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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.

This is the 6th Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the transnational Cooperation Programme Interreg V-B “Balkan-Mediterranean 2014-2020”. It reports on the implementation of the Programme during the calendar year 2020. The report was prepared by the Hellenic Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes, acting as the Managing Authority (MA) of the Programme, in cooperation with the Joint Secretariat (JS) and the Programme partners. The Monitoring Committee discussed and approved the AIR 2020 via Written Procedure on **27 May 2021**.

Funding of Projects

Overall, there are 48 projects (5 of which Technical Assistance projects) being implemented under the BalkanMed Programme with a total budget of 44,271,374.45 €. This means that there is an overbooking of 111,44% of the total available BalkanMed funds. The financial projections of the Joint Secretariat, based on its past experience and the implementation rate of projects so far, show that this was a financially sound move, leading to the maximum possible absorption of the Programme’s budget, abiding by the previous MC decisions.

On top of that, mainly because of the effect the pandemic of COVID-19 had on project implementation, projects reported substantial savings. The Monitoring Committee decided In December 2020 to allocate these unused funds (approximately 4,5 million €) to a new strategic and targeted Call for Proposals. The aim is to fund a project that will combine the two main European Commission priorities for the years to come, the Green Deal and digital transformation. The new project on greening the digital sector is expected to sign its Subsidy Contract and initiate its activities in mid-2021.

Five (5) Payment Requests were submitted by the Certifying Authority in 2019, fully achieving the n+3 rule target.

During this period, and in order to help Programme stakeholders on all levels, the MA and JS organised First Level Control seminars. Moreover, in the course of 2020, the Joint Secretariat with the cooperation of the Managing Authority and other relevant Programme bodies has drafted and uploaded on the Programme’s website a numerous set of manuals and guidelines, in order to facilitate the beneficiaries in the successful implementation of the Projects.

At the same time, the JS has started preparing for the official closure of the projects and the Programme, by issuing a set of comprehensive guidelines on –among others payments and reporting-, in order to help beneficiaries better organise and co-ordinate their closure activities.

Technical Assistance

Technical Assistance funds are divided between the core managerial funds, managed by the Managing Authority. And country specific funds (approximately 100.000 € per country) managed by each National Authority. In that sense IPA TA funds are limited to 204.800 € overall. Both National Authorities, as beneficiaries, have spent significant trenches, without however having proceeded to the relevant verifications. This is the reason that the absorption rate is quite low. The same applies for all National Authorities, as well as the Managing Authority, which follow their own procedures and set their own deadlines regarding verifications.

Moreover, only core managerial expenses (not country-specific) fall into 122 and 123 categories. The same trend continues in the AIR 2020 as well.

Work of the Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee convened its 6th meeting online on 08/12/2020. During 2020, 12 Written Procedures were launched via which respective unanimous decisions, especially regarding the funded projects and procedural issues, were taken.

Communication

The major communication activities in 2020 included the following:

Balkan Forum 2020

The BalkanMed Programme and the Hellenic Ministry of Interior (Sector Macedonia & Thrace) organised the 2nd Balkan Forum on 25th and 26th September 2020. The Forum was held. The main objectives of the event were:

Discussion and detailed examination of the necessary infrastructures and networks whose implementation should be promoted by priority, as well as a placement of potential funding schemes.

Assessment of the spatial impacts of the proposed infrastructures and networks on the promotion of entrepreneurship and innovation on a national and Interbalkan level.

Discussion and finding of mechanisms to mobilize and make use of business and technological potential in the maturity and implementation of the under planning infrastructures and networks.

Promotion of the necessary business and technological networking and collaborations on a Balkan level.

European Week of Regions and Cities

The BalkanMed Programme, along with all other INTERREG Transnational Programmes, participated in the European Week of Regions and Cities with an online interactive exhibition presenting their achievements through a journey across Europe, entitled “#MADEWITHINTERREG: Walk through the world of transnational and interregional cooperation”.

Cooperation for a Greener Europe

BalkanMed participated in "Interreg: cooperation for Greener Europe", a discussion on Interreg achievements in the field of climate change. Practitioners from the Interreg world exchanged experiences and promoted capitalisation practices.

Transnational Green Communication in PANORAMA

INTERREG Transnational programmes edited an article on “*Greening: Interreg communication takes a leap forward*” dedicated to green communication practices, with examples of Interreg programmes. The BalkanMed

programme was represented by the BalkanRoad project.

"How to reduce communication's environmental impact?"

INTERACT, in cooperation with BalkanMed, Alpine Space, MED and Interreg Europe Programmes organised a workshop on sustainable communication. The main objective of the workshop was to look at how to align Programme communication practices with this principle to increase your credibility and reduce environmental impact.

