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Servizio Cooperazione Territoriale - IPA Adriatic

15th JMC meeting - 15th-16th October 2013, Corfu (Greece)

JMC decisions as of 15th October 2013

Item 1 - APPROVAL OF THE 15th JMC's MEETING AGENDA AND OF THE 14th JMC's MEETING MINUTES

1. The Agenda revised on 10/10/2013 (according to the MA note Prot. No. R-1250642) has been approved by the JMC.
2. The Croatian delegation provided to the JTS its suggestions of modification to the minutes of the 14th JMC Meeting (L'Aquila, 18th -19th April 2013) and the JMC discussion and approval on the final version (with the Serbian modifications included) is postponed once these modifications have been made to the text.
3. The Managing Authority ensures that the 10 calendar days deadline established under Rule No. 7 of the Rules of Procedure of the JMC for the submission of the minutes of the JMC meetings will be respected and to monitor the quality of the minutes provided.

Item 2 - DE-COMMITMENT OF PROGRAMME FUNDS

1. The discussion on the allocation of de-commitment of 2009 funds (23.242.729 EUR of Community funds, which corresponds to 27.344.387 EUR as Programme Contribution) and of the 2013 budget reduction (7.249.192 EUR of Community funds, which corresponds to 8.528.461 EUR of Programme Contribution) does not take into consideration the *not already formally quantified Programme budget reduction, due to the entrance of Croatia in the European Union*. Once received the formal communication from the European Commission, the Managing Authority will launch a written procedure for the approval of a new financial plan according to such budgetary reduction (*Note: the Rules of Procedures of the JMC does not establish that decisions on financial issues have to be taken only during a JMC meeting*).
2. The JMC agrees on the *allocation of de-commitment of 2009 funds and of the 2013 budget reduction*, taking into consideration savings that have been produced at Programme level (3.899.918 EUR), among the following Programme commitments:

Technical Assistance: -1.258.161 EUR (as agreed during the 14th JMC meeting);

1st Call Ordinary Projects: - 11.262.957 EUR (according to the declared/detected savings that projects may have, equal to 15,25% of the total Programme Contribution allocated to these projects);

2nd Call Ordinary Projects: - 4.050.000 EUR (equal to 5,08% of the total Programme Contribution allocated to these projects);

Strategic Project AlterEnergy: -500.000 EUR equal to 4,00% of the total Programme Contribution allocated to the project (as agreed during the 14th JMC meeting);

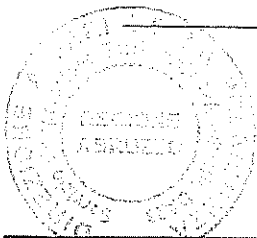
Calls for Strategic Projects proposals: -14.901.813 EUR, which actually means an increase of the total funds allocated to the Calls for Strategic Projects up to 75.959.363 EUR (instead of 60MIL EUR as decided during the 14th JMC meeting).

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L'Aquila, il 05/11/2013

Il Responsabile *[Signature]*



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The following table summarizes the JMC decision taken per commitments and per Priority.

Pr.	Commitments	T.A. budget reduction	I° ord. proj. reduction	II° ord. proj. reduction	Alterenergy reduction	Strategic calls to be committed
		-3,46%	-15,25%	-5,08%	-4,00%	-29,39%
1	51.247.044		-4.140.199	-1.350.000		10.000.000
2	64.734.720		-2.899.770	-1.350.000	-500.000	35.000.000
3	49.316.818		-4.222.988	-1.350.000		15.000.000
4	17.783.644	-1.258.161				

The final allocation of de-commitment of 2009 funds and of the 2013 budget reduction per Priority will be anyway decided after the discussion and approval of the ranking lists of Strategic Projects proposals (Item 4 of the Agenda), since additional 15.959.363 EUR have to be allocated among the three Priorities (1, 2 and 3).

- In order to reduce the expected automatic de-commitment of 2010 funds by the end of 2013, since the last date within which the Managing Authority has to submit its last declaration on validated amounts (5th December 2013) is too early to include as much DVEs as possible for 2013, the Managing Authority will ask to the Certifying Authority to postpone such deadline (20th December at least) and promptly inform the JMC on the Certifying Authority written answer, with all justifications..

