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2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.

1st Call for Proposals – assessment, contracting, implementation and communication activities

In total, for the 1st CfP, **127 applications** with 501 PPs were received through eMS. The process of assessment and selection started on 13/9/2016, at first JSC meeting and finished on 20/3/2017, at the third JMC meeting, when 24 operations for financing were selected. The ranking lists had been published on the Programme website and the official letters with the results of the assessment and selection process were sent to the LPs. Later on, one PP decided to withdraw their project application so in the end 23 projects were contracted and started with implementation between 15/6/2017 and 1/11/2017. **Total value of the contracted projects within 1st CfP is EUR 18.395.163,66 with EU share of EUR 15.635.721,15.**

Communication activities

The list of operations and project partners funded by the Programme is communicated within relevant Programme web site and social media as well as in the news section of ARR website. Furthermore, MA printed Programme booklets with overview of contracted projects that are also available on Programme website in PDF form. The booklet presents the projects and partners selected within all four Priority Axes, covering four areas of intervention and their expected results and are disseminated at all events (workshops, conferences etc.) organised by the Programme.

The first official signing of the SCs, for the first two projects, took place in Vinkovci (Croatia) on 2/6/2017. Afterwards, on 14/6/2017 in Osijek (Croatia), additional six SCs were signed. The event that followed, organized by MA and JS, were Project Implementation Workshops held in July, in Novi Sad (Serbia) and Vinkovci, where key aspects of project implementation were presented to and discussed with the beneficiaries. MA held the second conference marking the beginning of the implementation of contracted projects in July, in Novi Sad, where nine SCs were signed. Next signing event followed on 29/8/2017 in Zagreb when the last six SCs were signed. ETC Day was marked in Šibenik (Croatia) and the event gathered about 159 participants. After the submission of the first partner reports from the beneficiaries, MA and JS organized two workshops, in Subotica (Serbia) and Slavonski Brod (Croatia), covering topics of eMS reporting and public procurement. The events gathered about 120 participants. Furthermore, MA organised eMS training for TA beneficiaries in Zagreb in November 2017. The training gathered 32 participants from all Programme Bodies. In December 2017 MA commenced preparations for 4 workshops on output indicators that were held in Zagreb, in January 2018. MA prepared materials/presentations on output indicators, performance framework and evaluation of the Programme.

Designation procedure – finalization

The MA submitted to the AA the first version of the designation package on 18/11/2016 therefore the audit procedure started on 22/11/2016 with official announcement of the designation procedure to MA and CA. At the meeting with AA, held on 21/4/2017, the identified shortcomings in the designation package were discussed and agreed. Following review of the designation package by the MA and other relevant programme bodies, an additional meeting was organized on 30/6/2017 in order to discuss the procedures and the documents. In the period from 25/11/2016 to 13/1/2017 the assessment of the compliance of the MCS, established at the NA and CB in Serbia, with the designation criteria was performed by GoA members from Serbia. At the GoA meeting, held in Belgrade on 24/1/2017, the preliminary results of designation process were presented. Follow up

activities of the implementation of audit recommendations were performed by GoA members from 6 to 13/6/2017. Based on the performed audit activities AA concluded that the MCS was set up adequately by ensuring the implementation of the Programme. The MCS was designated on 31/7/2017 when MRRFEU as coordinating body for EU funds in Croatia informed EC that MA and CA are designated.

New version of Cooperation Programme – version 2.1 adopted

On 6/10/2016, the EC requested from Croatia, by official letter, to submit an amendment to CP to supplement it in order to introduce PF. PF is a key element to ensure that EU-supported programs are sufficiently focused on the target area and on results. On 6/7/2017, MA submitted a request for CP modification, accompanied by a revised CP.

Version 2.1. of the CP, including PF, was adopted by EC Implementing Decision C(2017)6011 on 31/8/2017.

Preparation of 2nd Call for Proposals

A technical meeting between MA, JS and NAs, where modalities of 2nd CfP were agreed, was held on 14/11/2017 in Belgrade (Serbia). Therefore, in November 2017 MA and JS started preparation activities regarding 2nd CfP that was scheduled for launching for March 2018. Namely, the preparations included work on AP and adjustment of eMS in order to adjust it according to the requirements of the 2nd CfP. MA and JS finalized AP in February 2018 and it was approved by JMC on 28/3/2018 prior to the opening of the Call on 30/3/2018.

Regular revisions and update of the procedures/guidelines/manuals

PIM, together with its annexes, is available since 14/6/2017. Furthermore, designation process introduced changes into TA Manual, therefore final version was made available on 29/9/2017. As for CG for INTERREG IPA CBC Programmes, first version was prepared by MA and put into use since February 2017. The latest updated version is in use since April 2018. In August 2017 Croatian FLC has approved Guidelines for eligibility of expenditure for Croatian PPs. This document, along with its annexes, is used by Croatian PPs as one of the reporting tools. Revised Guidelines are available since September 2017. VG have been adopted and published on the Programme website on 29/12/2017.

Other

In February 2017 Serbian NA recruited PM at Branch Office of JS. Furthermore, Serbian NA recruited FLC officer on basis of service contract and in June 2017 new PA also jointed the institution. In March/April 2017, ARR Croatia recruited Head of JS, FA and PM in the JS. As of 1/9/2017 the Programme Manager post within MA is vacant and recruitment is planned urgently. At the end of 2017, in accordance with TA indicator, total of 13,83 persons were financed from TA budget.