During 2020 the following developments also took place:

- The BalkanMed Programme proceeded to the alignment of all implemented projects to the guidelines issues by the European Commission regarding the COVID-19 pandemic;
- Update of strategies to reply to demanding regulatory requirements, such as risk management and anti-fraud.

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
1	Entrepreneurship & Innovation	<p>By December 2020, 14 out of 20 projects from 1st call of proposals ended.</p> <p>Under PA1, 411 enterprises received support and they contributed to the development of 7 business models or jointly developed instruments, tested and implemented including the ones related to the “green”, “blue” and social economic sectors. These practices resulted in the creation of 4 Transnational cooperation business links.</p> <p>For the first time in the region, a network of experts was created in this field, and through exchange of know-how and the parallel creation of business networks, innovative products and methods were developed.</p> <p>Joint education and joint training schemes developed through the implementation of open access dissemination events, open training sessions, study tours, workshops, Individual practical trainings, monitoring & evaluation reports, development of a business plan, support of young entrepreneurs etc.</p> <p>Due to the Pandemic COVID-19 the implementation of some deliverables was affected (live events, seminars, on-the-spot visits). Though, thanks to technology the great majority of these practices were implemented online, after further prolongation of the project’s ending date.</p>
2	Environment	<p>By December 2020, 17 out of 23 projects from 1st call of proposals ended.</p> <p>Under PA2, and more specifically, in the context of the SO “Biodiversity”, a surface area of about 500,000 hectares of habitats has been supported, in order to attain a better conservation status. Some areas in the region have been studied for the first time, which expanded ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems’ integration in the BalkanMed peninsula.</p> <p>In the context of the SO “Sustainable territories”, projects developed around 50 strategies/policies/plans/models/tools and 18 environmental friendly technologies dealing with</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental friendly technologies for monitoring and mitigation of air pollution/wildfires/severe weather phenomena due to climate change. • Farms with zero carbon-, waste- and water-footprint specialized in the BalkanMed agricultural sector • Coastal erosion mitigation • Water & waste management towards adaptation of circular economy measures. <p>Moreover, in the context of the SO “Delivery on environmental legal framework”, around 20 training programmes were implemented and around 1500 stakeholders have been trained towards environmentally and sustainable development of ports, as well as mitigating marine litter pollution. In addition, a National and Action Plan was developed with the aim of enhancing the legal framework and increasing the capacity of public authorities, stakeholders and society on mitigating marine litter pollution.</p> <p>Due to COVID-19 the implementation of some deliverables was affected. Though, thanks to technology the great majority of these practices were implemented online, after further prolongation of the project’s ending date.</p>
3	Technical Assistance	<p>The Technical Assistance (TA) activities are to finance the preparatory, management, monitoring, evaluation, information and control activities of the BalkanMed Programme, together with activities to reinforce the administrative capacity for implementing the funds. In 2020 within the Technical Assistance the following major activities were implemented:</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
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing of the Joint Secretariat. Two new members joining the BalkanMed JS staff; • Activities in connection with implementation, monitoring and inspection of the Programme. Special focus was given in the training of First Level Controllers and National Authorities in relation to FLC procedures; • One online meeting of the Monitoring Committee; • Communication and publicity actions (Info Days, website, communication tools for beneficiaries, participation in EC Day events etc.) <p>At this stage of implementation no significant problems have been identified in the implementation of the PA3 (Technical Assistance), except of the slow rate of the verification of expenditure.</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	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Investment priority	3a - Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.3a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	Enterprises	30.00	416.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	Enterprises	30.00	716.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	30.00	459.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	30.00	726.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	O0601	Business models or jointly developed instruments, tested and implemented including the ones related to the "green", "blue" and social economic sectors	Number	10.00	8.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0601	Business models or jointly developed instruments, tested and implemented including the ones related to the "green", "blue" and social economic sectors	Number	10.00	14.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	406.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	416.00	70.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	406.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	426.00	123.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0601	Business models or jointly developed instruments, tested and implemented including the ones related to the "green", "blue" and social economic sectors	7.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0601	Business models or jointly developed instruments, tested and implemented including the ones related to the "green", "blue" and social economic sectors	9.00	9.00	0.00	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	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Investment priority	3a - Promoting entrepreneurship, in particular by facilitating the economic exploitation of new ideas and fostering the creation of new firms, including through business incubators
Specific objective	1.1 - Competitive territories: stimulating business performance and extroversion through transnational linkages, clusters and networks

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.3a.1.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R0601	Transnational cooperation business links	Number	4	2014	Increase up to 25%		5	According to the Projects' calculation. A thorough assessment will be performed by the Programme as part of the evaluation envisaged for 2022.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R0601	Transnational cooperation business links		4		0		0		0

