

3rd Monitoring Committee
Trieste (Republic of Italy)
February 22nd and 23rd , 2017

Short Minutes of Monitoring Committee meeting

Agenda of the meeting:

1. Welcome - Approval of the agenda;
2. ITI projects: discussion and approval;
3. Strategic projects: discussion and approval of focused themes and procedure;
4. State Aid Guidelines: discussion and approval;
5. Standard projects: updated information on the on-going evaluation procedure;
6. Evaluation plan: discussion and approval;
7. Any other business:
 - a. fulfillment of EC prescriptions for the IR 2016
 - b. Roadmap

The meeting takes place in Trieste (Italy) at the premises of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia offices, Meeting room (ground floor), on February 22nd and 23rd 2017, starting from 9.15 a.m.

Day 1 - February 22nd, 2017

Ms Comelli, acting as Managing Authority (MA), welcomes and thanks the participants.

The quorum requested by the RoP is reached.

Topic 1 - Approval of the agenda

The MA introduces the topics of the proposed agenda starting from the request made by the Slovene delegation to change the agenda introducing additional topics to be discussed.

Conclusions on topic 1:

The MC approves the agenda amended as follows split upon two days:

February 22nd, 2017 - 9.00-17.00

1. Welcome - Approval of the agenda;
2. ITI projects: discussion and approval;
3. Strategic projects: discussion and approval of focused themes and procedure;
4. Update of the Programme implementation and roadmap;
5. Standard projects: updated information on the on-going evaluation procedure;
6. State Aid Guidelines: discussion and approval;
7. Evaluation plan: discussion and approval

February 23rd, 2017 - 9.00-12.30

8. Rules of procedure - proposal for changes (to be proposed by the Slovenian delegation)
9. Any other business:
 - a. CP - including approval of the overall TA budget
 - b. Annex IX
 - c. Overview of the implemented activities of the Annual Communication Plan for 2016
 - d. Information on the Annual Communication Plan for 2017

Topic 2: ITI projects: discussion and approval

The topic is presented and discussed.

Conclusions on topic 2:

The MC members approve the ITI projects under following conditions to be solved before the signature of the Subsidy Contract:

1. Indicators and Subsidy Contract: financial milestones and output indicators of ITI projects will be clearly indicated in two annexes of the subsidy contract, after the verifications of application forms (by the OIB and MA) that the contribution of the ITI projects to the achievement of the targeted values (expected in 2018 and in 2023) of the relevant Programme indicators is in line with the programming documents. The content of the two annexes will be binding for the EGTC Sole Beneficiary. The application form of ITI project Salute-Zdravstvo will be amended with elements indicating the cooperation and coordination with the Slovene Ministry of Health.
2. The application forms of the two ITI projects Isonzo-Soča and Salute-Zdravstvo will be amended accordingly with the Slovene request to delete the sentence on page 7, point b1, related to transfer of competences from municipalities to the EGTC accordingly to applied legal basis in force.
3. It has to be clarified that the so-called "Conferenza dei servizi" (institutional networking meeting for procedural/administrative authorization) is only an instrument introduced to facilitate the dialogue and not a legal instrument.
4. EGTC will be invited by the MA to the Monitoring Committee meeting at least once / year in order to present the ITI projects results and state of play.

Topic 3 - Strategic projects: discussion and approval of focused themes and procedure

The topic is presented and discussed. It is an institutional top down approach. Themes agreed by the WG have been presented, those not yet agreed have been further discussed by the MC members.

Conclusions on topic 3:

The MC members approved the strategic themes as follows:

1b	1	Building-up an international open lab network fostering nanotechnology-based innovation among SMEs. The strategic theme is to promote the network of the top-level nanotechnology oriented research centres of the cross-border area delivering high-specialized services in a framework of collaboration with local SMEs to boost research-driven industrial innovation and technology transfer. Nanotechnology has many applications coherent with S3 priority areas (in areas like smart health, smart manufacturing, etc.) and the planned transboundary interaction will also foster and promote the exchange of technical competencies and public-private partnerships alongside the implementation of PoC - Proof of Concept activities.
	2	Development of innovation eco-systems and value chains, establishing linkages between the science, culture, art, inhabitants and economy, applying creative, open and collaborative innovation, including pilot demonstrations through innovative products and services. The strategic theme enables to link cross-border innovative eco-systems in order to foster creative activities and open innovation, focusing on the use of new technologies aligned with RIS3 and applied