Item 3 - PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION

- Upon Managing Authority proposal, the JMC agrees that some corrective actions have to be taken in order to solve implementation and reporting criticalities at Final Beneficiaries level, even though such corrective actions (as partner exclusion with or without replacement) have to be decided case-by-case with a more incisive involvement of the Lead Beneficiary. The following actions can be even taken against these Final Beneficiaries' criticalities:
 - greater involvement of National Authorities (and Info Points where established) in providing support to such Final Beneficiaries in respecting their project and reporting duties (i.e. ad hoc meetings or workshops);
 - more support of JTS Project Managers, also through one-to-one meetings (mainly by the FB premises);
 - invitation to Lead Beneficiaries to illustrate directly to the JMC (inviting them to the JMC meetings then) the encountered difficulties, if any, as well as achieved projects results.
- Pre-financing granted to 1st Calls Ordinary Projects* (as already agreed during the 14th JMC meeting for 2nd Calls Ordinary Projects, Technical Assistance Projects, AlterEnergy and Strategic Projects that will be finally selected) will be increased *up to 30%* (from the initially granted 20%), on a case-by-case

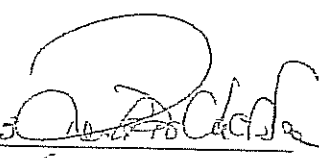
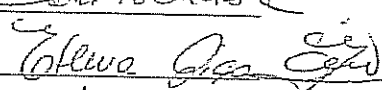
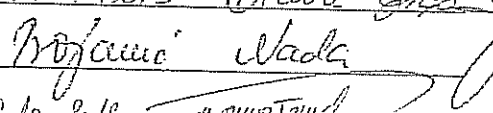
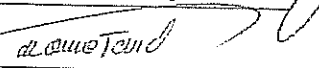
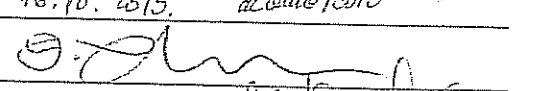
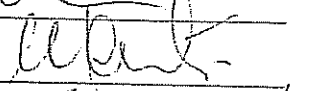
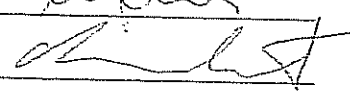
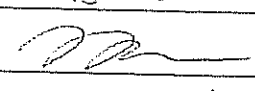
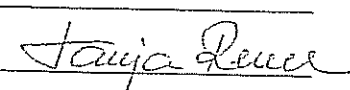


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analysis, provided that such granting will be duly justified and that equal treatment will be anyway ensured. The Managing Authority will inform all Lead Beneficiaries of 1st Call Ordinary projects on the opportunity to ask for these additional pre-financing. The decision to grant this additional pre-financing is left to the Managing Authority and the JMC will be informed on the decisions taken by the MA.

- The Managing Authority informs the JMC on the amount of *interest generated by pre-financing* granted to the Programme on the specific euro account opened at "Banca d'Italia" on 12 August 2011, equal to **247.637,82 EUR** for the period II half-year 2011- I half-year 2012. The Managing Authority will verify and promptly inform the JMC on the modalities and procedures on how this generated amount shall be allocated to the Programme, following the clarifications provided by the competent Italian Ministry (Ministry of Economy and Finance), pursuant to what established under Art. 36 of the IPA Implementing Regulation No. 718/2007 ("... Interest generated by the financing by the Community of a programme shall be posted exclusively to that programme, being regarded as a resource for the beneficiary country in the form of a national public contribution, and shall be declared to the Commission, at the time of the final closure of the programme").

SIGNED:

The Managing Authority:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Albanian Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Bosnian Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Croatian Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Greek Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Italian Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Montenegrin Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Serbian Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 
Slovenian Delegation:	<u>16.10.2013</u> 

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Item 4 - CALLS FOR STRATEGIC PROJECTS

1. The JMC approves the following modifications to the Partnership Agreement (Art. 19) and to the IPA Subsidy Contract (Art. 14):
 - a. Partnership Agreement, art. 19.4: "Any addendum needs to be accepted and duly signed by each Project Partner. The modification will enter into force when the addendum is authorized by the MA on the date of the last signature"
 - b. IPA Subsidy Contract, art. 14, added new paragraph 4: "4. Any addendum needs to be duly signed by the Parties. The modification will enter into force on the date of the Managing Authority signature."
2. The Managing Authority will provide to the JMC the complaint formally received on the quality assessments of the 1st Step (Project TOWANCE under Priority 2) and the formal answer given.
3. Pursuant to § 3.4.3 of the "Evaluation and Selection Manual for the Quality Assessment of Strategic Projects Proposals" the *De minimis* check will be performed only on projects finally selected to be financed. The JMC will be duly informed on the results of such verification and the approved ranking lists will be published by the Managing Authority only once this verification has been completed.
4. Upon request of the Greek delegation for the *readmission of the Region of Ionian Islands* under the project DRINKADRIA, the Managing Authority verified, with the support of the JTS, that the Calls for proposals do not expressly envisage a clause "*under inadmissibility penalty*" for those Final Beneficiaries for which original commitment documents concerning the De minimis Declaration and the Expression of Interest have not been provided within the given deadline (24th June 2013). Following a preliminary analysis and having retained that the request of the Greek Delegation is grounded in law and in fact and so admissible, with respect of the principles of *par condicio*, equal treatment and transparency when using public funds established under EU regulations, the JMC expressly agrees on the readmission of those Final Beneficiaries which resulted to be not admissible due to the same motivation, namely not having provided the original commitment documents (De minimis Declaration and the Expression of Interest) within the given deadline. Consequently, on the basis of the Table "Not admissible/not eligible partners" included in the "Report on the Quality Assessment of Strategic Projects" which shows that No. 4 projects were affected by not admissible or not eligible partners, with the specific reasons for exclusions, the following Final Beneficiaries are now considered as admissible to join the concerned project:
 - *Region of Ionian Islands - Directorate of Developmental Programming* – Project DRINKADRIA – Priority 2, Str. Theme 3;
 - *Marche Region - Security and Civil Protection integrated policies Department* – Project HOLISTIC – Priority 2, Str. Theme 4;
 - *Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia - Regional Civil Protection*, Project HOLISTIC – Priority 2, Str. Theme 4;
 - *Clinical Center of Montenegro* – Project ADRIACARES – Priority 1, Str. Theme 1.