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0601	Transnational cooperation business links		0		0

Priority axis	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Investment priority	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.3d

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	20.00	457.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	20.00	482.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	Enterprises	10.00	215.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	Enterprises	10.00	267.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	57.00	57.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	183.00	183.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	169.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	392.00	112.00	0.00	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	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Investment priority	3d - Supporting the capacity of SMEs to grow in regional, national and international markets, and to engage in innovation processes
Specific objective	1.2 - Innovative territories: unleashing territorial potential to improve the transnational innovation capacity of the business sector

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.3d.1.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R0602	SMEs introducing product or process innovations	% of the total SMEs	24,94%	2010	Increase up to 1%		2.32	According to the Projects' calculation. A thorough assessment will be performed by the Programme as part of the evaluation envisaged for 2022.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R0602	SMEs introducing product or process innovations				0		0		0

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0602	SMEs introducing product or process innovations		0		0

Priority axis	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Investment priority	10a - Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.10a

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	70.00	1,968.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	70.00	1,924.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	90.00	3,323.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	90.00	3,030.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).

(I)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	2,286.00	313.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	2,930.00	750.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	1,151.00	29.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	1,424.00	600.00	0.00	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	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Investment priority	10a - Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure
Specific objective	1.3 - Territories of knowledge: entrepreneurial learning and knowledge transfer for more competitive SMEs

Table 1: Result indicators - 1.10a.1.3

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R0603	Entrepreneurial learning cooperation schemes	Number	1	2014	Increase up to 100%		28	According to the Projects' calculation. A thorough assessment will be performed by the Programme as part of the evaluation envisaged for 2022.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R0603	Entrepreneurial learning cooperation schemes		1		0		0		0

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0603	Entrepreneurial learning cooperation schemes		0		0

Priority axis	2 - Environment
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6c

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	300.00	9,526.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	300.00	3,600.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	50,000.00	506,242.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	50,000.00	348,291.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	Number	12.00	31.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	Number	12.00	19.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).

(I)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	8,726.00	0.00	0.00	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	16,000.00	2,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	193,827.00	8,200.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	347,468.00	60,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	619.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	812.00	8.00	0.00	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	2 - Environment
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	2.1 - Biodiversity: taking on the transnational challenge by promoting ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems' integration

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6c.2.1

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R0604	Expansion of ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems' integration of designated areas	Hectares	195.361,06	2013	Increase up to 1%		4001458	According to the Projects' calculation. A thorough assessment will be performed by the Programme as part of the evaluation envisaged for 2022.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R0604	Expansion of ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems' integration of designated areas				0		0		0

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0604	Expansion of ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems' integration of designated areas		0		0

Priority axis	2 - Environment
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6f

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	8.00	61.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	8.00	66.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	Number	3.00	18.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	Number	3.00	19.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	Number	4.00	28.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	Number	4.00	31.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	39.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	61.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	13.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	55.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	19.00	11.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	28.00	12.00	0.00	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	2 - Environment
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution
Specific objective	2.2 - Promote cooperation and networking aiming to introduce innovative technologies for efficient management of the waste sector, the soil and the water sector

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6f.2.2

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R0605	Level of adaptation to resources efficiency and climate change resilience measures in alignment with EU policy	% of surface area of all participating countries	0,07%	2010	Increase up to 1%		8.19	According to the Projects' calculation. A thorough assessment will be performed by the Programme as part of the evaluation envisaged for 2022.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R0605	Level of adaptation to resources efficiency and climate change resilience measures in alignment with EU policy				0		0		0

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0605	Level of adaptation to resources efficiency and climate change resilience measures in alignment with EU policy		0		0

Priority axis	2 - Environment
Investment priority	11a - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration

Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.11a

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	O0606	Trained stakeholders	Persons	200.00	1,746.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0606	Trained stakeholders	Persons	200.00	910.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	Number	12.00	67.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	Number	12.00	54.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
F	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	Persons	40.00	63.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).
S	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	Persons	40.00	62.00	A study on the indicator system has been elaborated, as some projects need to re-adjust their indicators' targets. See also para. 5(a).

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0606	Trained stakeholders	1,330.00	279.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0606	Trained stakeholders	405.00	810.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	49.00	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	50.00	50.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	44.00	8.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	62.00	62.00	0.00	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	2 - Environment
Investment priority	11a - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration
Specific objective	2.3 - Develop skills for better environmental management and increase governance capacities

Table 1: Result indicators - 2.11a.2.3

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	Observations
R0606	Capacity of public administration staff (PAS) in environmental legislation content and delivery	Persons: Nr of PAS who gained environmental qualifications	12 (average of five countries)	2014	Increase in the average of the five countries by 50%		111	According to the Projects' calculation. A thorough assessment will be performed by the Programme as part of the evaluation envisaged for 2022.

