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Interreg post 2020 Legislation, interventions, funds, orientation

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Background information

- Legislative package is published on web page:
https://ec.europa.eu/commission/publications/regional-development-and-cohesion_en
- Legal texts are only drafts and will be discussed and modified before acceptance (goal is to make legal texts 50% shorter)
- In this presentation we will cover mostly situation for Interreg programmes on internal borders specifically Slovenia-Hungary



Objectives of new legislative package

- Interreg legislation in one legislative act (more comprehensive and easier to follow)
- Eligibility rules transferred from delegated act to Interreg legislation
 - No spending limit outside programme area
 - No specific rules for revenue generating projects
- Simplification
 - Roll over of existing management and control system
 - Single audit sample (EU level),
 - Small project fund – final recipient,
 - Real time reporting versus annual implementation reports
 - Risk based verification (speed up of implementation) – MA takes over the verifications
 - Further extended use of Simplified cost options (lump sums, unit scales, flat rates) – defined already in Interreg programme
 - No ex-ante analysis, but established enabling conditions
 - Fewer policy objectives (only 5)
 - ECBM, off the shelf legal instrument to simplify cross-border projects
 - Common output and result indicators for ETC



Policy objectives

- A smarter Europe (innovative & smart economic transformation) – TO 1, 2, 3
- A greener, low-carbon Europe (including energy transition, the circular economy, climate adaptation and risk management) – TO 4, 5, 6
- A more connected Europe (mobility and ICT connectivity) – TO 7
- A more social Europe (the European Pillar of Social Rights) – TO 8, 9, 10
- A Europe closer to citizens (sustainable development of urban, rural and coastal areas and local initiatives) – TO 6c, 8c, 9b, 9d

Horizontal issues: administrative capacity building, cooperation outside the programme area
A strengthened link with the European Semester and the Union's economic governance.

Position paper from EC per border (CBC) respectively per programme area – understood as exchange of views & starting point for a dialogue. This is prerequisite before start of programming with stakeholders.



Programming – finances

- Less money available
- 5+2 years programming (based on emerging needs and performance)
- New transfer possibility: Member State may request the transfer of up to 5 % of programme resources to any other Fund under shared management or to any instrument under direct or indirect management
- Simpler reprogramming: up to 5% of a priority (3% of programme) without Commission decision
- Lower co-financing rate – 70% for Interreg projects
- N+2 de-commitment schedule
- TA reimbursements made on a principle of flat rate to implementation of projects (less advance payments – cash flow)
- MA takes over accounting function – no CA



Simplified cost options

- 2018 Omnibus regulation is in place
- Defined already in the stage of Interreg programme preparation
- All simplified cost options shall be taken (defined as a package)
- Standard unit scales defined – output based verifications not invoice based (observe definitions in Interreg programme)



Timeline

- May 2019 – European parliament elections
- End of 2019/Beginning of 2020 (Date X)– regulations enter into force
- Date X + 9 months – submission of Interreg programme to EC
- 3 months for review of IP
- EC decision about IP in 6 months from first submission of the programme
- Start of the programme after EC decision



Interreg Slovenia-Hungary

- We expect financial allocation for Slovenia-Hungary program to remain within current allocations
- July – September 2019 – Task force formation and decision on Managing Authority location
- September 2019 – June 2020 – Stakeholder consultations
- March 2020 – preliminary Impact evaluation report 2014-2020 to take into account
- December 2019 – September 2020 – Preparation of Interreg programme and aligning it to inputs received
- SEA assessment (based on chosen priorities) – priorities offer similar possibilities as in period 2014-2020
- Submission of Interreg Programme to EC till December 2020
- First call expected Autumn 2021



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QUESTIONS?