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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 3rd 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 2017. 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 2017 via Written Procedure on xx May 2018.

Selection of Projects

2017 was very active in terms of Programme's implementation, as the first 37 BalkanMed Projects were approved. During its 3rd meeting, held in Limassol, Cyprus, the Monitoring Committee approved for funding 37 Projects overall, 17 in Priority Axis 1: Entrepreneurship & Innovation and 20 in Priority Axis: Environment.

Even though the budget of the 1st Call for Project Proposals was approximately 20 m. €, the Monitoring Committee decided to exhaust to the extent possible the available Programme funding. The EU co-financing reached 33,023,732.00 €, out of which 7,191,671.00 € allocated to IPA partners. The main problem encountered was the full exhaustion of IPA funding. Therefore, the MC decided to proceed with a reduction of the budget of IPA partners of the Projects to be funded (up to 20% cumulatively) taking into account the restrictions of the 1st Call for Project Proposals; and to cover any remaining overbooked IPA funds at the closure of the Programme by ERDF funds, using the 20% flexibility rule, if needed.

The MC also decided to place in a Reserve List for a period of eighteen (18) months another 4 Projects in Priority Axis 1 and 3 Projects in Priority Axis 2, to be funded subject to availability of funds.

Contracting of Projects

The Joint Secretariat proceeded immediately after the selection of the Projects to meetings, applying a Budget modification Methodology approved by the MC, with all beneficiaries leading to the signature of Subsidy Contracts. All 37 Projects were contracted by the end of 2017. The overall contracted budget of Projects in PA1 and P2 was approximately 36 m. €.

During this period Info Days on Project Implementation were organised in all BalkanMed countries (September-October 2017). Overall there were five (5) Info Days organised, presenting the Programmes' requirements on project implementation, including the First Level Control system and national co-financing, and providing assistance to all beneficiaries.

In the course of 2017, 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.

Designation process

Although the drafting of the Description of the Management and Control System started in 2015 right after the validation of the CP, the designation process of the MA was not concluded during the reporting year. However, by the end 2017 almost all information needed had been prepare by the Managing Authority and the DMCS was ready for submission to the Audit Authority.

Joint Secretariat

The Call for the staffing of the BalkanMed Joint Secretariat had been published on 22/08/2016. The recruitment procedure was finalised in April 2017 and the BalkanMed Joint Secretariat is fully staffed and active since July 2017. It is comprised of five members.

Communication activities

In terms of communication activities, apart from the Info Days, BalkanMed in the framework of the celebration of European Cooperation Day 2017 co-organised—in cooperation with other Interreg Programmes- and participated in six (6) EC Day events. These included an action focusing on reducing the use of plastic, blood donation events, a post-card exhibition, an educational entertainment “Treasure Hunt”, a gliding fly-in and air-show event and a film screening and discussion on migration. The finalization of the Web platform of the Programme, containing websites to all projects, also took place in 2017. The web platform is a vast capitalization tool which is expected to raise the visibility of the BalkanMed projects and further highlight the BalkanMed community. All visual and technical support; logos, branding, and individual websites within the platform, are provided by the Programme, while the projects provide the contents to their own websites. The website also contains an area specifically designed for MC, creating a network.

The social media profiles and pages of the Programme have been regularly updated, following Programme events and the interaction with the community of followers and those participants the Programme follows. The numbers have been increasing each year. To improve this activity there is yet to draft and set in place a specific strategy for social media communication. This has been foreseen for 2018.

The Programme has also participated in several external events (82nd International Fair of Thessaloniki, European Cluster Matchmaking Event, EuropCom conference, Interact meetings, DG Regio meetings eytc.), as participant and as a speaker. In order to present a uniformed visual identity, the BalkanMed Programme has created promotional and marketing material, evolving around the Programme logo (provided by INTERACT's common branding initiative). The purchased material in 2017, which included, among

other, pens, mugs of multiple use, hats etc., was distributed during the EC Days.

Work of the Monitoring Committee

The Monitoring Committee convened its 3rd meeting in Limassol, Cyprus on 10/03/2017. During 2017, five Written Procedures were launched via which respective decisions, especially regarding the submitted complaints after the selection of Projects and the modification of Programme documents and funded Projects were taken.