ID	Indicator	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative
R0606	Capacity of public administration staff (PAS) in environmental legislation content and delivery		30		0		0		0

ID	Indicator	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0606	Capacity of public administration staff (PAS) in environmental legislation content and delivery		0		0

Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	3 - Technical Assistance
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Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.Technical Assistance

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2020	Observations
F	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	Number	5.00	6.00	
S	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	Number	5.00	6.00	
F	O0610	Computerised System	Number	1.00	1.00	
S	O0610	Computerised System	Number	1.00	1.00	
F	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	Number	9.00	6.00	The Monitoring Committee convened its 6th meeting online on 08/12/2020.
S	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	Number	9.00	9.00	The Monitoring Committee convened its 6th meeting online on 08/12/2020.
F	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	Number	8.00	7.00	
S	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	Number	8.00	7.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	4.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	5.00	5.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0610	Computerised System	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0610	Computerised System	1.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	5.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
S	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	9.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	0.00
F	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	7.00	1.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	7.00	1.00	5.00	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]

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	2020	Observations
1	O	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	15	30.00	459.00	
1	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	3,542,427.00	14,169,706.00	8,042,156.54	
2	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	5,608,841.00	22,435,364.00	10,831,676.95	
2	O	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	4	8.00	61.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
1	O	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	406.00	23.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	4,860,610.81	2,744,981.49	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	5,896,956.58	3,347,409.27	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	39.00	9.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2014
1	O	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	0.00
1	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	0.00
2	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	0.00
2	O	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	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 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	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
1	ERDF	Total	11,998,635.00	85.00	12,399,592.27	103.34%	12,227,340.45	6,366,688.85	53.06%	20
1	IPA(e)	Total	2,171,071.00	85.00	3,340,507.36	153.86%	3,143,080.02	2,003,248.28	92.27%	20
2	ERDF	Total	18,997,838.00	85.00	21,370,118.63	112.49%	21,195,065.54	9,751,981.26	51.33%	23
2	IPA(e)	Total	3,437,526.00	85.00	4,038,572.19	117.48%	3,954,356.62	1,684,242.56	49.00%	20
3	ERDF	Total	2,644,144.00	75.00	2,644,144.00	100.00%	2,644,144.00	558,033.36	21.10%	3
3	IPA(e)	Total	478,440.00	75.00	478,440.00	100.00%	478,440.00	15,470.78	3.23%	2
Total	ERDF		33,640,617.00	84.21	36,413,854.90	108.24%	36,066,549.99	16,676,703.47	49.57%	46
Total	IPA(e)		6,087,037.00	84.21	7,857,519.55	129.09%	7,575,876.64	3,702,961.62	60.83%	42
Grand total			39,727,654.00	84.21	44,271,374.45	111.44%	43,642,426.63	20,379,665.09	51.30%	88

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	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	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
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	BG32	268,118.00	268,118.00	141,732.64	2
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	338,611.00	338,611.00	282,215.38	2
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	BG42	111,074.00	111,074.00	68,694.32	1
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	699,230.00	699,230.80	209,855.67	4
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	EL12	104,713.00	104,713.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	EL23	452,650.00	452,650.00	365,949.48	1
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	EL25	172,120.00	172,120.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	EL30	890,813.00	890,813.00	422,029.55	3
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	BG32	217,610.00	217,610.00	222,836.86	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	200,170.00	200,170.00	29,028.65	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	BG42	100,328.75	100,328.75	0.00	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	158,638.90	134,843.07	77,283.21	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	EL12	364,305.34	364,305.34	0.00	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	EL22	166,797.05	166,797.05	115,427.81	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	10		24	BG33	229,394.00	229,394.00	223,327.74	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	10		24	EL14	141,358.00	141,358.00	129,679.34	1
1	ERDF	069	01	07	07	03		24	BG31	272,750.94	272,750.94	226,377.75	1
1	ERDF	069	01	07	07	03		24	EL23	354,449.70	354,449.70	156,859.51	1
1	ERDF	071	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	418,966.60	418,966.60	336,365.98	1
1	ERDF	071	01	07	07	03		24	EL43	100,570.00	100,570.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	03		24	BG33	120,831.00	120,831.00	50,279.82	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	102,815.00	102,815.00	84,388.63	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	147,260.00	147,260.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	03		24	EL22	173,642.00	173,642.00	149,329.23	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	03		24	EL41	244,120.00	244,120.00	65,516.05	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	287,310.15	287,310.15	187,389.40	2
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	10		24	EL12	360,822.50	360,822.50	148,437.27	2
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	BG34	112,896.00	112,896.00	111,328.99	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	408,096.15	374,167.63	81,234.10	2
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL12	103,117.46	103,117.46	15,424.01	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL21	230,068.10	230,068.10	150,763.62	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL23	130,600.00	130,600.00	111,952.46	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL30	180,695.26	180,695.26	21,462.97	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	451,959.30	451,959.30	386,734.73	2
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	CY00	298,534.10	253,753.98	199,224.09	2
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	EL23	176,570.00	176,570.00	143,315.69	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	EL30	354,936.90	354,936.90	237,480.25	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	225,554.25	225,554.25	119,269.11	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	105,575.00	105,575.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	EL12	216,309.42	216,309.42	55,779.18	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	EL13	137,772.79	137,772.79	57,663.31	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	BG34	100,639.00	100,639.00	22,434.57	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	260,693.94	260,693.94	108,169.12	2
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	CY00	263,181.80	263,181.80	4,983.93	2
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	EL12	372,089.65	357,087.35	207,266.91	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	EL21	244,549.30	244,549.30	145,416.48	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	EL41	123,300.60	123,300.60	0.00	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	BG32	105,573.64	105,573.64	91,781.78	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	108,320.14	108,320.14	106,350.54	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	BG42	106,836.64	106,836.64	66,805.32	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	CY00	208,839.00	177,513.15	76,346.28	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	EL14	149,994.90	149,994.90	152,497.12	1