3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
PA1	Improving the quality of public health and social services in the programme area	<p>Commitment rate for PA1 is 50,77%</p> <p>Four projects totalling EUR 3.072.254,35 (with EU share of EUR 2.611.248,53 and EUR 461.005,82 of national co-financing) contracted within 1 Cfp are as follows:</p> <p>Take care! 939.505,50 EUR (EU share EUR 798.579,67 and EUR 140.925,83 national co-financing), RealForAll 624.220,25 EUR (EU share EUR 530.587,18 and EUR 93.633,07 national co-financing), MOS-Cross 982.167,50 EUR (EU share EUR 834.842,37 and EUR 147.325,13 national co-financing), ReGerNet 526.361,10 EUR (EU share EUR 447.239,31 and EUR 79.121,79 national co-financing).</p> <p>The contracted projects started with the implementation in June/July 2017. Therefore, at the end of 2017, indicators were at expectedly low level of achievement. Moreover, there will not be any significant under or over-commitment by the end of 31/12/2018.</p> <p>Project Take care, aiming at developing and improving health and social services for vulnerable groups, started with implementation on 15 June 2017. Initially project was envisioned with 5 partners but due to inability to co-finance project activities Caritas Sremska Mitrovica officially resigned from the project. The official note on withdrawal was received on 28/2/2018. The lead partner Bubamara and the project partner retirement home Ilok agreed to take over the obligations of Caritas Sremska Mitrovica.</p>
PA2	Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency	<p>Commitment rate for PA2 is 48,99%</p> <p>Seven projects totalling EUR 7.044.610,81 (with EU share of EUR 5.987.919,08 and EUR 1.056.691,73 of national co-financing) contracted within 1 Cfp are as follows:</p> <p>R-SOL-E 1.010.153,57 EUR (EU share EUR 858.630,52 and EUR 151.523,05 national co-financing) IMPACT-ENVI 570.255,17 EUR (EU share EUR 484.716,88 and EUR 85.538,29 national co-financing) EcoWET 355.013,14 EUR (EU share EUR 301.761,16 and EUR 53.251,98 national co-financing) ES – GEES 1.395.189,70 EUR (EU share EUR 1.185.911,24 and 209.278,46 national co-financing) X DEGREE 1.696.336,09 EUR (EU share EUR 1.441.885,66 and EUR 254.450,43 national co-financing) SeNs Wetlands 390.820,90 EUR (EU share EUR 332.197,74 and EUR 58.623,16 national co-financing) FORRET 1.626.842,24 EUR (EU share EUR 1.382.815,88 and EUR 244.026,36 national co-</p>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		financing) Two out of seven contracted projects started with implementation in June, three in July, and two in September 2017. Therefore, at the end of 2017, indicators were at expectedly low level of achievement. Current output indicator target value for “Additional capacity of renewable energy production” is a result of clerical error and will be corrected in next Cooperation Programme modification, in accordance with calculations presented in Annex 19 of CP (instead of 32 MW, the correct calculation is 3,6 MW). Moreover, there won't be any significant under or over-commitment by 31/12/2018
PA3	Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage.	Commitment rate for PA3 is 53,01% Six projects totalling EUR 4.704.982,21 (with EU share of EUR 3.999.234,80 and EUR 705.747,41 of national co-financing) contracted within 1 CfP are as follows: ViCTour 924.327,00 EUR (EU share EUR 785.677,94 and EUR 138.649,06 national co-financing), VISITUS 353.048,15 EUR (EU share EUR 300.090,92 and EUR 52.957,23 national co-financing), Central Danube Tour 575.856,20 EUR (EU share EUR 489.477,76 and EUR 86.378,44 national co-financing), Explore Cro-Srb 368.110,98 EUR (EU share EUR 312.894,32 and EUR 55.216,66 national co-financing), HORIS 1.417.632,24 EUR (EU share EUR 1.204.987,39 and EUR 212.644,85 national co-financing), S.O.S. 1.066.007,64 EUR (EU share EUR 906.106,47 and EUR 159.901,17 national co-financing). Two out of six contracted projects started with implementation in June, two in July, and two in September 2017. Therefore, at the end of 2017, indicators were at expectedly low level of achievement. Moreover, there will not be any significant under or over-commitment by 31/12/2018. No significant problems in project implementation were identified at the time.
PA4	Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the programme area.	Commitment rate for PA4 is 49,21% Six projects totalling EUR 3.573.316,29 (with EU share of EUR 3.037.318,74 and EUR 535.997,55 of national co-financing) contracted within 1 CfP are as follows: ORGANIC BRIDGE 550.815,13 (EU share EUR 468.192,85 and EUR 82.622,28 national co-financing), Eco Build 464.582,54 (EU share EUR 394.895,15 and EUR 69.687,39 national co-financing), CROSS TREE 524.308,95 (EU share EUR 445.662,59 and EUR 78.646,36 national co-

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<p>financing), DRIVE 907.094,82 (EU share EUR 771.030,59 and EUR 136.064,23 national co-financing), ROSIS4H 564.258,22 (EU share EUR 479.619,46 and EUR 84.638,76 national co-financing), XBIT 562.256,63 (EU share EUR 477.918,10 and EUR 84.338,53 national co-financing).</p> <p>One out of six contracted projects started with implementation in June, two in July, one in August and two in September 2017. Therefore, at the end of 2017, indicators were at an expected level of achievement. Moreover, there will not be any significant under or over-commitment by 31/12/2018. No significant problems in project implementation were identified at the time.</p>
PA5	Technical Assistance	<p>Six projects totalling EUR 3.963.259,06 were contracted within Call for Proposals for Technical Assistance conducted in 2017. EU funds financed EUR 3.368.770,19 while national co-financing amounted to EUR 594.488.87. Therefore, at the end of 2017, indicators were at an expected low level of achievement. The beneficiaries are MA, JS, NA HR, NA RS (including RS FLC), FLC HR and AA. Commitment rate for PA5 is 100%</p>