During 2017 the following developments also took place:

- Coordination with the Service which is responsible for adapting the Monitoring Information System (MIS) of the Programme to the regulatory requirements of the 2014-2020 Programming Period and the Programme/ Project management needs identified by the Managing Authority in cooperation with competent authorities of the cooperating countries. Full adaptation of the MIS is estimated in 2017;
- Development 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>During 2017 17 Projects in Priority Axis 1 were approved and signed the respective Subsidy Contracts. The overall contracted budget amounted to 14.147.798,53 €. All Projects started implementing their activities. However, even though some beneficiaries had their expenses certified, no verification reports were transmitted to the Joint Secretariat and no payment claims have been forwarded to the Commission.</p> <p>The main problem encountered was the exhaustion of the available IPA funding since the available budget for IPA beneficiaries proved significantly low for their demand. An official letter was sent to the European Commission in December 2017, asking for an additional 3,000,000.00 € of IPA funding, which would be necessary to cover the current and future financing needs of IPA beneficiaries.</p>
2	Environment	<p>During 2017 20 Projects in Priority Axis 2 were approved and signed the respective Subsidy Contracts. The overall contracted budget amounted to 22.149.474,20 €. All Projects started implementing their activities. However, even though some beneficiaries had their expenses certified, no verification reports were transmitted to the Joint Secretariat and no payment claims have been forwarded to the Commission.</p> <p>The main problem encountered was the exhaustion of the available IPA funding since the available budget for IPA beneficiaries proved significantly low for their demand. An official letter was sent to the European Commission in December 2017, asking for an additional 3,000,000.00 € of IPA funding, which would be necessary to cover the current and future financing needs of IPA beneficiaries.</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 2017 within the Technical Assistance the following major activities were implemented:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staffing of the Joint Secretariat • Activities in connection with implementation, monitoring and inspection of the Programme; • One meeting of the Monitoring Committee; • Communication and publicity actions (Info Days, website, communication tools for beneficiaries, participation in EC Day events etc.) <p>Even though expenses had been certified, no verification reports were transmitted to the Joint Secretariat and no payment</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
		<p>claims have been forwarded to the Commission.</p> <p>At this stage of implementation no significant problems have been identified in the implementation of the PA3 (Technical Assistance), but due to the support beneficiaries require for Project implementation and the complex transnational character of the Programme, it is already seen that capacity and man-power at the level of Joint Secretariat is barely sufficient.</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	2016	Observations
F	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	Enterprises	30.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	Enterprises	30.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	30.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	30.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
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	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
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	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	0.00	0.00
S	CO01	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving support	0.00	0.00
F	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	0.00	0.00
S	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	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	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	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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R0601	Transnational cooperation business links	Number	4	2014	Increase up to 25%		0	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0601	Transnational cooperation business links		0		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	2016	Observations
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	20.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	Enterprises	20.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	Enterprises	10.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	Enterprises	10.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	0.00	0.00
S	CO26	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises cooperating with research institutions	0.00	0.00
F	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	0.00	0.00
S	CO29	Research, Innovation: Number of enterprises supported to introduce new to the firm products	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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R0602	SMEs introducing product or process innovations	% of the total SMEs	24,94%	2010	Increase up to 1%		0	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0602	SMEs introducing product or process innovations		0		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

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	Observations
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	70.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	Persons	70.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
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	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
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	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	0.00	0.00
S	CO44	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint local employment initiatives and joint training	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	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	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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R0603	Entrepreneurial learning cooperation schemes	Number	1	2014	Increase up to 100%		0	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0603	Entrepreneurial learning cooperation schemes		0		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