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	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
1	IPA(e)	063	01	07	07			24	AL	442,731.90	430,312.96	292,581.36	3
1	IPA(e)	063	01	07	07			24	MK	64,000.00	54,400.00	0.00	1
1	IPA(e)	067	01	07	07			24	AL	372,792.74	360,465.74	166,398.42	3
1	IPA(e)	067	01	07	07			24	MK	153,030.62	153,030.62	150,627.44	2
1	IPA(e)	069	01	07	07			24	AL	239,473.54	203,552.51	121,527.64	1
1	IPA(e)	071	01	07	07			24	AL	195,061.73	187,156.32	149,363.04	1
1	IPA(e)	071	01	07	07			24	MK	164,905.85	164,905.85	121,396.86	1
1	IPA(e)	104	01	07	07			24	AL	324,838.24	284,436.00	142,856.59	3
1	IPA(e)	104	01	07	07			24	MK	151,415.28	151,415.28	99,721.22	2
1	IPA(e)	106	01	07	07			24	AL	337,326.58	286,727.60	104,190.26	4
1	IPA(e)	106	01	07	07			24	MK	347,622.03	347,622.03	326,251.89	3
1	IPA(e)	109	01	07	07			24	AL	105,385.75	89,577.89	44,379.64	1
1	IPA(e)	109	01	07	07			24	MK	288,376.66	288,376.66	160,182.65	3
1	IPA(e)	113	01	07	07			24	AL	82,972.54	70,526.66	80,366.65	1
1	IPA(e)	113	01	07	07			24	MK	70,573.90	70,573.90	43,404.62	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	BG41	885,203.50	885,203.50	575,424.47	3
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	CY00	452,401.00	452,401.00	138,879.51	2
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL11	170,800.00	170,800.00	107,088.91	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL12	555,786.24	555,786.24	474,266.37	2
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL14	100,000.00	100,000.00	23,986.80	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL30	312,908.00	312,908.00	96,139.62	2
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL42	100,000.00	100,000.00	59,998.85	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL43	356,421.10	356,421.10	204,653.12	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	BG32	547,910.06	547,910.06	452,574.05	2
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	BG41	1,842,481.30	1,842,481.30	1,280,065.40	8
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	BG42	374,289.00	374,289.00	289,050.08	2
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	CY00	4,130,118.48	4,004,042.98	1,351,922.27	15
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL11	673,355.86	673,355.86	258,171.84	2
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL12	1,695,640.04	1,695,640.04	1,116,030.23	6
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL13	360,868.30	360,868.30	263,653.71	2
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL14	391,000.00	391,000.00	186,155.25	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL21	306,000.00	306,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL23	1,067,732.39	1,067,732.39	412,764.56	3
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL24	195,500.00	195,500.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL30	1,918,825.05	1,918,825.05	886,454.83	7
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL41	155,000.00	155,000.00	70,196.34	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL43	293,671.77	293,671.77	111,100.12	2
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	BG34	236,954.04	236,954.04	65,830.19	1
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	CY00	568,056.00	538,347.60	56,068.44	2
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL12	271,020.00	271,020.00	94,562.91	1
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL22	107,500.00	107,500.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL30	549,380.00	549,380.00	39,911.45	2
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL41	112,760.00	112,760.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL42	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	BG33	254,176.04	254,176.04	164,392.72	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	BG34	139,961.52	139,961.52	81,144.12	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	BG41	254,796.51	254,796.51	121,386.45	2
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	CY00	509,209.75	489,940.56	147,074.93	3
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL12	371,400.00	371,400.00	159,553.02	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL14	102,000.00	102,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL21	195,262.59	195,262.59	42,749.60	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL23	134,641.53	134,641.53	105,012.23	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL30	313,015.50	313,015.50	184,661.21	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL41	264,073.06	264,073.06	131,057.66	2
2	IPA(e)	086	01	07	07			24	AL	348,752.60	348,752.60	33,267.08	3
2	IPA(e)	086	01	07	07			24	MK	209,253.19	209,253.19	125,231.79	2
2	IPA(e)	087	01	07	07			24	AL	1,446,978.34	1,378,941.77	538,986.55	10
2	IPA(e)	087	01	07	07			24	MK	1,144,058.55	1,144,058.55	842,856.47	7
2	IPA(e)	094	01	07	07			24	AL	222,212.22	222,212.22	29,387.72	2
2	IPA(e)	094	01	07	07			24	MK	121,450.00	121,450.00	28,729.89	1