3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	PA1 - Improving the quality of public health and social services in the programme area
Thematic Priority	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA1.a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	100,000.00	0.00	By the end of 2017 projects did not provide services for end beneficiaries. In this period projects were working on training for health/social workers and purchase of the equipment. Offering improved services to end users is planned in reporting periods in 2018.
S	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	100,000.00	0.00	By the end of 2017 projects did not forecast to provide services for end beneficiaries. In this period projects were working on training for health/social workers and purchase of the equipment. Offering improved services to end users is planned in reporting periods in 2018.
F	PA1	Number of persons related to improving health care services and/or social care services trained	Number	412.00	40.00	Through project "Take care!" 40 health/social workers were trained on improvement of palliative care service by the end of 2017.
S	PA1	Number of persons related to improving health care services and/or social care services trained	Number	412.00	40.00	Project "Take care!" foreseen 40 health/social workers to be trained on improvement of palliative care service by the end of 2017.
F	PA1b	Number of jointly developed tools and services that enable better quality of social and health care	Number	7.00	1.00	By the end of 2017 Project "Take care" developed 1 cross-border PC network that enable better quality of health care in the Programme area.
S	PA1b	Number of jointly developed tools and services that enable better quality of social and health care	Number	7.00	1.00	By the end of 2017 Project "Take care" foreseen to develop 1 cross-border PC network that will enable better quality of health care in the Programme area.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA1	Number of persons related to improving health care services and/or social care services trained	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA1	Number of persons related to improving health care services and/or social care services trained	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA1b	Number of jointly developed tools and services that enable better quality of social and health care	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA1b	Number of jointly developed tools and services that enable better quality of social and health care	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	PA1 - Improving the quality of public health and social services in the programme area
Thematic Priority	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.
Specific objective	1.1 - To improve the quality of facilities, services and skills in the area of public health and social care

Table 1: Result indicators - PA1.a.1.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
PA1	Number of elderly people and children assisted by social services provided through government bodies	Number	82,672.00	2014	76,885.00	82,672.00		Contracting and implementation of selected projects started between 15 June and 1 November 2017, therefore no result indicators were achieved in 2017. Baseline values are reported as in 2014 because the new ones reflecting the real state of play will be available only in years agreed under "frequency of reporting" - 2018, 2020, 2023.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
PA1	Number of elderly people and children assisted by social services provided through government bodies	82,672.00		82,672.00		82,672.00	

Priority axis	PA2 - Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency
Thematic Priority	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA2.b

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	PA2a	Number of jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems	Number	5.00	0.00	Projects are at an early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not fulfilled in 2017. By the end of 2017 projects did not deliver any jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems. In this period projects were working on purchase of the equipment and development of monitoring systems. Monitoring systems are planned to be operational in reporting periods in 2018/2019.
S	PA2a	Number of jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems	Number	5.00	0.00	Projects are at an early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not planned to be fulfilled in 2017. By the end of 2017 projects did not plan to deliver any jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems. In this period projects were working on purchase of the equipment and development of monitoring systems. Monitoring systems are planned to be operational in reporting periods in 2018/2019.
F	PA2b	Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	ha	800.00	0.00	Projects are at an early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not fulfilled in 2017. By the end of 2017 projects did not deliver any activities on actual conservation of habitats. In this period projects were working on purchase of the equipment and development of monitoring systems.
S	PA2b	Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	ha	800.00	0.00	Projects are at an early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not foreseen to be fulfilled in 2017. By the end of 2017 projects did not plan to deliver any activities on actual conservation of habitats. In this period projects forecasted working on purchase of the equipment and development of monitoring systems. Activities on supporting habitats are foreseen to deliver in 2019, after the monitoring systems are operational and in function.
F	PA2c	Additional capacity of renewable energy production	MW	32.00	0.00	Current indicator target value (32 MW) is a result of clerical error and is planned to be corrected to 3,6 MW in foreseen Cooperation Programme modification, and in accordance with calculations in Annex 19 of CP. By the end of 2017 projects did not produce any renewable energy. In this period projects worked on purchase of the equipment and its installation. The projects will start with production of renewable energy in 2019.
S	PA2c	Additional capacity of renewable energy production	MW	32.00	0.00	By the end of 2017 projects did not forecast to produce any renewable energy. In this period projects planned working on purchase of the equipment and its installation. The projects plan to start with production of renewable energy in 2019.

(I)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	PA2a	Number of jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA2a	Number of jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA2b	Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA2b	Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA2c	Additional capacity of renewable energy production	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA2c	Additional capacity of renewable energy production	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	PA2 - Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency
Thematic Priority	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.
Specific objective	2.1 - To enforce integrated cross-border monitoring/ management systems for key existing risks and environmental and biodiversity protection

Table 1: Result indicators - PA2.b.2.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
PA2.1	Disaster response capability in the programme area	Percentage	42.00	2015	89.00	42.00		Contracting and implementation of selected projects started between 15 June and 1 November 2017, therefore no result indicators were achieved in 2017. Baseline values are reported as in 2015 because the new ones, reflecting the real state of play, will be available only in years agreed under "frequency of reporting" - 2018, 2020, 2023.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
PA2.1	Disaster response capability in the programme area	42.00		42.00		0.00	

Priority axis	PA2 - Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency
Thematic Priority	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.
Specific objective	2.2 - To promote the use of sustainable energy and energy efficiency

Table 1: Result indicators - PA2.b.2.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
PA2.2	Energy consumption by public buildings in the programme area	kWh	119,982,318.29	2014	111,583,556.01	119,982,318.29		Contracting and implementation of selected projects started between 15 June and 1 November 2017, therefore no result indicators were achieved in 2017. Baseline values are reported as in 2014 because the new ones reflecting the real state of play will be available only in years agreed under "frequency of reporting" - 2018, 2020, 2023.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
PA2.2	Energy consumption by public buildings in the programme area	119,982,318.29		119,982,318.29		119,982,318.29	

