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Minutes

1st Meeting – Monitoring Committee

11 January 2016 – La Valletta, Malta



The Monitoring Committee members of the Programme INTERREG V-A Italy Malta as referred to in the attached attendance sheet, be an integral part of the following minutes, met on the 11th January 2016, at the *Fortification Interpretation Centre*, La Valletta – Malta, at h 11:00. The following Italian representatives attended the meeting through the support of web conferencing tools: Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione, Autorità Ambientale, Pari Opportunità, Dipartimento della Programmazione, Associazione dei Comuni Siciliani. Members of the JTS – Mr. Marco Sambataro and Mrs Chiara di Bella, participated at the Monitoring Committee meeting in Malta as well as Mrs Ilva Maria Parlato through the support of web conferencing tools.

Antonio Piceno (Managing Authority), as chairperson, opens the 1st Monitoring Committee of the Programme INTERREG V-A Italy Malta, welcomes all participants and reads the following agenda

1. Constitution of the Monitoring Committee;
2. Approval of the Agenda;
3. Approval of the Terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee;
4. Presentation and approval of the selection criteria of the CP
5. Approval of the TA plan;
6. Presentation of the communication strategy of the CP
7. Any other business.

MC Members discuss point 1 of the Agenda Constitution of the Monitoring Committee

Antonio Piceno (Managing Authority) once verified there exists the legal number and the quorum, declares valid the meeting and settled the Monitoring Committee of the Programme INTERREG V-A Italy Malta.

Anna Maria Pileri (Managing Authority - EAFRD 2014-2020 Sicily) asks to the chairperson of the Monitoring Committee to clarify if the presence of a representative of the Sicilian EAFRD 2014-2020 Managing Authority could represent any conflict of interest within the Monitoring Committee of the Programme INTERREG V-A Italy Malta.

Antonio Piceno (Managing Authority) clarifies that the representative of the Sicilian EAFRD 2014-2020 Managing Authority within the Monitoring Committee of the Programme INTERREG V-A Italy Malta is an observer, without any voting rights. However, art. 11 “Impartiality” of the terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee states that the MC members cannot debate issues they are directly or indirectly involved with. Thus, the members, who declare a personal interest in an item on the agenda, cannot be present in the related debate and vote

Mr. Piceno asks for the approval of the agenda.

The Monitoring Committee members approve the agenda.

MC Members discuss point 3 Approval of the Terms of reference of the Monitoring Committee



Antonio Piceno (Managing Authority) invites the Joint Technical Secretariat to read the ToR, aligning the Italian and English versions

Art. 1 is read and approved.

Art. 2 is read.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione / Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) invites to insert in art. 2, point I, the specification “members with voting rights”;

Celia Mintoff (Maltese National Coordination Authority) invites to insert in art. 2, point IV the wording “by and not beyond three days preceding that meeting” instead of “by and not beyond one day preceding that meeting”

Art. 2 is approved with the above reported modifications.

Art. 3 is read and approved.

Art. 4 is read.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) confirms the consensus should represent the unique solution within the Monitoring Committee of a cooperation programme. Thus, the Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale discourages the use of the voting system.

Antonio Piceno (Managing Authority) clarifies that consensus always represented the unique system pursued by The Italia Malta Monitoring Committee during the previous programming period. The use of any voting system is a kind of “escape clause” for the MC members as it would allow to more quickly and pragmatically settle any issues on which there is no consensus. Thus, Mr. Piceno confirms the opportunity to leave the provision of the voting system although the Managing Authority is available to leave the unique provision of consensus system.

Carmen Dalli (Maltese National Coordination Authority) agrees with Mr. Piceno belief. Mrs. Dalli confirms the opportunity to leave the provision of the voting system although the Maltese National Coordination Authority is available to leave the unique provision of consensus system.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) insists that the consensus should be the unique method within the decision-making process of the Monitoring Committee cooperation programme.

Sicilian and Maltese members of the Monitoring Committee share the position of the MA and the MNCA. Within the art. 4, point I, the wording “If no consensus can be reached...present for the vote” is erased.

Marco Sambataro (Joint Technical Secretariat) invites to insert in art. 4, par II, at the end of the first sentences, the wording “even if through the support of Web conferencing tools”.

Art. 4 is approved with the above reported modifications.



Art. 5 is read.

Antonio Piceno (Managing Authority) highlights that in point I a clerical mistake is present, therefore the wording "...by the Assessore pro-tempore acting on behalf of the Dipartimento regionale della programmazione" is modified as "... by General Director pro-tempore of the Regional Planning Department"

Art. 5 is approved with the above reported modifications.

Art. 6 is read.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) suggests to modify the title of art. 6 as follows "Secretariat of the MC".

Art. 6 is approved with the above reported modification.

Art. 7 is read.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) suggests some minor changes, namely: in point I the wording "...based on a justified request of the Managing Authority" is modified as "...based on a written and justified request of the Managing Authority; the wording "...through a written motivated request" is modified as "...through a written justified request"; in point III the wording "...The incumbent Chairperson calls the meeting..." is modified as "...The incumbent Chairperson calls the meeting through the support of the JS".

Art. 7 is approved with the above reported modifications.

Art. 8 is read and approved.

Art. 9 is read and approved.

Art. 10 is read.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) suggests to erase the wording in point III "Such a decision is also valid ... Members of the Committee" due to the fact that it would be in contradiction with the provision of art. 4, point I, of the ToR, already approved.

Art. 10 is approved with the above reported modifications.

Art. 11 is read and approved.

Art. 12 is read and approved.

Art. 13 is read.

Marco Sambataro (Joint Technical Secretariat) suggests to erase the word "logistics" in point II.

Art. 13 is approved with the above reported modification.

Art. 14 is read and approved.



Art. 15 is read.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) suggests some minor changes, namely: modifying the title of art. 15 as “Amendments and approval”.

Art. 15 is approved with the above reported modification.

Art. 16 is read.

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) suggests to modify point I by adding “...in line with the provisions of the Art. 15”.

Art. 16 is approved with the above reported modification.

MC Members discuss point n. 4 “Presentation and approval of the selection criteria of the CP”.

Monitoring Committee Members consensually decide to postpone the approval of the selection criteria through written consultative procedure.

Celia Mintoff (Maltese National Coordination Authority) highlights that the written consultative procedure should be launched at the soonest in order to quickly launch the first call for project proposals.

MC Members discuss point n. 5 “Approval of the TA plan”

Monica Bellisario (Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione Territoriale) highlights the need to receive further details regarding the line items of the technical assistance plan.

Antonio Piceno (Managing Authority) underlines that the actual version of the technical assistance plan already includes all necessary details allowing its analysis and approval also considering that it mirrors the same modality of drafting as per the previous programming period. However, Mr Piceno informs that it will be up to the JTS to provide further details through the dissemination of a technical report to the MC members.

Monitoring Committee Members consensually approve the technical assistance plan. The Dipartimento per le Politiche di Coesione/Agenzia per la Coesione decides to abstain.

MC Members discuss point n. 6 “Presentation of the communication strategy of the CP”.

Monitoring Committee Members consensually decide to postpone the approval of the communication strategy through written consultative procedure .

Chiara Di Bella (Joint Technical Secretariat) highlights that the written consultative procedure should be launched at the soonest in order to target the provisions of the Reg. (UE) 1303/2013 and launch all the activities of the strategy and communication plan at the soonest.

Any other business – No further issues need to be discussed.

The meeting was closed at 13.30 hrs.

