

Protocol

of the 1st Programming Committee Meeting

for the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic
06 November 2019, Budapest

Chair of the Meeting:

Nikoletta Horváth

I.

Approval of the Agenda

Presentation of the purpose of the meeting

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

I/1) The Programming Committee

approves the Agenda of the 1st Programming Committee Meeting for the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic held on 06 November 2019 in Budapest as texted in the document *Agenda_1st-PC-meeting_v1-00* with the following modification:

- Agenda point No. 3. *Discussion and approval of the Territorial analysis of the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic* is modified to *Discussion of the Territorial analysis of the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic*.

II.

Discussion and approval of the Rules of Procedure of the Programming Committee

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

II/1) The Programming Committee

approves the Rules of Procedure of the Programming Committee Strategic Planning and Programming for the future Interreg programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic **with the following condition and following modifications:**

Condition:

- the financial possibilities to cover the travel and accommodation expenses of the members of the Programming Committee other than the institutions representing the member states will be examined by the hosting institution of the JS.

Modifications:

- the terminology “Eligible territory” and “eligible area” shall be replaced by programme area;
- the terminology “exploit” shall be replaced by “explore”;

- additional advisors might be invited (e.g. key experts/planners).

III.

Discussion of the Territorial analysis of the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth/Gyula Ocskay

III/1) The Programming Committee

acknowledges the presentation on the Territorial analysis of the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic as it is texted in the document *Annex2_SKHU-territorial-analysis_b1-00* with the following remarks:

- more focused analyses shall be provided in the following topics:
 - Heritage management (including Tourism, P2P);
 - Social challenges;
 - Economic development;

Environmental sustainability and Institutional cooperation is suggested to be a horizontal measure;

- the map displayed on the front page of the document shall be modified (i.e without highlighting the 25 km border region)
- territorial analysis shall also include the analysis of synergies with other programmes, tools and strategies in regional, national and European level;
- proposed schedule in section 'Timing' shall be updated;
- the representative of the Ministry of Environment of the SR requested to correct in the document any references which state that the Programming Committee made the final decision on the priorities of the future programme in October 2019 (e.g. page 3: "This first draft will be discussed and commented by the relevant stakeholders during October when the programming Task Force will make the final decision on the priorities of the next programme.")

Further comments can be sent by e-mail to CESCO (gyula.ocskey@cesci-net.eu) and to the JS (info@skhu.eu) by the end of November 2019. CESCO is asking PC members to send information on the regional development programmes and other operational programmes if they are available.

IV.

Analysis of content of CP template and related Annexes

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

IV/1) The Programming Committee

acknowledges the presented information on content of CP template and related Annexes as texted in the document *Annex3_CP template_29_May_2018* with the following remarks:

- Appendix 2: Simplified cost option: According to the decision of the PC on the use of SCOs on programme level, methodology shall be elaborated and if it is accepted by the auditors, only the baseline would be checked in a later phase.

(To provide support and guidance the Commission auditors - on the request of the Audit Authority - may also come on the spot to check the methodology justifying the use of SCOs on programme level).

V.

Discussion and approval of the Terms of Reference for Chapter 2

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

V/1) The Programming Committee

approves the Terms of Reference for the elaboration of the Chapter 2 of the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic as it is texted in the document *Annex4_ToR_Chapter-2_b1-00* with the following conditions:

- In Background information the reference for current programme regions shall be inserted;
- Requirements for key experts shall be completed with relevant professional experience in Slovakia and Hungary;
- In Point 1 last paragraph shall be rephrased with avoiding the terminology "recommendation".

The document can be modified in case of technical reasons without prior approval from Programming Committee.

VI.

Discussion and approval of the Terms of Reference for SEA

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

VI/1) The Programming Committee

Approves the Terms of Reference for Strategic Environmental Assessment for the future Interreg Programme between Hungary and Slovak Republic in the Programming Period 2021-2027 as it is texted in the document *Annex5_ToR_SEA_b1-00* with the following conditions:

- Slovak experts shall meet the criteria listed in the relevant SK legislation furthermore the expert should be listed in the official register available on the website.

For the request of the representative of the Ministry of Environment of the SR it was confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development of the SR that it was not necessary from the side of Ministry of Environment to firm the correctness of the acts and decrees stipulated in the document which would apply for the SEA experts from Slovakia as these laws had been consulted and confirmed with the relevant department of the Ministry of Environment of the SR beforehand.

The document can be modified in case of administrative reasons without prior approval from Programming Committee.

VII.

Feedback on Border Orientation Paper

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

VII/1) The Programming Committee

acknowledges the presented information on the Feedback on Border Orientation Paper Slovakia-Hungary as it is texted in the document *Annex6_BOP*. Any further remarks related to the Border Orientation Paper are welcomed via e-mail.

VIII.

Current status of EU legislation process

Presented by: Katalin Péntzes

VIII/1) The Programming Committee

acknowledges the presented information on the Current status of EU legislation process.

IX.

Any other business

Next meeting is planned to be organized in April 2020.