Priority axis	PA3 - Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage.
Thematic Priority	d - Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA3.d

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	1,000.00	0.00	Projects are at early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not achieved by the end of 2017. By the end of 2017 projects were implementing activities of restoration, construction/reconstruction and preparation of the cultural/natural heritage sites. Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions is expected for end 2018/2019.
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	1,000.00	0.00	Projects are at early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not foreseen to be achieved by the end of 2017. By the end of 2017 projects foreseen activities of restoration, construction/reconstruction and preparation of the cultural/natural heritage sites. Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions is expected for end 2018/2019.
F	PA3a	Number of joint tourism products developed and promoted	Number	13.00	0.00	Projects are at early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not achieved by the end of 2017. By the end of 2017 projects were implementing activities towards development and promotion of products. The products are expected to be developed and reported in 2018/2019.
S	PA3a	Number of joint tourism products developed and promoted	Number	13.00	0.00	Projects are at early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not foreseen to be achieved by the end of 2017. By the end of 2017 projects forecasted implementation of activities towards development and promotion of products. The products are expected to be developed and reported in 2018/2019.
F	PA3b	Number of persons educated in quality assurance, standardisation on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.	Number	302.00	0.00	Only project ViCTour planned to achieve this indicator in 2017 but the achievement of the indicator is prolonged to 2018 due to delays in procurement of the equipment relevant for education in quality assurance, standardization on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.
S	PA3b	Number of persons educated in quality assurance, standardisation on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.	Number	302.00	56.00	Only project ViCTour planned to achieve this indicator in 2017 but the achievement of the indicator is prolonged to 2018 due to delays in procurement of the equipment relevant for education in quality assurance, standardization on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.
F	PA3d	Number of tourism supporting facilities and/or tourism infrastructure developed or improved	Number	11.00	0.00	Tourism supporting facilities are final products of project implementation therefore this indicator was not fulfilled by the end of 2017.
S	PA3d	Number of tourism supporting facilities and/or tourism infrastructure developed or improved	Number	11.00	0.00	Tourism supporting facilities are final products of project implementation therefore this indicator was not planned to be fulfilled by the end of 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA3a	Number of joint tourism products developed and promoted	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA3a	Number of joint tourism products developed and promoted	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA3b	Number of persons educated in quality assurance, standardisation on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA3b	Number of persons educated in quality assurance, standardisation on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA3d	Number of tourism supporting facilities and/or tourism infrastructure developed or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA3d	Number of tourism supporting facilities and/or tourism infrastructure developed or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	PA3 - Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage.
Thematic Priority	d - Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.
Specific objective	3.1 - To strengthen, diversify and integrate the cross-border tourism offer and better manage cultural and natural heritage assets

Table 1: Result indicators - PA3.d.3.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
PA3	Number of overnights in the programme area	Number	1,037,837.00	2014	1,041,358.00	1,037,837.00		Contracting and implementation of selected projects started between 15 June and 1 November 2017, therefore no result indicators were achieved in 2017. Baseline values are reported as in 2014 because the new ones, reflecting the real state of play will be available only in years agreed under "frequency of reporting" - 2018, 2020, 2023.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
PA3	Number of overnights in the programme area	1,037,837.00		1,037,837.00		1,037,837.00	

Priority axis	PA4 - Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the programme area.
Thematic Priority	g - Enhancing competitiveness, the business environment and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, trade and investment through, inter alia, promotion and support to entrepreneurship, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, and development of local cross-border markets and internationalisation.

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA4.g

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	9.00	0.00	Projects are at early stage of implementation therefore this indicator was not achieved in 2017. By the end of 2017 projects did not report that there has been established cooperation of enterprises with research institutions. The cooperation is planned to be established and reported in 2018.
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	9.00	0.00	Projects are at early stage of implementation therefore this indicator was not foreseen to be fulfilled in 2017. By the end of 2017 projects did not foreseen established cooperation of enterprises with research institutions. The projects plan to establish cooperation and report about it in 2018.
F	PA4a	Number of innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the programme area	Number	7.00	0.00	Projects are at an early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not achieved in 2017. By the end of 2017 the projects did not report any innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the Programme area.
S	PA4a	Number of innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the programme area	Number	7.00	0.00	Due to the fact that the projects started with implementation in late summer/fall 2017 they did not foresee to fulfill this output indicator by the end of 2017.
F	PA4c	Number of cross-border clusters or networks or other collaborative schemes including entrepreneurs established or improved	Number	7.00	0.00	Projects are at an early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not achieved in 2017.
S	PA4c	Number of cross-border clusters or networks or other collaborative schemes including entrepreneurs established or improved	Number	7.00	0.00	Due to the fact that the projects started with implementation in late summer/fall 2017 they did not foresee fulfillment of this output indicator by the end of 2017.
F	PA4d	Number of laboratories and/or competence centres jointly used by entrepreneurs developed or improved	Number	7.00	0.00	Projects are at an early stage of implementation therefore this output indicator was not achieved in 2017.
S	PA4d	Number of laboratories and/or competence centres jointly used by entrepreneurs developed or improved	Number	7.00	0.00	Due to the fact that the projects started with implementation in late summer/fall 2017 they did not foresee fulfillment of this output indicator by the end of 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA4a	Number of innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the programme area	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA4a	Number of innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the programme area	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA4c	Number of cross-border clusters or networks or other collaborative schemes including entrepreneurs established or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA4c	Number of cross-border clusters or networks or other collaborative schemes including entrepreneurs established or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	PA4d	Number of laboratories and/or competence centres jointly used by entrepreneurs developed or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	PA4d	Number of laboratories and/or competence centres jointly used by entrepreneurs developed or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	PA4 - Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the programme area.
Thematic Priority	g - Enhancing competitiveness, the business environment and the development of small and medium-sized enterprises, trade and investment through, inter alia, promotion and support to entrepreneurship, in particular small and medium-sized enterprises, and development of local cross-border markets and internationalisation.
Specific objective	4.1 - To improve competitiveness of the programme area through strengthening cooperation between business support institutions, clusters, education and research organisations and entrepreneurs with aim to develop new products/services/patents/trademarks in the programme area

