

**MINUTES OF 6th MEETING
OF THE JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE
OF INTERREG V-A LITHUANIA-POLAND COOPERATION PROGRAMME**
6-7 June 2019
Giżycko (Poland)

JMC session: 6th June 2019, 12:30-17:30
7th June 2019, 9:00-13:00

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and observer of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) meeting of the Interreg V-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme (CP).
The Chairperson asked if there were any other remarks to the proposed Agenda of the meeting (*Annex 1*). A modification was introduced and the changed agenda was adopted.

DECISION:

To approve the changed Agenda of the 6th meeting of the JMC of the CP (*Annex 1*).

2. PRESENTATION ON THE PROGRAMME SITUATION

Presentation on the Programme situation was given by Iлона Praczuk (JS) (*Annex 2*).

Witold Kielich underlined that delays related to Warminsko-Mazurskie FLC checks is caused by the staff changes. Chairperson informed about planned reinforcement of FLC staff.

Beate Grajnert (EC) asked why some indicators were overachieved. It was discussed that during programming period lower target values were set, as well as small projects are overachieving indicators and it could not be predicted in advance. Moreover, Programme evaluation is planned in order to further assess the targets for indicators.

3. ANNUAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT 2018, ACHIEVEMENT OF MILESTONES

Annual implementation report 2018 was presented by Mateusz Ropiak (JS) (*Annex 3*). Corrections basing on received comments were discussed and accepted.

The chairperson has requested JS to provide JMC with data of the result indicators when it is available.

DECISION:

To approve the Annual implementation report 2018 of the Interreg V-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation Programme (*Annex 4*) and to submit to the EC within the deadline.

4. PLANNED PROGRAMME COMMUNICATION ACTIVITIES

Stanislava Skuodyte (JS) presented overview of Programme communication activities (*Annex 5*).

ECD organization was discussed, Grazyna Szajstek (RCP) informed that Podlaskie voivodeship plans to provide transport for Polish beneficiaries to the venue.

The chairperson requested JS and RCPs to make additional meetings with potential applicants not foreseen in the communication plan if the TA budget allows. It was agreed to further discuss measures during the trainings for potential beneficiaries of 4th call for proposals at the end of June 2019.

5. DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL OF THE APPLICATION PACKAGE FOR THE 4TH CALL

Živilė Marcinkevičienė (JS) presented the application package for the 4th call. The comments were discussed and agreed upon.

DECISION:

- 1. To approve Programme Manual of the Interreg V-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme (*Annex 6*) with annexes (applicable for 4th call for proposals) basing on the Methodology and criteria for selection of open call projects for funding approved for 3rd call for proposals.**
- 2. To launch the 4th call for proposals within the Interreg V-A Lithuania-Poland cooperation programme on June 10, 2019 with the deadline for the project submission on September 30, 2019, at 16:00 (GMT + 02:00).**
- 3. To approve the announcement of the 4th call for proposals (*Annex 7*).**

6. MODIFICATIONS OF TA BUDGET

Živilė Marcinkevičienė (JS) presented the modifications of TA budget. The comments were discussed and agreed.

DECISION:

- 1. To approve modifications of TA budget and the new percentage of the co-financing between countries since 2019 (*Annex 8*).**
- 2. To update the TA budget description foreseeing the possibility to incur costs for preparation of a new programme via written procedure.**

7. FUTURE PLANS FOR COOPERATION POST 2020

The current situation regarding designing of new programmes for cooperation post 2020 was discussed. MA proposed to have the first Programming Task Force meeting this year in October. EC presented Border Orientation Paper and asked for comments or impressions. EC suggested to start preparation for the new programming period.

DECISION:

- 1. To establish Programming Task Force for preparation of the next programming period. The national authorities of the MS shall inform MA and JS about nominated persons in the Programming Task Force in respective country.**
- 2. To organize the first Programming Task Force meeting for preparation of the 2021-2027 programme on 22 October 2019 in Vilnius.**

8. OTHER ISSUES

- Information regarding one irregularity detected on Polish side was received – JTS has forwarded the draft JMC decision for MA. JMC decision shall be taken through written procedure in the nearest future.
- Programme evaluation: Terms of reference were prepared and agreed between MA and NA. The Programme Evaluation plan was updated during last JMC – the increase of the evaluation budget is proposed in TA budget modification part.

DECISION:

To approve the modification of the Programme Evaluation plan with the increased budget from 48.718,52 EUR to 70.000,00 EUR (*Annex 9*).

3. Prolongation of the transitional period for Omnibus exemption was discussed.

DECISION:

Having regard to the provisions set in the article 152 (7) of the Regulation EU 1303/2013 to address the European Commission with request to extend the transitional period and not to apply the provisions set in the Article 67 (2a) of the above mentioned regulation until end of the Programme implementation, 31 December 2023.

4. The date of the next JMC meeting was discussed.

DECISION:

To set the date of the next JMC meeting via written procedure.