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2016	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	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	300.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	50,000.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares	50,000.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	Number	12.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	Number	12.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	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
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00
F	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00
S	CO23	Nature and biodiversity: Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00
F	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	0.00	0.00
S	O0602	Designated areas addressed (of which Natura 2000 sites)	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	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
R0604	Expansion of ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems' integration of designated areas	Hectares	195.361,06	2013	Increase up to 1%		0	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0604	Expansion of ecological connectivity and transnational ecosystems' integration of designated areas		0		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	2016	Observations
F	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	8.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	8.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	Number	3.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	Number	3.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	Number	4.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	Number	4.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	0.00	0.00
S	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	0.00	0.00
F	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	0.00	0.00
S	O0604	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to the water/ waste efficient management	0.00	0.00
F	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	0.00	0.00
S	O0605	Number of environmental friendly technologies' implementation related to climate change prevention and adaptation measures	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	2017 Total	2017 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%		0	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	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		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	2016	Observations
F	O0606	Trained stakeholders	Persons	200.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	O0606	Trained stakeholders	Persons	200.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	Number	12.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	Number	12.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
F	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	Persons	40.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
S	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	Persons	40.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2015	2014
F	O0606	Trained stakeholders	0.00	0.00
S	O0606	Trained stakeholders	0.00	0.00
F	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	0.00	0.00
S	O0607	Training programmes' implemented	0.00	0.00
F	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	0.00	0.00
S	O0608	Number of participants in transnational mobility initiatives (Ref. ERDF - CO43)	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	2017 Total	2017 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%		0	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0606	Capacity of public administration staff (PAS) in environmental legislation content and delivery		0		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	2017	Observations
F	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	Number	5.00	5.00	The JS staffing has been finalised. The JS is in place and working. It is comprised by five (5) officers, including its co-ordinator.
S	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	Number	5.00	5.00	The JS staffing has been finalised. The JS is in place and working. It is comprised by five (5) officers, including its co-ordinator.
F	O0610	Computerised System	Number	1.00	0.00	The MIS system was in testing mode by the MA and other relevant authorities by the end of 2017.
S	O0610	Computerised System	Number	1.00	0.00	The MIS system was in testing mode by the MA and other relevant authorities by the end of 2017.
F	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	Number	9.00	1.00	The Monitoring Committee convened its 3rd meeting in Limassol, Cyprus on 10/03/2017.
S	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	Number	9.00	1.00	The Monitoring Committee convened its 3rd meeting in Limassol, Cyprus on 10/03/2017.
F	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	Number	8.00	5.00	In autumn 2017 the MA/ JS, in co-operation with the National Authorities, organised five (5) Info-Days on Project Implementation in all participating countries, in order to present the Programmes' requirements on Project implementation, including the First Level Control system and national co-financing, and provide assistance to all beneficiaries.
S	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	Number	8.00	5.00	In autumn 2017 the MA/ JS, in co-operation with the National Authorities, organised five (5) Info-Days on Project Implementation in all participating countries, in order to present the Programmes' requirements on Project implementation, including the First Level Control system and national co-financing, and provide assistance to all beneficiaries.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0609	Joint Secretariat Staff	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0610	Computerised System	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0610	Computerised System	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	1.00	1.00	0.00
S	O0611	Monitoring Committee Meetings	1.00	1.00	0.00
F	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0612	Lead partner seminars (including financial project management seminars)	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	2017	Observations
1	O	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	15	30.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.
1	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	3,542,427.00	14,169,706.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no expenses had been certified by December 2017.
2	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	5,608,841.00	22,435,364.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no expenses had been certified by December 2017.
2	O	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	Number	4	8.00	0.00	The Projects' implementation was in an early stage and only start-up activities had been implemented by the end of 2017. Therefore, no indicator targets were reached by December 2017.

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
1	O	CO04	Productive investment: Number of enterprises receiving non-financial support	Enterprises	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	PF061	Eligible certified expenditure verified by the certifying authority	Euro	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	O0603	Number of strategies/ policies/ plans/ models and tools jointly developed and tested	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 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	10,971,770.68	91.44%	10,772,176.46	0.00	0.00%	17
1	IPA(e)	Total	2,171,071.00	85.00	3,176,027.85	146.29%	3,004,674.26	0.00	0.00%	17
2	ERDF	Total	18,997,838.00	85.00	18,690,927.57	98.38%	18,547,712.89	0.00	0.00%	20
2	IPA(e)	Total	3,437,526.00	85.00	3,458,546.64	100.61%	3,372,768.57	0.00	0.00%	17
3	ERDF	Total	2,644,144.00	75.00	2,644,144.00	100.00%	2,644,144.00	0.00	0.00%	3
3	IPA(e)	Total	478,440.00	75.00	478,440.00	100.00%	478,440.00	0.00	0.00%	2
Total	ERDF		33,640,617.00	84.21	32,306,842.25	96.04%	31,964,033.35	0.00	0.00%	40
Total	IPA(e)		6,087,037.00	84.21	7,113,014.49	116.86%	6,855,882.83	0.00	0.00%	36
Grand total			39,727,654.00	84.21	39,419,856.74	99.23%	38,819,916.18	0.00	0.00%	76

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)

Not applicable in the BalkanMed Programme.

