

## MINUTES

### 1<sup>st</sup> MEETING OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE OF (INTERREG VI-A) LITHUANIA-POLAND CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION PROGRAMME

29-30 November 2022, Vilnius (Lithuania)

Chaired by Chairperson Ms. Lina Šemetulskytė,  
representative of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania

MC session: 29 November 2022, 9:30-17:00 and 30<sup>th</sup> November 2022, 9:30-13:00

AGENDA	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Welcome, introduction, adoption of the agenda of the meeting.</li><li>2. Rules of Procedure of the Monitoring Committee.</li><li>3. Programme Manual and JEMS.</li><li>4. Implementation schedule for the programme.</li><li>5. Technical Assistance (TA) budget and its distribution among programme institutions.</li><li>6. Other issues.</li></ol>
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#### 1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTION, ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA OF THE MEETING

The Chairperson welcomed all the members and observers of the Monitoring Committee (MC) meeting of the Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland cross-border cooperation programme (Programme) and expressed a will for fruitful cooperation. Vice minister of the Ministry of the Interior of the Republic of Lithuania Arnoldas Abramavičius, Head of the Polish delegation Monika Jurczyk and representative of the EC Nathalie Vershelde gave welcome speeches.

The Chairperson asked if there were any remarks to the proposed agenda of the meeting. Monika Jurczyk proposed to discuss the Programme Manual during the meeting and finalise the decision making process *via* written procedure.

#### **DECISION:**

**To approve the agenda of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the MC of the Programme (*Annex 1*) and accept the proposal to conduct written procedure regarding the Programme Manual.**

#### 2. RULES OF PROCEDURE OF THE MONITORING COMMITTEE

Ieva Ūsaitė-Redikienė (JS) presented the remarks to the Rules of Procedure of the MC.

The following issues were discussed by the members of the MC: need of external expertise during the assessment process, amendments related to the provisions on horizontal principals, responsibility of the MC members for strategic assessment of the projects, reimbursement of costs (accommodation and

transport) for the members and deputy members' participation in the MC meetings according to the Description of the use of the TA budget.

**DECISION:**

**To establish the MC.**

**To approve the Rules of Procedures of the MC (*Annex 2*).**

### **3. PROGRAMME MANUAL AND JEMS**

Ieva Ūsaitė-Redikienė (JS) introduced the Programme in brief. She presented the table referring to the Programme Manual with all the comments collected before the meeting. Comments of the technical character were corrected by the JS and not discussed during the meeting. Detailed discussion on all provided remarks and comments was held. Wanda Miczorek (JS) presented the Joint electronic monitoring system (JEMS).

It was proposed to the JS to include all the relevant remarks to the Programme Manual and send to the MA for further consideration. Afterwards, the MA sends the corrected document to the NA giving 5 days for their comments. The shortened (7 days) written procedure with respect to the approval of the final version of the Programme Manual with annexes to be launched at the latest on 23 of December 2022.

**DECISION:**

**To launch the written procedure for approval of the final version of the Programme Manual with annexes at the latest on 23 December 2022.**

### **4. IMPLEMENTATION SCHEDULE FOR THE PROGRAMME**

Ieva Ūsaitė-Redikienė (JS) presented the Programme work plan for December 2022 and for the year 2023. The JS corrected the Work plan for December 2022 – 2023 according to the comments received during the meeting.

**DECISION:**

**To approve the Programme work plan for December 2022 and for the year 2023 (*Annex 3*).**

**To launch the 1<sup>st</sup> call for proposals on 9 January 2023 ending on 28 April 2023.**

**To set indicative date of the MC meeting for projects' selection for 26-27 September 2023.**

### **5. TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE (TA) BUDGET AND ITS DISTRIBUTION AMONG PROGRAMME INSTITUTIONS**

Ieva Ūsaitė-Redikienė (JS) presented the draft proposal for the TA budget. For the beginning of the year 2023, the Programme will use the TA budget from the period of 2014-2020. The planned TA budget for the new period and its distribution among the Programme institutions will be developed at the beginning of 2023.

## 6. OTHER ISSUES

The Chairperson suggested to discuss the future modification of the Programme. Following the suspension of the participation of Russia and Belarus in the programming process for Interreg NEXT 2021-2027, taking into account the decision of Lithuania and Poland Governments not to implement 2021-2027 Interreg NEXT programmes with Russia and Belarus and to reallocate ERDF allocations planned for the Interreg Next 2021-2027 programmes to the Interreg VI-A Lithuania Poland programme the following decision was taken.

### **DECISION:**

**To modify the Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland programme including enlargement of the programme territory by Olsztyński and Łomżyński subregions;**

**To establish the Task Force for the modification of the Interreg VI-A Lithuania-Poland programme;**

**To authorize the national authorities of Lithuania and Poland, with leadership of the Managing Authority, to organize the process of necessary consultations with the relevant authorities and partners.**

### Annexes:

*Annex 1* – Agenda of the 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the MC of the Programme;

*Annex 2* – Rules of Procedures of the MC with the Declaration of impartiality and confidentiality;

*Annex 3* – Programme work plan for December 2022 and for the year 2023.