



1st Monitoring Committee Meeting of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027 | 1**Minutes****1st Meeting of the Monitoring Committee (MC)
of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027**

8-9 November 2022 | Hotel Dana Business & Conference |
Al. Wyzwolenia 50 | 71-500 Szczecin | Poland

Chairperson: Mr. Steffen Schubert,
Ministry of Economics, Infrastructure, Tourism and Labour, Germany

DAY 1, 8th November 2022**Item 1. Opening of the meeting**

The meeting was officially opened by the Chairperson. MC members and JS staff were introduced.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda (D)

The Monitoring Committee members approved the agenda with the following changes:

- Originally planned item 1. – Words of welcome was deleted.
- Additional information point was added as item no. 12 – Infrastructure in tourism projects.

During the meeting the point related to Programme implementation plan for 2022/2023 (originally planned item 7.) was moved to the beginning of the second day.

Item 3. Monitoring Committee Rules of Procedures (D)

The Rules of Procedure was presented. The presentation included the tasks and responsibilities of MC members, structure of the MC, Voting, Conflict of interest and organising MC meetings.

- As result of discussion Points 10, 12, 13 and 15 of Article 3 were changed clearing out the nomination of observers and possibility of participation of observers in MC meetings. It was highlighted and agreed that the JS with drawing up a proposal shall support the Chairperson in deciding on the participation of ad hoc experts and observes in MC meetings.
- Article 6, point 3 that concerned the possibility of online participation in on-site MC meetings was deleted.

The Rules of procedures was approved with the indicated changes.

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Item 4. Programme Manual (D)

The Programme Manual was presented. The presentation included information on the preparation process of the Manual and detailed information on the content of the document.

- Ch. III/I/1.2.: Information on limits for project prolongation was deleted in the project types table. Footnote with reference to the relevant part of the Manual was added.

The Programme Manual was approved with the indicated changes.

No comments to the Programme Manual were received from the EC prior to the MC meeting.

Item 5. Project selection criteria (D)

The Project selection criteria were presented. The presentation included information on the assessment process, admissibility and eligibility checks, state aid assessment, quality assessment and strategic projects.

In the selection criteria (Annex 6 to the Programme Manual) the wording related to simplified cost options was adjusted.

The selection criteria were approved as proposed with the indicated technical change.

Online workshop for MC members on project selection will be organised by the JS approximately one month before the project selection by the MC, i.e. the MC meeting.

It was confirmed that the selection criteria were submitted to the EC and one remark was received from the EC prior to the MC meeting to the project selection criteria on relevance of the project objective to the corresponding Specific Objective. The remark was included to the criteria.

Item 6. Scope of the first call for proposals (D)

The Scope of the first call for proposals was presented. The call will be open for regular project applications (including operations of strategic importance) in all Measures without financial limits.

The scope of the first call was approved as proposed.

Item 7. Online Application Form (I)

The Application Form in the WOD2021 application system and the Supplementary Application Form were presented.

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DAY 2, 9th November 2022

Item 8. Programme implementation plan for 2022/2023 (D)

The Programme implementation plan including the dates and venues of next year Programme events was presented. The opening of the first call may be slightly postponed if the methodology for SCOs is not ready. The following change was introduced to the implementation plan:

- The Annual Event in 2023 will be organised in Sweden during the 40th week of 2023.

The implementation plan was approved with the indicated change.

Additional information on call for small-scale project was presented. Result of discussion:

- Decision on small-scale project call will be made on the 2nd MC meeting (2023). Proposal will be developed by dedicated Working Group.

Item 9. Communication in the new programme (I)

The communication strategy and the branding of the Programme was presented.

Item 10. Project Presentation (I)

Examples of Interreg South Baltic projects implemented in Zachodniopomorskie region were presented to the MC.

Item 11. Changes in the Programme (D)

The background of Programme changes, i.e. relocation of funds from the suspended programme between Poland and Russia was presented.

It was agreed that topic will be subject to discussion by the Heads of Delegations.

Item 12. Infrastructure in tourism projects (I)

Possibility of infrastructural investments in projects was presented.

Item 13. Any other business

No any other business was indicated.

Item 14. Approval of the minutes from the 1st Monitoring Committee meeting (D)

The minutes were approved by the MC.

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Item 15. Closure of the meeting (I)

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson.

The minutes were drafted by the JS.

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