Table 1: Result indicators - PA4.g.4.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
PA4	Range of cluster activities enhancing innovation, new technologies and ICT solutions	Number	13.00	2015	18.00	13.00		Contracting and implementation of selected projects started between 15 June and 1 November 2017, therefore no result indicators were achieved in 2017. Baseline values are reported as in 2015 because the new ones, reflecting the real state of play will be available only in years agreed under "frequency of reporting" - 2018, 2020, 2023.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
PA4	Range of cluster activities enhancing innovation, new technologies and ICT solutions	13.00		13.00		0.00	

Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	PA5 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - PA5.Technical Assistance

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	5.1	Joint secretariat established	Number	1.00	1.00	Join Secretariat was established in 2015.
S	5.1	Joint secretariat established	Number	1.00	1.00	Join Secretariat was established in 2015.
F	5.10	Network of controllers established	Number	1.00	1.00	Network of controllers was established in 2016.
S	5.10	Network of controllers established	Number	1.00	1.00	Network of controllers was established in 2016.
F	5.16	Number of employees (Full Time Equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	Number	12.00	13.83	In 2017, 100% salary for 10 employees, 50% salary for 7 employees and 33% salary for 1 employee are co-financed by technical assistance. This indicator is planned for editing, in terms of rising its value, in next Cooperation Programme modification.
S	5.16	Number of employees (Full Time Equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	Number	12.00	13.83	In 2017, 100% salary for 10 employees, 50% salary for 7 employees and 33% salary for 1 employee are co-financed by technical assistance. This indicator is planned for editing, in terms of rising its value, in the next Cooperation Programme modification.
F	5.5	Joint Monitoring Committee meetings held	Number	9.00	1.00	In accordance with Article 38 (8) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014 and JMC Rules of Procedures, JMC shall meet at least once a year. Therefore, planned target value for 2017 is one meeting. The meeting was held on 20 March 2017.
S	5.5	Joint Monitoring Committee meetings held	Number	9.00	1.00	In accordance with Article 38 (8) of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014 and JMC Rules of Procedures, JMC shall meet at least once a year. Therefore, planned target value for 2017 is one meeting. The meeting was held on 20 March 2017.
F	5.7	Programme communication strategy developed and implemented	Number	1.00	1.00	Programme communication strategy was developed in 2015 and implemented ever since.
S	5.7	Programme communication strategy developed and implemented	Number	1.00	1.00	Programme communication strategy was developed in 2015 and implemented ever since.
F	5.8	Independent programme evaluations implemented (ex-ante and during programme implementation)	Number	2.00	0.00	One evaluation during Programme implementation is foreseen for the end of 2018 whereas the ex-ante evaluation is envisaged to be done for financial perspective 2021-2027. Taking into account that 2021-2027 does not foresee to be ex-ante evaluated, the title of this indicator is planned to be modified within next Cooperation Programme modification in order to provide more accurate description of the foreseen evaluations. The target value will stay the same.
S	5.8	Independent programme evaluations implemented (ex-ante and during programme implementation)	Number	2.00	0.00	One evaluation during Programme implementation is foreseen for the end of 2018 and the ex-ante evaluation done for financial perspective 2021-2027. The title of this indicator is planned to be modified within next Cooperation Programme modification in order to provide more accurate description.
F	5.9	Programme e-Monitoring System developed, implemented and used	Number	1.00	1.00	e-Monitoring System (eMS) for the Programme was developed, implemented, set-up and ready for use in 2016.
S	5.9	Programme e-Monitoring System developed, implemented and used	Number	1.00	1.00	e-Monitoring System (eMS) for the Programme was developed, implemented, set-up and ready for use in 2016.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	5.1	Joint secretariat established	1.00	1.00	0.00
S	5.1	Joint secretariat established	1.00	1.00	0.00
F	5.10	Network of controllers established	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	5.10	Network of controllers established	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	5.16	Number of employees (Full Time Equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	6.33	5.33	5.33
S	5.16	Number of employees (Full Time Equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance	6.33	5.33	5.33
F	5.5	Joint Monitoring Committee meetings held	1.00	1.00	0.00
S	5.5	Joint Monitoring Committee meetings held	1.00	1.00	1.00
F	5.7	Programme communication strategy developed and implemented	1.00	1.00	0.00
S	5.7	Programme communication strategy developed and implemented	1.00	1.00	0.00
F	5.8	Independent programme evaluations implemented (ex-ante and during programme implementation)	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	5.8	Independent programme evaluations implemented (ex-ante and during programme implementation)	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	5.9	Programme e-Monitoring System developed, implemented and used	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	5.9	Programme e-Monitoring System developed, implemented and used	1.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2017	Observations
PA1	F	PA1	Improving the quality of public health and social services in the programme area	EUR	700,000.00	5,143,980.00	12,750.00	By the end of 2017 LPs reported only preparatory and closure costs due to the fact that project implementation started late summer/fall 2017. The amount certified is 12750,00 (EU share).
PA1	O	PA1	Number of persons related to improving health care services and/or social care services trained	Number	75	412.00	40.00	Project Take Care reported 40 trained health/social care professionals by the end of 2017.
PA1	O	PA1b	Number of jointly developed tools and services that enable better quality of social and health care	Number	2	7.00	1.00	By the end of 2017 Project "Take care" developed 1 cross-border PC network that enable better quality of health care in the Programme area.
PA2	F	PA2	Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency	EUR	1,200,000.00	12,002,616.00	12,750.00	By the end of 2017 LPs reported only preparatory and closure costs due to the fact that project implementation started late summer/fall 2017. The amount certified is 12750,00 (EU share).
PA2	O	PA2a	Number of jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems	Number	1	5.00	0.00	
PA2	O	PA2b	Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	ha	100	800.00	0.00	
PA3	F	PA3	Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage	EUR	800,000.00	7,544,500.00	11,900.00	By the end of 2017 LPs reported only preparatory and closure costs due to the fact that project implementation started late summer/fall 2017. The amount certified is 11900,00 (EU share).
PA3	O	PA3a	Number of joint tourism products developed and promoted	Number	3	13.00	0.00	
PA3	O	PA3b	Number of persons educated in quality assurance, standardisation on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.	Number	50	302.00	0.00	
PA3	O	PA3c	Increase in expected number of visitors to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage	Visits per year	20	1,000.00	0.00	
PA4	F	PA4	Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the programme area	EUR	650,000.00	6,172,774.00	17,373.15	By the end of 2017 LPs reported only preparatory and closure costs due to the fact that project implementation started late summer/fall 2017. The amount certified is 17373,15 (EU share).
PA4	I	PA4	Projects contracted	Number	6	10.00	6.00	Six projects were contracted in 2017.
PA4	O	PA4a	Number of innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the programme area	Number	1	7.00	0.00	
PA4	O	PA4b	Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Number	2	9.00	0.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
PA1	F	PA1	Improving the quality of public health and social services in the programme area	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA1	O	PA1	Number of persons related to improving health care services and/or social care services trained	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA1	O	PA1b	Number of jointly developed tools and services that enable better quality of social and health care	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	F	PA2	Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	O	PA2a	Number of jointly developed and/or operated monitoring systems	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA2	O	PA2b	Surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	ha	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	F	PA3	Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	O	PA3a	Number of joint tourism products developed and promoted	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	O	PA3b	Number of persons educated in quality assurance, standardisation on cultural and natural heritage and destination management.	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA3	O	PA3c	Increase in expected number of visitors to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage	Visits per year	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA4	F	PA4	Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the programme area	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA4	I	PA4	Projects contracted	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA4	O	PA4a	Number of innovative technologies, processes, products and services introduced by the enterprises in the programme area	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00
PA4	O	PA4b	Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Number	0.00	0.00	0.00