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	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
2	IPA(e)	119	01	07	07			24	AL	439,667.29	423,488.29	85,783.06	3
2	IPA(e)	119	01	07	07			24	MK	106,200.00	106,200.00	0.00	1
3	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	BG41	102,400.00	102,400.00	27,221.33	1
3	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	CY00	102,400.00	102,400.00	26,297.50	1
3	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	EL12	2,011,437.46	2,011,437.46	504,514.53	1
3	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	EL12	292,421.62	292,421.62	0.00	1
3	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	EL12	135,484.92	135,484.92	0.00	1
3	IPA(e)	121	01	07	07			24	AL	102,400.00	102,400.00	0.00	1
3	IPA(e)	121	01	07	07			24	MK	102,400.00	102,400.00	15,470.78	1
3	IPA(e)	122	01	07	07			24	EL12	136,820.00	136,820.00	0.00	1
3	IPA(e)	123	01	07	07			24	EL12	136,820.00	136,820.00	0.00	1

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 ERDF 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 ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF 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 ERDF at programme level *100)
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(1) ERDF 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

The first evaluation of the Programme took place in 2018. No evaluation was conducted in 2020. The results of the next Programme assessment will be presented in AIR 2022, according to the evaluation procedure described in the Programme's Evaluation Plan (the reference period is 2nd semester of 2021 - 2nd semester of 2022). Part of this evaluation will also be the calculation of the achievements of the Results Indicators, which are directly linked to the effectiveness of the BalkanMed programme.

Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings
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5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

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

European Commission Warning Letter

The European Commission issued a warning letter on possible interruption of payments as a result of a high error rate reported by the Audit Authority. The high error rates of 23,19% and 23,15% (TER and RTER) stemmed for a sole beneficiary from a sole project (project HERMES), verified by a FLCer in Cyprus. If it was not for that project, the error would be 0,47%, well below materiality threshold.

The Audit Authority (EDEL), in cooperation with the Internal Audit Service of Cyprus (GoA) and DG EPCD in Cyprus and the Managing Authority, drew up an Action Plan, which was implemented by all competent authorities. The purpose of the Action Plan was to investigate the MCS in Cyprus, to highlight any problems and to lead to a series of measures, in order to improve the system, by applying the necessary measures.

The main elements of the Action Plan consisted of the following:

- CYPRUS NA to initiate the suspension and the disqualification procedures for the FLCer and report to the recognized professional body of accountants, as it was identified that the high error rates stemmed for a sole beneficiary from a sole project (project HERMES), verified by a FLCer in Cyprus;
- The description of the MCS to be amended:
 - All quality reviews are concluded prior to the final application of the interim payment is submitted to the Commission
 - The number of quality reviews performed by the Competent Authority should be based on a sample basis (minimum 20% of expenditure declared for each Accounting Year and 15% of total number of the FLCs of the Programme);
- FLCers to be trained at more regular intervals;
- Expenditure declared in the 5th Accounting Year by beneficiaries located in Cyprus to be exempted from the Accounts of the 5th Accounting Year;
- Additional audits, covering as a minimum 20% of expenditure declared and 20% of the total number of FLCs of the Programme, to be performed by the Internal Audit Service for expenditure declared in the 5th Accounting Year by beneficiaries located in Cyprus;
- Quality reviews of 100% of expenditure of the 5th Accounting Year to be performed;

- Re-assessment of the categorization of DG EPCD (FLC system-Cyprus) after completion of all the above actions to be performed by EDEL, in cooperation with Internal Audit Service.

