

Overview of changes to the Programme Manual V.11

Location of change	Introduced changes	Justification of changes
Programme Manual Chapter IV point 3.8 P. 76	The footnote was added: For the projects approved in the 1st call for proposals this is a closed catalogue of closing costs declared on the basis of real costs.	Explanation of what real costs may be reported as closure costs for projects from the first call for proposals.
Programme Manual Chapter IV point 3.8 P. 76	The following sentence was added: The costs reimbursed on the basis of a lump sum shall be incurred until 31 December 2029. Therefore, to consider the closure costs as eligible, the final progress report should be submitted until 31 December 2029.	Clarification of the eligibility period of a lump sum for closure costs.
Programme Manual Chapter VI point 3.1 P. 105	The sentence <i>Additional communication obligations (i.e., delivery of a project success story) are provided in the Communication Guidelines for Project Beneficiaries.</i> was changed and moved from the frame to the subsection 3 Additional duties. In the frame the part of the text was added: <i>and in the Communication Guidelines for Project Beneficiaries (point 3.4)</i>	All additional duties should be kept in one place. “A project success story” is an additional duty introduced by JS. There are no other additional duties except for the ones introduced by MA and JS. The text has been updated according this. Reference added in line with the actual situation.
Programme Manual Chapter VI point 6.1 P. 124	A rule was added addressing joint procurement procedures: where one project partner conducts a procurement procedure on behalf of two or more project partners, the verification of compliance with the applicable procurement rules is carried out solely by the First Level Controller (FLC) responsible for the partner conducting the procedure. The outcome of that verification is then taken into account by the remaining FLCs when verifying the expenditure declared by their respective partners.	This provision eliminates the risk of multiple, independent verifications of the same procurement procedure by different FLCs, which could otherwise result in divergent compliance assessments of a single procurement procedure. It establishes a single point of responsibility and requires the remaining controllers to take that verification outcome into account, ensuring consistency of control.
Annex 2 Additional obligations, eligibility rules and guidance for Polish partners, Chapter 8 P. 12	The name of South Baltic Programme was added. For the simultaneous implementation of tasks co-financed from European Funds (including the Interreg South Baltic Programme), this obligation is performed regardless of information activities resulting from the provisions of the European Union.	It is beneficial to standardize the terminology used in Annex 2 and the Communication Guidelines for Project Beneficiaries concerning additional communication obligations

	In practice, this means that the Polish beneficiary who implements the project from the Interreg South Baltic Programme and also receives the above-mentioned state financial support must prepare, for example, 2 information boards – one following EU regulations and the other one based on the regulation of the Polish Council of Ministers.	for Polish beneficiaries of subsidies from the state budget and state earmarked funds (the issue of translation).
Annex 3 Specific rules of awarding contracts under the project – for Polish beneficiaries , Chapter 3 P. 20	The thresholds for public procurement were changed from 130 000 PLN to 170 000 PLN: It was: <i>in proceedings with a value of less than 130 000,00 PLN</i> It is: <i>in proceedings with a value of less than 170 000,00 PLN</i>	Change of applicable law on Public Procurement in Poland