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Minutes from the 7th Meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2021-2027

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Chairperson: Ms. Maria Eriksson

Ministry of Rural Affairs and Infrastructure

25th - 26th March 2026

Item 1. Words of welcome & Opening of the meeting

The meeting was officially opened by the Chairperson Ms. Maria Eriksson. Monitoring Committee members, observers and the Joint Secretariat staff were introduced.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda (D)

The Monitoring Committee (MC) members approved the agenda as proposed.

Item 3. Impartiality and confidentiality declarations of the MC (I)

The MC members who had not submitted the online declaration of impartiality within the registration to the meeting were asked to fill in and sign the declaration.

Item 4. State of play of the Programme implementation (I)

The MC members were informed of the Programme state of implementation, finances and indicators.

Item 5. Selection of projects submitted under 3rd Small-scale projects call and 5th call for proposals (D)

Assessment procedure and assessment results were presented by the Joint Secretariat.

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

Within the 5th call:

Programme Measure 1.1: HumanAlze,
Programme Measure 2.1: Re-Farm,
Programme Measure 2.2: SeaGarden,
Programme Measure 2.3: Wave,
Programme Measure 3.1: ReCoast, CIRCUS,
Programme Measure 4.1: BIOCHAR4SBR.

Within: the 3rd Small-scale call:

Programme Measure 4.1 Silver Wave Collective.

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

Within the 5th call:

Programme Measure 1.1: DIGI-REWOOD, SECURE, Baltic Digital Bridges,
Programme Measure 2.1: BioMeth Baltic, GRID+, Seaside 4.0, MobiGreen,
Programme Measure 2.2: Nature-Based Lakes, BLUE PLAN,
Programme Measure 3.1: HerOn, BALANCE, GREEN-HOST, SB COSMOS,

Within: the 3rd Small-scale call:

Programme Measure 4.1: UPCYCLING-BALT HUB.

In order to secure financing for the selected projects the Monitoring Committee decided to reallocate the following amounts between Programme Measures:

- Programme Measure 3.1: added 146 843,95 EUR ERDF from Measure 4.1,
- Programme Measure 4.1: deducted 146 843,95 EUR ERDF

The Operation of Strategic Importance label was recommended to be granted to SeaGarden project. The project has to confirm the status.

Item 6. Programme state of play after 3rd Small-scale projects call and 5th call for proposals (I)

The financial and substantive summary after the selection of projects in the 3rd Small-scale projects call and 5th call for proposals was presented to the MC members. ERDF co-financing of the projects selected for funding in the 3rd Small-scale projects call is 160 000,00 EUR and 5th call for proposals is 10 835 447,06 EUR.

Item 7. Information on potential future calls and savings utilisation (D)

Scope and timing of possible actions/calls were discussed.

The MC decided to launch 6th call in Measure 1.1 and Measure 4.1:

- Call opening: 16 September - 4 November 2026
- Projects duration: up to 24 months
- Call allocation: Measure 1.1: 1 264 674,99 EUR, Measure 4.1: 776 297,42 EUR (indicative)

Additionally for projects in Measure 1.1:

- specific requirements towards indicators: a project must contribute (besides contributing to obligatory indicators) to one or both:
 - 'Public institutions supported to develop digital services, products, and processes' (RCO14 and RCR11),
 - 'Enterprises with non-financial support' (RCO04).

The MC decided to launch the 4th small-scale project call in Measure 4.1:

- Call opening: 16 September - 4 November 2026,
- Call allocation: 320 000,00 EUR (indicative).
- With two focuses:
 - Common challenges under M 4.1,
 - Capitalising on results of 1st call projects.

To open 6th call for proposals in the Programme Measure 1.1 with the allocation of 1 264 674,99 EUR the reallocation of funds from the following programme measures was decided:

- from Measure 2.1: 530 398,64 EUR ERDF and
- from Measure 4.1: 729 814,15 EUR ERDF.

Item 8. Programme implementation plan for 2026/2027 (D)

The timeline for future calls and other programme events was presented by JS. Programme implementation plan for 2026/2027 was approved as presented.

It was decided that the next MC meeting will be held on 7-8 April 2027 in Germany.

Item 9. Communication Action Plan for 2026 (I)

Communication activities implemented in 2025 and Communication Action Plan for 2026, including OSI Events, EUSBSR related actions and Programme Annual Event, were presented.

Item 10. Information on ISBP 2021-2027 mid-term evaluation (I)

The conclusions from the evaluation report were presented by the evaluator and discussed.

Item 11. Presentation of the ReTour project (I)

The results of the ReTour project were presented by representatives of the project Lead Partner.

Item 12. Update on Programme Technical Assistance (I)

State of play in TA was presented by the JS representative.

Item 13. Any other business (I)

No additional matters were raised.

Item 14. Approval of the minutes from the 7th Monitoring Committee meeting (D)

The minutes were approved by the MC.

Item 15. Closure of the meeting (I)

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson.

I – Information/ D – Decision

The minutes were drafted by the JS.