3.4. Financial data

Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 17 of model for cooperation programmes under IPA.

Priority axis	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
PA1	Public	6,051,742.00	85.00	3,072,254.35	50.77%	2,611,248.53	12,750.00	0.21%	4
PA2	Public	14,120,725.00	85.00	7,044,610.81	49.89%	5,987,919.08	12,750.00	0.09%	7
PA3	Public	8,875,883.00	85.00	4,704,982.21	53.01%	3,999,234.80	11,900.00	0.13%	6
PA4	Public	7,262,088.00	85.00	3,573,316.29	49.21%	3,037,318.74	17,373.15	0.24%	6
PA5	Public	4,034,492.00	85.00	4,034,492.00	100.00%	3,429,318.00	205,357.23	5.09%	6
Total		40,344,930.00	85.00	22,429,655.66	55.59%	19,065,039.15	260,130.38	0.64%	29

Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)

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Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	«r.ir.etc.table5.thempridimen»	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
PA1	080	01	07	07	a	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA1	081	01	02	07	a	20	HR04B	624,220.25	530,587.18	4,250.00	1
PA1	107	01	02	07	a	20	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA1	111	01	07	07	a	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA1	112	01	02	07	a	20	HR	2,448,034.10	2,080,661.35	8,500.00	3
PA2	010	01	02	07	b	22	HR04B	1,010,153.57	858,630.52	0.00	1
PA2	011	01	02	07	b	22	HR	1,696,336.09	1,441,885.66	4,250.00	1
PA2	012	01	07	07	b	22	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA2	013	01	02	07	b	22	HR04B	1,395,189.70	1,185,911.24	4,250.00	1
PA2	014	01	07	07	b	22	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA2	085	01	02	07	b	22	HR04C	1,316,089.21	1,118,675.78	4,250.00	3
PA2	086	01	07	07	b	22	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA2	087	01	02	07	b	22	HR04	1,626,842.24	1,382,815.88	0.00	1
PA2	088	01	07	07	b	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA3	090	01	07	07	d	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA3	091	01	02	07	d	15	HR04C	1,785,743.22	1,517,881.71	0.00	2
PA3	092	01	02	07	d	23	HR04B	353,048.15	300,090.92	4,250.00	1
PA3	093	01	02	07	d	15	HR04B	1,500,183.20	1,275,155.70	3,400.00	2
PA3	094	01	02	07	d	24	HR04B	1,066,007.64	906,106.47	4,250.00	1
PA3	095	01	07	07	d	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA4	063	01	02	07	g	01	HR04A	3,011,059.66	2,559,400.64	13,973.15	5
PA4	066	01	07	07	g	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA4	073	01	07	07	g	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA4	075	01	07	07	g	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA4	077	01	07	07	g	24	HR	0.00	0.00	0.00	0
PA4	082	01	02	07	g	24	HR04B	562,256.63	477,918.10	3,400.00	1
PA5	121	01	07	07		18	HR	4,034,492.00	3,429,318.00	205,357.23	6

Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of IPA support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the IPA at programme level * 100)	4. Eligible expenditure of IPA support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the IPA at programme level *100)
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(1) IPA support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

There were no evaluations carried out in 2017.

