

3rd JMC MEETING

4 -5 July 2017 – Albanian Ministry of European Integration - Tirana

Decisions of the Joint Monitoring Committee

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Item 1 Decision:

The JMC approves the agenda of the third JMC meeting.

Item 5 Decision:

1) The JMC approves the assessment methodology to be applied to the project propthe first call for standard projects, with following key changes:

- Each national delegation shall appoint two JSC members for their own country (noas well as two deputy members. Its role should be further clarified.
- The JSC will be appointed for the entire duration of the “assessment” (not Programme).
- Integrations by partners shall be submitted to JS within “7” working days (not 5).

Item 6 decision:

The JMC approves the proposed list of errors to be admitted, not admitted and it gives the mandate to the MA to request any necessary integrations/corrections, to inform the not admitted projects and to proceed with the quality assessment according to the assessment methodology.

Item 7 decision:

The JMC approves the technical assistance projects and the subsidy contracts proposed for Albanian and Montenegrin partners, as well as it gives the mandate to MA to sign the subsidy contracts and transfer the pre-financing, with following key changes:

- delete the recovery procedure for beneficiaries from the SC template and to add it in the programme manual and MCSD. The annual work plans shall be approved by the MA, not the JMC.

The JMC approves the template for the subsidy contract and partnership agreement to be used for beneficiaries.

Item 8 decision:

The JMC approves the updates and amendments to the rules of procedure of the JMC, including the two additional changes proposed at the meeting.

Item 9 decision:

JMC approves following key features of thematic projects:

Consultation template and methodology for thematic projects to be provided by the JS (guiding towards harmonized project ideas) and provision of list of topics per S.O. extracted from CP by JS;

-Thematic project ideas to be developed through national consultations lead by national delegations;

-Project ideas identified, including responsible institutions, are analyzed-clustered by JS.

Top ideas approved by JMC together with a mandate to lead and project partners to develop it, including JMC and JS advise to partners;

-Identification of Institutions responsible for a topic by each national delegation;

-JS analyses outcomes in order to identify top 3 to 5 common priorities or to cluster different priorities (if no common priority emerges);

-Min/max budget for Thematic project is from 3-5 Mio and indicative overall budget of 20 Mio;

-48 month duration of the projects approved;

-1 to max. 2 partners per country (max. 6), max. 1 associated partner per country (max 3);

-Ensure cash flow (2 pre-financing installments);

-Preparation costs (real max. 40.000) and closure costs eligible for 6 months only for audit/reporting activities;

The JMC approves following next steps:

-JS: template for consultations 20/07/17

-NAs: National consultations 20/09/17

-JS: Analysis of outcomes 10/10/17

-JMC: Decision / mandate to partnerships 20/10/17

-Partnerships: develop project 31/12/17

-JMC: Approval/contracting 31/01/18

-Postponement of the methodology for the Strategic Projects at future JMC meetings, but in principle, Strategic Projects to be selected with open call (1 or 2 steps procedure), restricted to some type of partners and projects up to 5 Mio. Next standard call to be defined after the conclusion of the quality assessment of the 1° Call for proposals.

Item 10 decision:

The JMC approves that the fourth JMC meeting shall take place in Puglia - Lecce on 22-23 November 2017. It commits not to change the date, except for cases of force majeure.