



Minutes of the 5th Monitoring Committee meeting of the Interreg South Baltic Programme 2014-2020

8-9 November 2017, Güstrow, Germany
chaired by Mr. Steffen Schubert, Chairperson of the Monitoring Committee

Item 1. Opening of the meeting and words of welcome

The meeting was opened and the participants were welcomed by Mr. Steffen Schubert, the Chair of the South Baltic Programme Monitoring Committee. The MC delegations presented latest updates in the composition of the delegations as well as staff changes in Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat.

Item 2. Adoption of the agenda (D)

Changes were introduced to the agenda and the Monitoring Committee members approved the agenda with changes.

Item 3. Signing of impartiality and confidentiality declarations by MC Members

The MC members were asked to declare their impartiality to project proposals subject to selection and sign the impartiality declarations. The impartiality of the participants representing institutions acting as the associated partners in project proposals should also be taken into account and confirmed.

Item 4. Programme implementation – state of play (I)

The information regarding programme implementation was presented and included amongst others the committed resources, available funding, approved projects, planned and achieved indicators and actions required. It was confirmed by the JS that the implementation of the Programme had been going in line with the schedule and the performance framework.

Item 5. Selection of 4th call projects (D)

Assessment procedure, criteria as well as assessment results were presented.

The Monitoring Committee selected for funding the following projects with further conditions, clarifications, and/or recommendations included in the consolidated project assessments sheets:

SO 2.2: LESS IS MORE, STEP;

SO 3: CAR, CoBiUM,

SO 4: SEAPLANSPACE, SB Nature Guide Network

SO 5: UMBRELLA, SB FICA, SB FilmNet, SB YCGN, CICPA

At the same time the Monitoring Committee decided not to select the following projects:

SO 2.2: FRIHO

SO 3: INCONE60

SO 4: BEC, QUISST, MDF, TRAI n LNG,

SO 5: SB SocIn Hotel, COPBALT, REACH OUT

During the selection of projects Swedish, Polish and Danish delegations expressed their concern related to the stand point of German delegation regarding participation of German partners.

Following the Monitoring Committee, the updated indicators and financial targets after the approval of 4th call proposals were presented.

Following the Monitoring Committee decision an analysis of the committed Programme's resources was presented showing the approved ERDF co-financing in the amount of 10 562 504,02 EUR.

Item 6. SB project presentation (I)

Project InnoAquaTech was presented.

Item 7. Programme implementation schedule (D)

The Monitoring Committee was provided with the proposed Programme implementation schedule consisting of the future activities planned to be carried out by the Programme. The timeline for future calls was presented. The scope of future calls was discussed and agreed by the MC.

5th call for proposals: 13 Nov – 20 Dec 2017

The call will be opened for the Specific Objectives: 2.1, 2.2, 3, and 4.

The MC agreed to highlight in the 5th call announcement the information that the Programme is looking for projects delivering specific indicators the Programme is still missing.

The following events and dates were agreed according to the implementation schedule:

6th call for proposals: 7 May – 22 June 2018

Item 8. Changes to the Programme Manual (D)

The updated Programme Manual was approved as discussed (PM attached to Minutes in track changes mode).

Item 9. Approval of the minutes specifying all decisions taken during the meeting (D)

The decision minutes that are presented above were approved by the Monitoring Committee.

Item 10. Any other business (I)

The situation related to state aid detected in the project SB Transport Loops was presented and discussed.
The results of the meeting on staff situation at the Joint Secretariat were presented.

Item 11. Report from the INTERACT working group on cross-programme cooperation (I)

The outcomes of discussions on cross-programme coop/co-ordination between INTERREG programmes (procedures, exchange of information, coordinated calls), INTERREG projects (clustering & capitalization) INTERREG & national funds were reported. IVY initiative was presented.

Item 12. Update on the communication activities 2017 (I)

The Monitoring Committee was provided with the information on the communication activities carried out in 2017 as well as actions planned to be carried out by the Programme according to the Communication Plan.

Item 13. Evaluation plan (I)

The Programme mid-term evaluation schedule was presented to the Monitoring Committee.

Item 14. Closure of the meeting

The meeting was closed by the Chairperson.