Tender for the procurement of intellectual services of evaluating the **Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia – Serbia 2014-2020** was published on 7 September 2018 and covers the evaluation of the following aspects:

1. Managing Interreg IPA Programmes and programme procedures
2. Interreg IPA Programmes implementation
3. Implementation of Communication strategy for Interreg IPA Programmes .

External evaluators will analyse and evaluate the **efficiency and impact of the Programme**. The results will be used to provide necessary information and support to Programme bodies in improving the quality of Interreg IPA Programme implementation and to plan future Interreg IPA Programme policies. The experts are expected to begin with the evaluation in **November -December 2018**.

5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Issues which affect the performance of the Programme

The following risks were detected from the beginning of Programme implementation:

1. Using the new monitoring system (eMS) taking into account that eMS is used in all phases of the Programme implementation, the system was not entirely adapted to the Programme needs and specificities at the beginning of Programme implementation and the beneficiaries/Programme bodies were unfamiliar with the system and online submission of the project proposal
2. Withdrawal of one of the project partners after the project was contracted
3. Insufficient experience of beneficiaries on public procurement and reporting procedures
4. External assessor for PA2 failed to fulfil the assessment obligations

Measures taken by the Managing Authority:

1. The electronic monitoring system (eMS) was tested and adapted to the Programme specificities. Furthermore, Managing Authority ensures constant adaptation and maintenance of the system along the process of Programme implementation. The Programme Bodies and beneficiaries regularly attended trainings and meetings in relation to eMS in 2017. Moreover, MA provided instructions for beneficiaries on eMS.
2. Project Take care, aiming at developing and improving health and social services for vulnerable groups, started with implementation on 15 June 2017. Initially project was envisioned to be implemented by 5 project partners but due to inability to co-finance project activities the partner Caritas Sv.Anastazija Sremska Mitrovica officially resigned from the project. The official note on withdrawal was received on 28 February 2018. The lead partner Bubamara and the retirement home Ilok agreed to take over the obligations of Caritas Sv.Anastazija Sremska Mitrovica.
3. After the submission of first partner reports from the beneficiaries, Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat organized two workshops covering topics of eMS reporting, public procurement and examples of audit findings. The first workshop was held in Subotica on 29 November 2017, while the second took place in Slavonski Brod on 30 November 2017. The workshops were organized as interactive sessions in which tips and tricks, common mistakes and examples of good and bad practices were presented.
4. At the third JSC meeting held in Zagreb, from 24 to 27 January 2017, the members accepted assessment of external assessors performed for Priority Axis 1, Priority Axis 3 and Priority Axis 4 but reassessment of all applications for Priority Axis 2 had to be done by JSC voting members due to the fact that one of two assessors failed to fulfil his duties properly. At the fourth JCS meeting held in Zagreb on 23 and 24 February, JSC voting members, who jointly performed the reassessment of the project proposals on Priority Axis 2, presented their results. To mitigate this risk for 2nd CfP, greater control and more frequent checks of external assessors' work will be done in the future Calls for Proposals.

(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.

The Managing Authority identified a typing/clerical error in the target value for one of the programme output indicators on PA2(*Additional capacity of renewable energy production*). Therefore, in accordance with the Task Manager, Managing Authority plans to initiate the procedure of the modification of the target value for the programme output indicator *Additional capacity of renewable energy production*, **from 32 MW to 3,6 MW** taking into account that typing error occurred during preparation of the programme documents.

Furthermore, at the initiative of the Serbian National Authority, Managing Authority will also propose to modify Cooperation Programme in order to:

1. change the name of National Authority – from Serbian Office for European Integration to the Ministry of European Integration (legal successor)
2. further clarify the employment procedure for JS branch office and Serbian FLC

Concerning the 1st Call for Proposals projects, the Managing Authority and Joint Secretariat carried out the analysis of the current implementation status of the contracted projects in comparison with the milestones for financial indicators that need to be achieved by 31 December 2018. The analysis showed that the spending within 1st and 2nd reporting period is below the initially planned amounts. Therefore, in order to ensure achievement of financial indicators' milestones within financial framework, the Managing Authority has introduced additional measures for approval of Partner and Project Reports within 3rd reporting period. Each Programme body involved in the approval of the reports was asked to respect the measures in order to avoid any delays during working process and to ensure achieving Programme financial milestones within performance framework.

Concerning the 2nd Call for Proposals projects, the MA prepared additional Annex to Guidelines for Applicants for 2nd Call for Proposals in order to ensure fulfilment of set indicator target values. The Annex to GfA shows the level of achievement of Programme output indicators based on the analysis of projects contracted under the 1st Call for Proposals and offers instructions concerning programme output indicators to future applicants. Within 2nd call for Proposals, the applicants are strongly encouraged and adequately instructed to prepare project proposals that can contribute to output indicators which have not yet been achieved, or that can fulfil more than one underachieved output indicator.

6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)

8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

8.1. Major projects

Table 7: Major projects

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority axis / Thematic priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress / Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

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9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	PA1 - Improving the quality of public health and social services in the programme area
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Priority axis	PA2 - Protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and promoting sustainable energy and energy efficiency
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Priority axis	PA3 - Contributing to the development of tourism and preserving cultural and natural heritage.
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Priority axis	PA4 - Enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment in the programme area.
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Priority axis	PA5 - Technical Assistance
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9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

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9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

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10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013

10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations

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10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

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11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)

11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme

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11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the IPA

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11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

The Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia-Serbia (Programme) shares entire part of its programme area with the territory covered by EU Strategies for the Danube (EUSDR) and Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR). The Programme strategy has taken into account the objectives of the macro-regional strategies, identifying common macro-regional challenges and needs that could be addressed through cross-border cooperation in the Programme area.