Instead, concerning the Final Beneficiary *Regional Environment Center for Central and Eastern Europe - Country Office for Bosnia and Herzegovina* of the project ACTION FOR WATER –

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Priority 2, Str. Theme 3, its not admissibility is confirmed, not having the legal subjective requirements established by the Call (§ 6) to be considered as eligible, being an International Organization.

On the basis of the JMC decision on the readmission of the above listed Final Beneficiaries, the JTS verifies the scores given to criteria a3, a4 and b1 accordingly. The results of this verification are shown in the following table:

Project acronym	a3 score	a4 score	b1 score	Total score
DRINKADRIA	2,701	4,938	5	92,388
HOLISTIC	3,654	5,313	Not modified	86,467
ADRIACARES	Not modified	Not modified	5	61,380

The position within the concerned ranking lists of all the three above listed projects remains the same. The total project budget required by those project has been updated accordingly to the approved readmission.

- Priority 1 ranking list revised on 16/10/2013, Priority 2 revised on 16/10/2013 and Priority 3 revised on 16/10/2013 (Annexes I, II and III to this document) are approved.
- All projects finally selected for funding will be automatically reduced by 3,661%. In case of savings due to the results of the *de minimis check*, the projects can be subject to an automatic reduction lower than 3,661%, in order to align the percentage with the funds available. The Managing Authority with the support of the JTS will assess the more suitable solution for the allocation of such reduction (proportionally to each Final Beneficiary, among budget lines and work packages).
- The JMC agrees on the following new allocation of Programme Contribution for each Call (Priority):

Call/Priority	Total grant allocated (IPA + National co-financing)
1	16.052.133 EUR
2	38.465.868 EUR
3	21.441.362 EUR
Total	75.959.363 EUR

- According to the allocated funds the following projects are selected for financing:

Priority 1

Project acronym	Lead Applicant	Strategic Theme
ADRIATINN	IONIAN UNIVERSITY CORFU'	1
SMART INNO	PROVINCLA DI RIMINI	1

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PACINNO	Università degli Studi di Trieste	1
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Priority 2

Project acronym	Lead Applicant	Strategic Theme
DEFISHGEAR	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY, LJUBLJANA, LABORATORY FOR POLYMER CHEMISTRY AND TECHNOLOGY	1
BALMAS	INSTITUTE FOR WATER OF THE REPUBLIC OF SLOVENIA	2
DRINKADRIA	ATO Orientale Triestino c/o Comune di Trieste	3
HOLISTIC	SPLIT DALMATIA COUNTY CROATIA	4
HERA	ZADARSKA ZUPANIJA/ ZADAR COUNTY	5

Priority 3

Project acronym	Lead Applicant	Strategic Theme
EASYCONNECTING	Regione del Veneto	2
AdriaHealthMob	FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	1
EA SEA_WAY	Autonomous Region of FVG	1

9. The JMC agrees on the following new financial plan, modified according to the Programme budget reductions due to de-commitment of 2009 funds and 2013 budget reductions:

<i>Priority</i>	<i>Total Programme Contribution (IPA + National co-financing)</i>
1	61.808.978 EUR
2	98.450.818 EUR
3	65.185.192 EUR
4	27.637.359 EUR
<i>Total</i>	<i>253.082.347 EUR</i>

Item 6 - TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE FUNDS FOR ITALY - CROATIA ETC PROGRAMME PREPARATION

1. The JMC agrees to allocate 180.000,00 EUR plus VAT (if due) of the Programme Technical Assistance funds for the preparation of the ITALY - CROATIA ETC PROGRAMME.
2. As agreed during the 14th JMC meeting, the JMC shall be informed on the use of funds for the preparation of each new Programme (f.i. at the next JMC meetings).