Additionally, it was decided that for the verification of expenditure of beneficiaries established in Cyprus, the competent body would be the Verifications and Certification Directorate of the Treasury of the Republic of Cyprus (VCD), designated through a Council of Ministers decision, dated 07/05/2020, carrying on the implementation of the Action Plan (from the NA's part) since.

Especially regarding the Quality reviews of 100% of expenditure of the 5th Accounting Year, VCD performed 28 quality reviews, checking 1.332.353,43 € overall (100% of the expenditure of the Cypriot beneficiaries), exempting expenditure already included in the sample of the Internal Audit Service. It identified 90 findings, most of them insignificant and not related to financial issues, which were followed up by VCD and notified to the Audit Authority. An additional 10.515,31 € were found ineligible, totaling to an error rate of 0,79%, well below the materiality threshold. All the findings identified during these reviews have been closed and the ineligible costs have been corrected.

VCD proceeded further (although not explicitly mentioned in the agreed Action Plan) to re-audit a sample of projects and expenditures submitted by Cypriot beneficiaries under the 6th Accounting Year. This work was carried out so that it would be possible to re-enter expenditure of Cypriot beneficiaries in Payment Request once the EC warning is lifted. The selection of the sample followed a new agreed procedure, 20% of the verified expenditure and 15% of the First Level Controllers involved in the verification of the expenditure were selected, amounting to 812.089,92 €. The error rate identified was 0.45%.

Based on the above, the problem encountered with the FLC in Cyprus was considered an isolated incident, not related with inherent deficiencies of the Cypriot FLC system. The thorough implementation of the Action Plan resulted to the re-classification of the FLC system in Cyprus to Category 2.

The European Commission lifted its warning in January 2021.

Indicator system

The Managing Authority, as well as the Programme evaluators in 2019, had identified the indicator system as a significant issue, as there are big deviations between the Programme and the project targets. This is mainly because the Programme might have been quite modest in its programming as well as because it seems that some projects have either overestimated their calculation on indicators achievement or failed to understand the true content of each indicator. The MA/JS concluded to the fact that some of the indicators had been wrongly perceived by the beneficiaries at project design phase, and thus they were being declared with non-relevant values, either over-estimated or under-estimated, in the AF (and consequently in the Progress Reports). To fix that issue, a study was elaborated by external experts on the Definition and Measurement of the BMP Indicators, and a number of indicators was revised by the projects during 2020. These -sometimes revised- values are the basis against which the MA/JS is monitoring the projects and will measure their performance at

the end of implementation. Additionally, the indicator's system is part of a planned Programme modification.

COVID-19 Pandemic. The pandemic outbreak is considered a force majeure that affected all aspects of the daily behaviour. In that sense the established work practices had to be rapidly transformed for safety reasons. The introduction of teleworking was a fundamental change that took place within narrow time margins. Consequently, there have been technical and logistical difficulties to adapt to this new reality that created delays in the daily work flow in specific tasks and in the implementation of the Programme in general.

On a project basis, the pandemic has posed significant obstacles as the implementation of many deliverables (especially of those that involved public participation) was halted for safety reasons. The approach that was followed by the Programme was to give the beneficiaries the flexibility to develop their own responses towards the situation. Thus, each case was examined separately per project and beneficiary level. There were cases where deliverables had to be postponed for the future, and other cases where the implementation of a deliverable had to be modified (a classic example is the shift from events that require physical presence to events that are taking place online). All of the above meant that extra administrative burden that unavoidably affected to a certain degree the performance of the Programme was created.

(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 total budget of the BalkanMed Programme is € 39,727,654.00 (European + National contribution), over-committing approximately 111% of its budget. From project implementation so far, and mainly due to the Covid-19 pandemic which resulted in a series of project activities not taking place or being implemented under special conditions, it is estimated that there are approximately 4.500.000,00 savings in the overall Programme budget.

These unused funds could be re-directed towards launching a targeted Thematic Call focused on:

- Digital convergence with the possibility of absorbing a large part of the budget for the purchase of equipment.
- Renewable energy sources with the ability to absorb a large part of the budget for pilot actions and studies.

The European Commission has put the green and digital transformation very high in its agenda. Those two parallel transitions to the new economy shall be seen together. EU is promoting, through its strategy for data, the creation of interoperable data spaces in all strategic sectors. Such European-wide data spaces require the creation of extended networks, large-scale infrastructures and highly available cloud services. This digital transformation shall be based on energy-efficient practices, shall promote the circular economy and reduce the environmental footprint of human activity.

In that framework, it was proposed to initiate a call that focuses on “greening the digital sector”. The aim is to promote a common architecture and framework for the implementation of green digitalization through the adoption of relevant policies, practices and technologies and the exploitation of the combined know-how of experts from the green/digital fields.