		(unconventionally, too) to a range of sectors (from smart buildings to knowledge management). The interaction among creative practitioners, public institutions, companies (SMEs and start-ups) will permit to exchange experiences, concepts and approaches, to develop innovative products and services, to foster creative value chains and to support start-ups offering incubation and acceleration support structures for pilot projects.
4e	3	Establishing a concrete support for accelerating the reduction of carbon or greenhouse emissions, strengthening capacities to adapt to unavoidable climate change impacts and increasing energy efficiency of the entire CBC territories, based on methodology used for transition of SEAP to SECAP.
	4	Improvement of integrated mobility planning capability and services with the aim to establish low carbon cross border public transport connections and intermodality taking into account all modes of transport in the entire programme area.
6c	5	“EXCELLENCE IN TOURISM” aims to create an innovative management model supporting the development of the cross-border tourist destination through cross-border integrated tourist products (ITP), based on revitalized cultural and natural heritage and build missing infrastructure which will enable integrated and sustainable (circular) management of natural and cultural heritage and outdoor experiences with special focus on the field of cross-border network of castles, historic gardens, villas, vineyards, and all diversity of landscapes of the programme area. Through enogastronomy the strategic theme promotes typical products, food/wine and local tradition and through outdoor activities boosts experiencing nature diversity. The interventions will test/pilot the sustainable planning concepts and smart use of existing tourism build infrastructure models on micro-cross-border destinations.
	6	Promote and enhance the heritage of the First World War also in terms of sustainable and conscious tourism. In particular, increase the potential attractions of sites and monuments of great historical and symbolic significance, also through small scale investments and favouring the use of innovative communication tools and cinematography. Project actions should take into account the initiatives of programme partners such as the memorization of the centenary of the First World War and its consequences and the introduction of the "The Walk of Peace from the Alps to the Adriatic - Heritage of the First World War " on the UNESCO World Heritage List.
	7	Introduction of innovative approaches developed by national and linguistic minorities and public bodies, for the promotion of multiculturalism and multilingualism focusing also on young generation with exchange of good practices in order to develop multicultural assets with the aim to increase touristic and cultural attractiveness of the territory.
6d	8	Integrated development and implementation of cross-border, nationally, regionally and locally harmonized potentials for different forms of green infrastructure and green economy activities in the fields of water and marine management, ecology, nature protection, green tourism and other related fields (natural retention areas, green river corridors,...) aiming to improve water and Natura 2000 ecosystems and contributing to the sustainable future development (especially tourism) of the entire Programme area.
6f	9	Development and implementation of an integrated joint non-structural and structural flood protection measures in the context of the Floods Directive 2007/60/EC with the following main activities: sets of joint models, elaboration of maps and tools with the associated documentation and implementation of few pilot

		small-scale investments and equipment, upgrade of flood forecasting system, awareness raising activities and by using innovative technologies.
11 CTE	10	Enhancement of cooperation in the field of civil protection emergencies, focusing on coordination of preventive, preparedness and response measures to not marine natural emergencies, development of joint support systems, upgrading of joint tools and measures for early detecting of natural risks investments in equipment and facilities for joint trainings and educations at different level.

The discussion of the procedure related to the strategic projects' proposals is postponed to the next day.

Topic 4: Update of the Programme implementation and roadmap

Conclusions on topic 4:

Not discussed. The discussion is postponed to the next day.

Topic 5: Standard projects: updated information on the on-going evaluation procedure

Conclusions on topic 5:

Not discussed. The discussion is postponed to the next day.

Topic 6: State Aid Guidelines: discussion and approval

Conclusions on topic 6:

Not discussed. The discussion is postponed to the next day.

Topic 7: Evaluation plan: discussion and approval

Conclusions on topic 7:

Not discussed. The discussion is postponed to the next day.

The first day of the MC meeting ends at 5.25 p.m.

Day 2 - February 23rd, 2017

Ms Comelli, acting as Managing Authority (MA), welcomes and thanks the participants. The approval of the short minutes related to the first day of MC meeting is postponed to the end of the second day.

The meeting of the second day starts with the discussion related to the procedure for the strategic projects (continuation of Topic 3) and following with topics for which a discussion and approval is necessary.

Topic 3 - Strategic projects: discussion and approval of the procedure

The topic is presented and deeply discussed.

Conclusions on topic 3:

The MC agrees that the open consultation, although at the beginning considered a useful tool for supporting the better development of the themes, is no more needed as themes have all been

decided respecting the top down institutional approach as indicated in the Cooperation Programme and approved by the MC itself the day before.

The MC members agreed that only one targeted call will be launched for all the 10 themes.

MA supported by the JS will elaborate the structure of targeted call and shall be supported by experts nominated by the two Delegations in order to better define technical issues related to the concept, to be validated by the Working Group before the approval of the next MC (planned to be in April)

Topic 4: Update of the Programme implementation and roadmap

Not discussed.

Topic 5: Standard projects: updated information on the on-going assessment procedure

The topic is presented and discussed.

Conclusions on topic 5:

The MC members were informed on the topic. SI delegation asks to take into account lessons learnt already in the process of preparing next targeted call for strategic projects.

Topic 6: State Aid Guidelines: discussion and approval

The topic is presented and discussed.

Conclusions on topic 6:

The MC approves the document.

Topic 7: Evaluation plan: discussion and approval

The topic is presented and discussed.

Conclusions on topic 7:

The MA will send the document in “track changes” mode and ask for final comments and improvements to be sent via email to the MA within mid-March.

Since the document was already discussed, a written procedure will be launched for its approval in order to meet the Programme deadline (30 May 2017).

Topic 8: Rules of procedure - proposal for changes (to be proposed by the Slovenian delegation)

Not discussed because of lack of time.

Topic 9: Any other business:

- a. CP - including approval of the overall TA budget
- b. Annex IX
- c. Overview of the implemented activities of the Annual Communication Plan for 2016
- d. Information on the Annual Communication Plan for 2017

Not discussed because of lack of time.

The second day of the MC meeting ends at 02.00 p.m.

Annexes:

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