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Item 5 - COMMUNICATION PLAN

1. Due to the time of closure of the JMC works, the discussion and decision on the communication plan will be postponed to the next JMC meeting, also taking into consideration the request of the Slovenian Delegation to have a more detailed information on the use of Technical Assistance funds.

A.O.B:

1. Upon specific request of Slovenian Delegation, for the following JMC meetings the Managing Authority will provide to the JMC members the details on the Programme Technical Assistance Financial Plan (as the document provided for the 14th JMC meeting - Annex I to the document "PROPOSALS OF ALLOCATION OF BUDGET REDUCTION FOR 2013")

SIGNED:

The Managing Authority:

 16.10.2013

Albanian Delegation:

 16.10.2013

Bosnian and Herzegovina Delegation:



Croatian Delegation:



Greek Delegation:



Italian Delegation:



Montenegrin Delegation:



Serbian Delegation:



Slovenian Delegation:

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PRIORITY 1

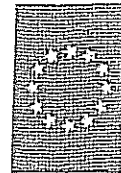
Code	Acronym	Lead Applicant	Country	Prifo.	Strat. Theme	Score	Strategic Theme ranking	Budget
RA/20120244459	ADRIATINN	IONIAN UNIVERSITY CORFU'	GR	1	1	97,003	1°	5.000.000,00
RA/20120244227	SMART INNO	PROVINCIA DI RIMINI	IT	1	1	84,493	2°	5.393.208,46
RA/20120243392	PACINNO	Università degli Studi di Trieste	IT	1	1	82,816	3°	6.268.603,80
RA/20120244074	SMART UP	REGIONE MARCHE	IT	1	1	81,370	4°	9.768.348,86
RA/20120244068	AdriaCares	INTERNAZIONALIZATION CULTURE Università G D'annunzio, Department of Neuroscience and Imaging	IT	1	1	61,380		5.279.040,00



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PRIORITY 2

Code	Acronym	Lead Applicant	Country	Priority	Strategic Theme	Score	Strategic Theme ranking	Budget
RA/20120243497	DEFISHGEAR	NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF CHEMISTRY,	SI	2	1	82,501	1°	5.721.514,34
RA/20120244190	IMAGE	REGIONE EMILIA ROMAGNA direzione	IT	2	1	74,230		9.492.810,78
RA/20120242984	BALMAS	INSTITUTE FOR WATER OF THE	SI	2	2	87,592	1°	7.648.782,70
RA/20120243406	DRINKADRIA	ATO Orientale Triestino c/o Comune	IT	2	3	92,338	1°	7.100.000,00
RA/20120243972	DAIM-Adria	Abruzzo Region - Department for	IT	2	3	81,069	2°	5.309.336,51
RA/20120242948	KATRA	Geological Survey of Slovenia	SI	2	3	75,141		5.026.302,66
RA/20120244014	IMADRE	REGIONE MOLISE	IT	2	3	68,990		8.464.460,00
RA/20120241649	ACTION 4 WATER	Institute of Public Healths Nova Gorica	SI	2	3	64,933		5.137.112,29
RA/20120244086	HOLISTIC	SPLIT DALMATIA COUNTY CROATIA	HR	2	4	86,467	1°	10.007.000,00
RA/20120243458	FEARLESS ADRIA	SLOVENIA FOREST SERVICE	SI	2	4	84,643	2°	9.995.390,94
RA/20120244393	HERA	ZADARSKA ZUPANIJA/ ZADAR	HR	2	5	80,207	1°	9.449.999,83
RA/20120243547	TOMESA	Institute for International Relations	HR	2	5	89,939	2°	8.712.745,43
RA/20120243550	i-GUIDE	University of Primorska	SI	2	5	86,986	3°	5.651.113,37
RA/20120242736	ADRINHeST	Università del Salento Dipartimento di	IT	2	5	86,801	4°	8.354.935,25
RA/20120242993	INHERIT	GRAD RUEKA CROATIA	HR	2	5	72,480		9.209.904,14



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PRIORITY 3

Code	Acronym	Lead Applicant	Country	Priority	Strategic Theme	Score	Strategic Theme ranking	Budget
RA/20120242775	EASYCONNECTING	Regione del Veneto	IT	3	2	90,253	1°	8.415.555,00
RA/20120243473	AdriaHealthMob	FEDERAL MINISTRY OF HEALTH OF BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA	BiH	3	1	86,685	1°	6.725.796,14
RA/20120243035	EA SEA_WAY	Autonomous region of FVG	IT	3	1	86,587	2°	7.114.487,50
RA/20120243535	Mobilitias	City of Dubrovnik	HR	3	1	74,495		8.125.862,00
RA/20120241731	LOC AIR	OBCINA BOVEC SLOVENIA	SI	3	1	60,197		8.375.967,40