Not validated

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 beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	BG32	120,118.00	120,118.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	338,611.00	338,611.00	0.00	2
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	BG42	111,074.00	111,074.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	063	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	532,650.00	509,230.80	0.00	3
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	0.00	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	489,813.00	489,813.00	0.00	2
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	BG32	217,610.00	217,610.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	BG33	229,394.00	229,394.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	158,638.90	134,843.07	0.00	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	EL14	141,358.00	141,358.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	067	01	07	07	03		24	EL22	166,797.05	166,797.05	0.00	1
1	ERDF	069	01	07	07	03		24	BG31	272,750.94	272,750.94	0.00	1
1	ERDF	069	01	07	07	03		24	EL23	354,449.70	354,449.70	0.00	1
1	ERDF	071	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	418,966.60	418,966.60	0.00	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	0.00	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	102,815.00	102,815.00	0.00	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	0.00	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	03		24	EL41	244,120.00	244,120.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	164,886.15	164,886.15	0.00	1
1	ERDF	104	01	07	07	10		24	EL12	125,992.50	125,992.50	0.00	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	BG34	112,896.00	112,896.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	408,096.15	346,881.73	0.00	2
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL12	118,303.00	118,303.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL21	237,367.01	237,367.01	0.00	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL23	130,600.00	130,600.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	03		24	EL30	190,219.03	190,219.03	0.00	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	451,959.30	451,959.30	0.00	2
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	CY00	298,534.10	253,753.98	0.00	2
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	EL23	176,570.00	176,570.00	0.00	1
1	ERDF	106	01	07	07	10		24	EL30	354,936.90	354,936.90	0.00	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	BG41	232,366.36	232,366.36	0.00	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	CY00	113,375.81	113,375.81	0.00	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	EL12	240,775.66	240,775.66	0.00	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	03		24	EL13	231,766.28	231,766.28	0.00	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	BG34	100,639.00	100,639.00	0.00	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 beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	260,693.94	260,693.94	0.00	2
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	CY00	363,573.80	348,515.00	0.00	2
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	EL12	439,853.28	439,853.28	0.00	1
1	ERDF	109	01	07	07	10		24	EL21	244,549.30	244,549.30	0.00	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	0.00	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	BG41	108,320.14	108,320.14	0.00	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	BG42	106,836.64	106,836.64	0.00	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	CY00	208,839.00	177,513.15	0.00	1
1	ERDF	113	01	07	07	10		24	EL14	149,994.90	149,994.90	0.00	1
1	IPA(e)	063	01	07	07			24	AL	442,731.90	430,312.96	0.00	3
1	IPA(e)	067	01	07	07			24	AL	229,820.00	217,493.00	0.00	2
1	IPA(e)	067	01	07	07			24	MK	180,034.05	180,034.05	0.00	2
1	IPA(e)	069	01	07	07			24	AL	239,473.54	203,552.51	0.00	1
1	IPA(e)	071	01	07	07			24	AL	195,061.73	179,719.47	0.00	1
1	IPA(e)	071	01	07	07			24	MK	164,905.85	164,905.85	0.00	1
1	IPA(e)	104	01	07	07			24	AL	230,081.04	211,732.40	0.00	2
1	IPA(e)	104	01	07	07			24	MK	151,415.28	151,415.28	0.00	2
1	IPA(e)	106	01	07	07			24	AL	375,190.58	326,448.60	0.00	4
1	IPA(e)	106	01	07	07			24	MK	347,622.03	347,622.03	0.00	3
1	IPA(e)	109	01	07	07			24	AL	172,935.75	157,127.89	0.00	2
1	IPA(e)	109	01	07	07			24	MK	293,209.66	293,209.66	0.00	3
1	IPA(e)	113	01	07	07			24	AL	82,972.54	70,526.66	0.00	1
1	IPA(e)	113	01	07	07			24	MK	70,573.90	70,573.90	0.00	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	BG41	885,203.50	885,203.50	0.00	3
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	CY00	452,401.00	452,401.00	0.00	2
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL11	170,800.00	170,800.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL12	555,786.24	555,786.24	0.00	2
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL14	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL30	312,908.00	312,908.00	0.00	2
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL42	100,000.00	100,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	086	01	07	07	06		24	EL43	356,421.10	356,421.10	0.00	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	BG32	547,910.06	547,910.06	0.00	2
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	BG41	1,842,481.30	1,842,481.30	0.00	8
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	BG42	187,289.00	187,289.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	CY00	3,926,118.47	3,802,172.98	0.00	14
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL11	673,355.86	673,355.86	0.00	2
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL12	1,695,640.04	1,695,640.04	0.00	6
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL13	360,868.30	360,868.30	0.00	2
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL14	391,000.00	391,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL23	1,083,982.39	1,083,982.39	0.00	3
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL30	1,924,053.65	1,924,053.65	0.00	7
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL41	155,000.00	155,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	087	01	07	07	06		24	EL43	293,671.77	293,671.77	0.00	2
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	CY00	270,000.00	270,000.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL22	116,250.00	116,250.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL30	279,320.00	279,320.00	0.00	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 beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
2	ERDF	094	01	07	07	06		24	EL41	116,250.00	116,250.00	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	BG33	254,176.04	254,176.04	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	BG34	139,961.52	139,961.52	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	BG41	154,796.51	154,796.51	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	CY00	424,190.00	404,920.81	0.00	2
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL21	195,262.59	195,262.59	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL23	134,641.53	134,641.53	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL30	313,015.50	313,015.50	0.00	1
2	ERDF	119	01	07	07	11		24	EL41	278,173.20	278,173.20	0.00	2
2	IPA(e)	086	01	07	07			24	AL	348,752.60	348,752.60	0.00	3
2	IPA(e)	086	01	07	07			24	MK	209,253.19	209,253.19	0.00	2
2	IPA(e)	087	01	07	07			24	AL	1,312,815.01	1,243,215.94	0.00	9
2	IPA(e)	087	01	07	07			24	MK	1,144,058.55	1,144,058.55	0.00	7
2	IPA(e)	094	01	07	07			24	AL	121,450.00	121,450.00	0.00	1
2	IPA(e)	094	01	07	07			24	MK	121,450.00	121,450.00	0.00	1
2	IPA(e)	119	01	07	07			24	AL	200,767.29	184,588.29	0.00	2
3	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	BG41	102,400.00	102,400.00	0.00	1
3	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	CY00	102,400.00	102,400.00	0.00	1
3	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	EL12	2,011,437.46	2,011,437.46	0.00	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	0.00	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

