



## 13th Interreg Europe Monitoring Committee Meeting 29 September 2020

### Online

**Chaired by:** Germany (DE)  
**Participants:** See Participants' List (Annex 01).  
**Decision notes:** Interreg Europe JS

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome, opening and approval of the agenda</b>
	<p><b>Chair</b> welcomed all MC members.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The agenda (Annex 02) was approved including the change on item 6 (Update on policy learning platform) from 'information' to 'decision'. There were no objections.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Presentation of the new MC members</b>
	New participants of the <b>MC</b> from <b>DE, EE, PT</b> and <b>RO</b> introduced themselves.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Presentation from the SUPPORT project from Croatia</b>
	Istrian Regional Energy Agency (IRENA), lead partner of the SUPPORT project, presented the project as well as its main achievements (Annex 03).
<b>4.</b>	<b>Update on programme developments</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> gave an overview of the meetings the JS participated in (Annex 04) and presented the latest development in terms of JS human resources (Annex 05).</p> <p><b>JS</b> also explained the reasons for the decision to opt out from the eMS project, to withdraw from the eMS core group and to start working on the development of a new system (Annex 06). The JS will continue to participate in the eMS user group to further exchange and harmonise its own system with eMS. <b>JS</b> also added that the programming committee would soon be consulted by written procedure with a proposal to ask the monitoring committee to agree to prepare the future monitoring system as of 2021 using the current programme technical assistance budget.</p>
<b>5.</b>	<b>2020 update evaluation – final report</b>
	<p>The experts in charge of the programme evaluation presented the 2020 update evaluation (Annex 07).</p> <p><b>Decision</b> The 2020 updated evaluation is approved.</p>



<b>6.</b>	<b>Update Policy Learning Platform</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> updated the MC about the latest PLP developments (Annex 08): on contractual situation (preparation of the next subsequent contract MS4) and the overall budget (overview of the actual expenditure for the years 2016 to 2019, as well as the provisional budget for the years 2020 to 2023). The main achievements and upcoming activities of the PLP since the last MC meeting were also presented by the PLP project manager who shared some reflections on the PLP implementation during 2020 (Annex 09).</p> <p>The MC did not have any comments.</p> <p><b>Decision:</b> The PLP Terms of Reference (Annex 10) and implementation workplan for year 4 (Annex 11) were approved without any objection.</p>
<b>7.</b>	<b>Projects' monitoring</b>
	<p><b>JS</b> gave an overview of the changes approved in running projects since the last MC meeting (Annex 12) and the main outputs and results achieved by the projects as of 1 September 2020 (Annex 13).</p> <p>The JS started discussing with projects the COVID-19 measures related to extension of duration. Based on these exchanges, the JS proposed an adaptation of the two related measures (i.e. measures 1 and 2) to lighten the procedure both for projects and programme as no fundamental change to project's core features is foreseen.</p> <p>Approval of the revised document on COVID-19 measures will be requested through written procedure.</p> <p>The MC did not have any comments.</p>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Update on communication activities</b>
	<p>JS shared with the MC member the highlights of the recent communication activities. The presentation is available in Annex 14 and the details of communication activities are available in the note included in the supporting documents.</p> <p>The MC did not have any comments or questions</p>
<b>9.</b>	<b>Update on finance &amp; risk management</b>
	<p>The <b>JS</b> updated the MC about matters (see Annex 15) related to</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ control and audit,</li><li>▪ negative interest charged on the programme accounts and</li><li>▪ the update of the risk matrix</li></ul>
<b>10.</b>	<b>Any other business</b>
	<p>The next online MC meeting will be on 16-17 Dec 2020.</p>
<b>End of Meeting</b>	
<p>NOTE: To ensure transparency of the monitoring committee meetings, the decision notes are published on the Interreg Europe's website. Annexes as mentioned in the notes can be requested by email: <a href="mailto:info@interregeurope.eu">info@interregeurope.eu</a></p>	