The focus of the call will be thus dual:

- The exploitation of green digitalisation technologies and the adoption of enabling frameworks and practices
- The upskilling of the involved workforce to support the multidisciplinary approach and a cultural shift. Human workforce need to keep up with the rapid technological advancements required for digital transformation while remaining sensitive to environmental challenges and upskilled to support the circular economy.

The above will be indicatively achieved through the following objectives:

- Creation of joint frameworks/agreements and common indicators for energy efficient large scale digital infrastructures
- Pilot applications/demonstration projects of digital transformation initiatives/infrastructures using green sources of energy and generating energy gains
- Gap analysis to identify best practices and provide recommendations to ensure a better alignment between greening/digitalization policies, industry needs and educational offers

- Mapping-assessment and delivery of relevant skill development programs, including the creation of supporting STEM/multidisciplinary curriculums that focuses on the green transformation.

The digital transformation proposals that will be promoted through this call must lead to an overall positive “green performance”. This means that the proposed infrastructure/ services through which digital transformation is achieved shall lead to a better overall performance in terms of energy efficiency compared to the alternative traditional/ existing, alternative or prior settings.

The Monitoring Committee approved the launch of such a Call in its meeting on 09/12/2020. It is expected that the project will start its implementation in mid-2021.

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/ Investment 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

N/A

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

N/A

8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

Not applicable (the CP does not foresee implementation of Joint Action Plans).

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

N/A

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	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
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Priority axis	2 - Environment
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Priority axis	3 - 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)

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

Priority axis	Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)	Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)
1	654,854.28	5.44%
2	12,856,929.92	67.42%
Total	13,511,784.20	40.39%

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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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Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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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 ERDF

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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:

Macro-regional Strategies represent a new opportunity for comprehensive development of a larger territory, addressing common challenges and potential, and are perceived as a qualitative leap fostering synergies for better territorial governance.

There are two (2) Macro-regional Strategies falling partially under the same geographical area with BalkanMed :

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

Consequently, they have to be taken into consideration as they cover several policies, which are targeted at a "macro-region" level.

Analysis of the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)

Out of the five (5) participating countries of the BalkanMed Programme only one, Bulgaria, participates in the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR). Yet, the Programme Priorities took into consideration contribution to implementing the EUSDR, within the areas delineated by the EUSDR Action Plan to make the region environmentally sustainable, prosperous, accessible and attractive, as well as safe and secure.

BalkanMed could support the implementation of the EUSDR by contributing to three (3) of its pillars and to seven (7) of its eleven (11) Priority Areas.

Analysis of the EU Strategy for Adriatic – Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

EUSAIR is relevant to BalkanMed as complementarities emerge mainly on environment conservation and management. Albania, Greece and the Republic of North Macedonia are covered by the EUSAIR. However, North Macedonia joined EUSAIR only after the BalkanMed projects had been approved.

The shared element of the Adriatic-Ionian participating regions is the common sea basin. Consequently, actions will be developed with needs and potentials of sea-related activities proving more emphasis on blue growth.

Furthermore integrated marine and coastal management within the Balkan Mediterranean area can boost "blue growth" opportunities anchoring a strong maritime pillar to the programme strategy.

Regarding "research, innovation and SMEs development", actions under the first topic "blue technology" and the second topic "fisheries and aquaculture" both have focus on research and innovation. At programme level, while the "Balkan-Mediterranean 2014- 2020" transnational cooperation programme establish links between competitiveness and training, the programme of Adriatic – Ionian makes a thorough exploration of the priority providing potentials for complementarity and synergies.

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

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 type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.3 - Energy
<input 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 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)

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

A specific criterion examining whether a Project makes use of synergies/ complementarities and contributes to macro-regional strategies was assessed, giving extra points compared to Projects serving only national and/ or regional policies.

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

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)

No specific investments are envisaged, but Projects are urged to support EUSDR

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

N/A

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))

No

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

	Pillar	Topic / Cross cutting issue
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.1 - Blue technologies
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.2 - Fisheries and aquaculture
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.1.3 - Maritime and marine governance and services
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Blue growth	1.2.2 - SMEs development
<input checked="" 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 type="checkbox"/>	2 - Connecting the region	2.2.1 - Strengthening R&D, innovation
<input 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 type="checkbox"/>	3 - Environmental quality	3.1.2 - Transnational terrestrial habitats and biodiversity
<input 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 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 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)

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

A specific criterion examining whether a Project makes use of synergies/ complementarities and contributes to macro-regional strategies was assessed, giving extra points compared to Projects serving only national and/ or regional policies.

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

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)

No specific investments are envisaged, but Projects are urged to support EUSAIR.

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

N/A

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))

No

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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