within the priorities was discussed. The decision about the utilization of savings will be taken at the next Committee Meeting in April 2020.

#### **Item 9. Programme implementation schedule (D)**

The Monitoring Committee was provided with the proposed Programme implementation schedule consisting of the future activities planned to be carried out by the Programme. The timeline for the next Monitoring Committee meeting and informal meeting on the future Programme was agreed.

#### **Item 10. Changes to the Programme Manual (D)**

The scope of changes to the Programme Manual was presented. The updated Programme Manual was approved as proposed (PM attached to Minutes in track changes mode).

#### **Item 11. Annual Implementation Report in a nutshell (I/D)**

The Annual Implementation Report was presented and discussed by the members. The document was approved by the Monitoring Committee.

#### **Item 12. Preparations for the 2021-2027 perspective (D)**

The Monitoring Committee expressed interest in starting discussions about the future of the Programme and decided to schedule the 1<sup>st</sup> informal meeting for November 2019.

#### **Item 13. Approval of the minutes specifying all decisions taken during the meeting (D)**

The decision Minutes as are presented were approved by the Monitoring Committee.

#### **Item 14. Mid-term impact assessment (I)**

The report on the results of Programme mid-term evaluation was presented to the Monitoring Committee.

**Item 15. Interim report on the Communication Action Plan for 2019 (I)**

The Monitoring Committee was provided with the information on the communication actions for 2019 according to the Communication Plan.

**Item 16. Any other business (I)**

No AOBs were indicated.

**Item 17. Closure of the meeting**

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson.