

Protocol

of the 12th Monitoring Committee Meeting

for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme

26 November 2021, online

Chair of the Meeting:

Nikoletta Horváth

I.

Opening and approval of the Agenda

Presentation of the purpose of the meeting

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

I/1) The Monitoring Committee

approved the Agenda of the 12th Monitoring Committee Meeting for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme held on 26 November 2021 online as texted in the document *12_MC_agenda_Interreg-SKHU_v1-01*.

In line with Rule 6 of the Rules of Procedures of the Monitoring Committee the Chair proposed to the Monitoring Committee that agenda is completed with two additional topics under the agenda point AoB:

1. Discussion and approval on the modified Technical Assistance Manual (the modified Technical Assistance Manual was forwarded to the MC members in line with the Rules of Procedures before the meeting);
2. The change of the EU co-financing rate from 100% back to 85% in line with CRII regulation.

I/2) The Monitoring Committee

approved extended Agenda of the 12th Monitoring Committee Meeting for the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme.

II.

Information on actual implementation phase and N+3 status of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme

Presented by: Veres Csilla

Veres Csilla presented actual implementation phase and N+3 status of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme.

After followed short presentations on actual implementation status of projects belonging to intervention field 032 (Local access roads) and 030 (Secondary road links to TEN-T road network and nodes) held by representatives of respective projects.

Szabó Márta, representative of NIF Zrt., presented status of the following projects:

ACRONYM	Lead Beneficiary	Description
Hit the road!	NIF Zrt.	Ipoly/Ipeľ bridge at Drégelypalánk and Ipeľske Predmostie with road connections
Ride Up!	NIF Zrt.	Ipoly/Ipeľ bridge at Őrhalom and Vrbovka with road connections leading to the bridgeheads at each side
Ipolydamásd - Chl'aba bridge	NIF Zrt.	Ipolydamásd - Chl'aba bridge

Tomáš Slovák, representative of Vodohospodárska výstavba, štátny podnik, presented status of the following project:

ACRONYM	Lead Beneficiary	Description
Bridge Dobrohošť-Dunakiliti	VODOHOSPODÁRSKA VÝSTAVBA, ŠTÁTNY PODNIK	Bridge Dobrohošť - Dunakiliti

Due to the ex-ante endorsement procedure on public procurement the LB (VODOHOSPODÁRSKA VÝSTAVBA, ŠTÁTNY PODNIK) is planning to submit modification request towards Managing Authority for the extension of implementation period till September 2023.

Bacsa-Fodor Mariann, representative of NIF Zrt., presented status of the following project:

ACRONYM	Lead Beneficiary	Description
Hemp road	NIF Zrt.	Direct cross-border connection between Nagyrozvágy and Veľký Horeš

According to the actual information provided by the representatives of the LBs all of the presented projects could be finalized by the end of 2023.

II/1) The Monitoring Committee

acknowledges the information on N+3 status of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme as presented in the documents *01_a_Allocation_actual_status_v1-00*, *01_b_Actual_status_of_implementation_v1-00* and *01_c_N+3_and_reporting_status_2021-11-18_v1-00* with no conditions and the information about the actual implementation status of projects belonging to intervention field 032 (Local access roads) and 030 (Secondary road links to TEN-T road network and nodes) with no comments.

III.

Discussion on the planned evaluation of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme

Presented by: Kitti Dubniczki (CESCI)

Kitti Dubniczki (CESCI) presented planned Second Phase evaluation of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme, including scope of the assessment, frameworks, structure and work plan.

Nikoletta Horváth asked the Monitoring Committee for an approval of the Inception Report of Effectiveness, efficiency and impact evaluation of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme and the modified Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme Evaluation Plan.

III/1) The Monitoring Committee

approved the Inception Report of Effectiveness, efficiency and impact evaluation of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme and the modified Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme Evaluation Plan as presented in the documents *03_a_SKHU_2nd_1a_Inception_report_v1-03*, *03_b_SKHU_2nd_1a_Template_v2-03* and *04_SKHU_Evaluation-plan_b2-00* with no conditions.

IV.

Presentation of the social media campaign of the programme – plans and results

Presented by: Szilvia N. Varagya (aPRimage, s.r.o.)

IV/1) The Monitoring Committee

was informed about ongoing social media campaign of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme and future plans and expected results.

V.

Presentation of the Interreg+ monitoring system

Presented by: Futó Adrienn, Németh Eszter

V/1) The Monitoring Committee

was informed about the current development status of the Interreg+ monitoring system and planned developments in the future.

VI.

Approval of the modified Technical Assistance datasheet

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

Nikoletta Horváth asked the Monitoring Committee for an approval of the modified Technical Assistance datasheet.

V/1) The Monitoring Committee

approved the **budget reallocation of SK-HU-TA/01** (Establishment and operation of the Joint Secretariat (JS) in Budapest) project texted in the documents 05_SKHU_TA_01_datasheet_JS_b1-04 and 05_SKHU_TA_01_TA_modification_v1-02 and with no conditions.

VII.

State of play of remaining funds within the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme and initial discussion

Presented by: Veres Csilla

VII/1) The Monitoring Committee

was informed about the current status of remaining funds within the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Cooperation Programme as described in the document 06_Remaining_funds_v1-00.

VIII.

Any other business

Presented by: Nikoletta Horváth

VIII/1) The Monitoring Committee

approved the Modified Technical Assistance Manual texted in the documents 05_TA_Manual_v8-00 with no conditions.

VIII/2) The Monitoring Committee

approved the modification of the Interreg V-A SKHU Cooperation Programme relating to COVID-19 outbreak with the following remarks:

According to the decision of the 11th Monitoring Committee Meeting (13 July 2020) the modification of the Interreg V-A SKHU Programme temporary increase of the co-financing rate to 100% in all priority axes was approved to alleviate the burden on Slovak and Hungarian national public budgets responding to the COVID-19 crisis. In addition to this providing more liquidity on programme account which can contribute to quicker and smoother programme implementation.

Co-financing rate of 100 % were applied to expenditure declared in payment applications during the accounting year starting 1 July 2020 and ending 30 June 2021. Based on the decision of the MC the Programme should initiate the necessary steps to set the EU co-financing rate back to 85%.