

Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia – Serbia 2014-2020

Annex 12: Functions of the Joint Monitoring Committee

The Joint Monitoring Committee in particular:

- In line with Article 38(6) of Commission Implementing Regulation 447/2014, reviews the overall effectiveness, quality and coherence of the implementation of all actions towards meeting the objectives set out in the cross-border programme, the financing agreements and the relevant strategy; papers. In may make recommendations for corrective actions whenever needed.
- In line with Article 49 of CPR, examines any issues that affect the performance of the programme; examines, provides an opinion and approves any amendment of the programme proposed by the Managing Authority and may make observations to the Managing Authority regarding implementation of the programme and its evaluation and shall monitor actions taken as a result of its observations;
- In line with Article 110 (1) of CPR, examines all issues that affect the performance of the operational programme; progress made in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to findings of evaluations; implementation of the communication strategy; implementation of major projects; implementation of joint action plans; actions to promote equality between men and women, equal opportunities, and non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities and actions to promote sustainable development and, if applicable, financial instruments;
- In line with Article 110 (2) of CPR, examines and approves the methodology and criteria for selection of operations; the annual and final implementation reports; the evaluation plan and its amendments (including where either is part of a common evaluation plan pursuant the Article 114(1)) and examines progress of its implementation and the follow-up given to findings of evaluations in line with Article 56 of the CPR; communication strategy and its amendments in accordance with Article 116 of the CPR and examines its implementation and any proposal by the managing authority for any amendment to the operational programme
- in cooperation with MA, carries out monitoring by reference of indicators of the Programme
- has regard to the financial data, common and programme specific indicators, including changes in the value of result indicators and progress towards quantified target values, and, where relevant, the results of qualitative analyses;
- when applicable, approves the activities related to Technical Assistance;
- confirms or objects the information provided by the MA on the declarations submitted by Lead Partners and Project Partners on their administrative and financial capacities to fulfil all necessary conditions for project implementation before the approval of the operations. Shall there be no objections, the participating countries shall accept to bare the financial responsibility for beneficiaries located on their territories which have proven not being capable of managing IPA/ERDF funds;
- selects and approves applications according to set criteria and based on recommendations by the Joint Steering Committee/Joint Secretariat;
- approves major changes in the approved operations;

- establishes eligibility rules at programme level in accordance with Article 18 (2) of the ETC Regulation;
- adopts relevant Programme manuals/documents and call Specific Application Manuals;
- provides assistance to the MA in carrying out its duties, in particular with regard to modifications of the Programme;
- approves measures affecting the programme and operations in order to minimise/reduce de-commitment risk.