Challenges affecting the Danube Region that could be addressed by the Programme are presented as correlation between Programme objectives and Priority Areas of EUSDR. All project outputs and results that will be delivered through implementation are strongly expected to make a positive impact in concerned environments. In that way, the EUSDR challenge related to sustainable energy, managing environmental risks and preserving biodiversity could be tackled through Programme Priority axis 2 (PA2) aiming at protecting the environment and biodiversity, improving risk prevention and sustainable energy and energy efficiency. Seven projects totalling EUR 7.044.610,81 (with EU share of EUR 5.987.919,08 and EUR 1.056.691,73 of national co-financing) were contracted within 1 CfP under PA2. The EUSDR challenges referring to supporting the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development are related to Programme Priority axis 4 aiming at enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment. Six projects totalling EUR 3.573.316,29 (with EU share of EUR 3.037.318,74 and EUR 535.997,55 of national co-financing) were contracted within 1 CfP under PA4. Finally, the EUSDR challenge referring to promoting culture and tourism is in correlation with Programme Priority axis 3 aiming to contribute to the development of tourism and preservation and sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage. Six projects totalling EUR 4.704.982,21 (with EU share of EUR 3.999.234,80 and EUR 705.747,41 of national co-financing) were contracted within 1 CfP under PA4.

EUSAIR is expected to address challenges, within topics identified under the four pillars (Blue growth, Connecting the Region, Environmental quality and Sustainable tourism), that will also be tackled by the Programme. More specifically, the pillar dealing with challenge of preserving, protecting and improving the quality of the environment relates to Programme Priority axis 2 dealing with the environment and biodiversity protection, improving risk prevention and sustainable energy and energy efficiency. Furthermore, the pillar dealing with challenge of increasing regional attractiveness by supporting sustainable development of inland, coastal and maritime tourism and preservation and promotion of culture heritage is completely in line with Programme Priority axis 3 aiming to contribute to the development of tourism as well as preservation and sustainable use of cultural and natural heritage. As for the Strategy cross-cutting aspects, "Research, innovation and SMEs development" and "Capacity Building", it has to be noted that capacity building is envisaged to be tackled through implementation of all Programme Axes, whereas research, innovation and SMEs development relates to Priority Axis 4 aiming at enhancing competitiveness and developing business environment.

- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

The pillar(s) and priority area(s) that the programme is relevant to:

	Pillar	Priority area
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.1 - Mobility - waterways
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.2 - Mobility - rail, road & air
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.3 - Energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.4 - Culture and tourism
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.1 - Water quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.2 - Environmental risks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.3 - Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.1 - Knowledge society
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.2 - Competitiveness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.3 - People & skills
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.1 - Institutional capacity & cooperation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.2 - Security

Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSDR

A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators or Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?

Yes No

B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSDR?

Yes No

a) Are targeted calls for proposals planned in relation to EUSDR

Yes No

b) How many macro-regional projects/actions are already supported by the programme? (Number)

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c) Were extra points/bonus given to a project/action with high macro-regional significance or impact? If yes, please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

No

d) Other actions (e.g. planned strategic projects). Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

N/A

C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSDR?

Yes No

Does your programme plan to invest in the EUSDR in the future? Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

Majority of Programme specific objectives are compatible with EUSDR priorities therefore implementation of Programme projects will contribute to EUSDR macroregional strategy.

D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSDR (n.a. for 2016)

The projects are still in early stage of implementation.

E. Does the programme contribute to the targets as validated by the national coordinators and priority area coordinators in 2016 (uploaded on the EUSDR website)? (Please specify the target(s))

Programme Specific objective 2.1. contributes to implementation of EUSDR Priority Area 06 "To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils". Programme Priority Axis 4 contributes to EUSDR Priority Area 08 "To support the competitiveness of enterprises"

Pillar(s), topic(s) and/or cross cutting issue(s) that the programme is relevant to:

	Pillar	Topic / Cross cutting issue
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.1 - Blue technologies
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.2 - Fisheries and aquaculture
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.3 - Maritime and marine governance and services
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.2.2 - SMEs development
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.2.3 - Capacity building
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.1.1 - Maritime transport
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.1.2 - Intermodal connections to the hinterland
<input type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.1.3 - Energy networks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.2.2 - SMEs development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.2.3 - Capacity building
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.1.1 - The marine environment
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.1.2 - Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.2.2 - SMEs development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.2.3 - Capacity building
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.1.1 - Diversified tourism offer (products and services)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.1.2 - Sustainable and responsible tourism management (innovation and quality)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.2.2 - SMEs development
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Sustainable tourism	4.2.3 - Capacity building

Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSAIR

A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Pillar Coordinators, or Thematic Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?

Yes No

B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSAIR?

Yes No

a) Are targeted calls for proposals planned in relation to EUSAIR

Yes No

b) How many macro-regional projects/actions are already supported by the programme? (Number)

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c) Were extra points/bonus given to a project/action with high macro-regional significance or impact? If yes, please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

No

d) Other actions (e.g. planned strategic projects). Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

N/A

C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSAIR?

Yes No

Does your programme plan to invest in the EUSAIR in the future? Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

Majority of Programme Specific Objectives are compatible with EUSAIR priorities therefore implementation of Programme projects will contribute to EUSAIR macroregional strategy

D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSAIR (n.a. for 2016)

The projects are still in early stage of implementation.

E. Does the programme contribute to the objectives and/or targets which are attached to each topic under the Pillars, as stated in the Action Plan? (please specify the objective(s) and target(s))

Programme Specific Objectives 3 and 4 contribute to the implementation of EUSAIR Pillar 3 "Environmental quality" and Pillar 4 "Sustainable tourism"

11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

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13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN
— PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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