In accordance with Articles 56 and 114 of the Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, the Managing Authority has drafted the Evaluation Plan. The Evaluation Plan was approved by the Monitoring Committee and submitted to the European Commission (EC) through the SFC portal.

The preparation of the procedures for contracting evaluators has started but no contract for outsourcing the actual evaluation work was signed during 2017. The first implementation evaluation is due in 2018.

Not validated

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

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

The main issues encountered, even though, they do not pose an imminent threat of Programme implementation, are the following:

- The exhaustion of IPA funding, as previously discussed in detail;
- The pending designation procedure. However, by the end of 2017 almost all information needed had been prepared by the Managing Authority and the DMCS was ready for submission to the Audit Authority. However, a Risk Management Plan for the BalkanMed Programme has been already established and in force, while the model that MA follows is the quality management principles set out in ISO 9001:2015 standard, since MA is provided with ISO certification since 2013;
- The non-completion of the Monitoring & Information System (MIS). However, coordination with the Service which is solely responsible for adapting the Monitoring Information System (MIS) of the Programme to the regulatory requirements of the 2014-2020 Programming Period is under way. The MIS system was in testing mode by the MA and other relevant authorities by the end of 2017. Full adaptation of the MIS is estimated in 2018.

(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.

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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

Not validated

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

Not validated

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

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

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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).

Not validated

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	1 - Entrepreneurship & Innovation
Priority axis	2 - Environment
Priority axis	3 - Technical Assistance

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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Not validated

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	12,116,561.73	63.54%
Total	12,771,416.01	38.17%

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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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Not validated

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

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Not validated

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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Not validated

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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Not validated

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. Only two (2) countries, Albania and Greece, are covered by the EUSAIR.

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)

EUSDR

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

Not validated

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)

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)

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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)

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

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Not validated

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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Not validated

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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Not validated

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