Overview of changes to the Programme Manual V.7

Location of change	Introduced changes	Justification of changes
The Programme Manual: page 64, Chapter IV, Section 3.1	Addition of an obligation to include in the application form the division of the lump sum for preparation costs between PPs. The following text was added: The distribution of the lump sum among the project partners should	System audit recommendation by the Audit Authority.
The Programme Manual: page 76, Chapter IV, Section 3.8	also be included in the Application Form. Addition of an obligation to include in the application form the division of the lump sum for closure costs between PPs. The following text was added: The distribution of the lump sum among the project partners should also be included in the Application Form.	System audit recommendation by the Audit Authority.
The Programme Manual: page 101, Chapter 3, Section 3.1	d) placing permanent information boards with the Programme logo in public places. This should take place immediately after the commencement of the project implementation, which includes physical investments or the purchase of equipment, or after the installation of the purchased equipment. It applies to projects with a total cost of more than 100,000 EUR ;	We propose resigning from commemorative plaques. Their content is the same as content of information boards, so there is no need for using separately information boards and plaques. It will be a simplification for project partners.
	Footnote: The information board is the same as the plaque, so there is no need for using separately information boards and plaques.	E.g. in Polish national and regional programmes only information boards are used. The CPR and Interreg regulations' rules concerning displaying the information boards/plaques are the same, except for the total cost of the project. "Cost" instead of "value" – provision according to the Interreg regulation
The Programme Manual: page 102, Chapter 3, Section 3.1	h) other specific equipment needed for projects.	Unification with the remaining text of the Manual - "projects" instead of "operations"
The Programme Manual: page 102, Chapter 3, Section 3.1	The following text was added: In case a partner implements a few projects supported by the Interreg South Baltic Programme at the same location (understood as its premises or the place where the investment is carried out), the partner may display at	We suggest introducing this simplification for partners according to the CPR Regulation. This solution was worked out at JS request. The relevant footnote was added.

	least one common information board for these projects at the location.1 Footnote: Annex IX point 1.8 to the Common Provisions Regulation	The Communication Guidelines for Project Beneficiaries must be aligned with the new Manual provisions.
The Programme Manual: page 103, Chapter 3, Section 3.1, Table 3	Range of percentage of funding reduction for failure to fulfil a given obligation during project implementation (% of the funding awarded to a given project partner) points 1–4: 0.1–0.4% point 3: a) Place permanent information boards in public which contain the Programme logo – in projects involving physical investments or the purchase of equipment, with a value above 100 000 EUR.	We received information that the present provisions concerning the funding reduction raise doubts. That is why we suggest introducing this range of funding reduction. The controller will decide on the percentage of funding reduction depending on the case of seriousness of the violation. Point 3 a) was aligned with the point d) from page 101.
The Programme Manual: page 101–103, Chapter 3, Section 3.1	A few minor editorial changes are introduced in the text.	editorial changes General remark: The text in the Manual shall be aligned to the left. The font size in footnotes shall be 9 or 10.

¹ Annex IX point 1.8 to the Common Provisions Regulation