

## 8<sup>th</sup> PROGRAMME MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING Online, 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2020

### ~ SYNTHESIS OF THE MAIN DECISIONS ~

- The MC acknowledged the **state of the art of Programme implementation**: in spite of the very difficult circumstances related to COVID-19 emergency, the Programme ensured the continuation of its activities (closure of the strategic projects condition clearing phase, submission of the Cooperation Programme modification, launch of the evaluation service tender, audit activities and recruitment of new JS staff). The new JS staff was introduced: the Financial Manager and the Administrative Assistant.
- The MC acknowledged **the results of the online survey** on COVID-19 impact launched among the Standard projects
- The MC acknowledged the **Standard+ Projects Closure Report** , highlighting that the final validated amount is 91,7% of the estimated budget.
- The MC **approved the prolongation requests of the N. 45** projects out of 50 **Standard projects** from 6 up to 12 additional months, due to COVID-19 crisis
- **The MC acknowledges the Strategic projects starting status**
  - ❖ 11 projects Subsidy contracts were signed;
  - ❖ 11 Kick-off events online organized by the projects and attended by the JS;
  - ❖ 11 Communication Kits and 11 web-pages were prepared and delivered;
  - ❖ The signature of Partnership Agreements is still underway;
  - ❖ In order to compensate the late start and enable reporting of higher amounts, it was decided to extend the first reporting period by additional two months (the reporting period has been extended until 30/08/2020), so the progress reports were opened in SIU at the beginning of September instead at the beginning of July. The Progress reports must be confirmed by the end of October and submitted by the end of November;
  - ❖ As regards the state of the art of Strategic projects reporting, financial data updated to date showed a 130.000,00 € ERDF certified by FLCs (for both Italian and Croatian sides) out of almost 320.000,00 € ERDF reported.
- **The MC approved the revised Technical Assistance Manual**, by introducing an agreed re-wording about Staff overtime and expenses tracking
- **The MC acknowledged the State of Programme expenditure and N+3 expenditure forecasts**: Risk of de-commitment is minimized, the increase of reporting of Strategic Projects could give significant contribution to N+3 target, prorogation of standard projects implementation will have impact in terms of reporting and financial spending, but it will not affect the N+3 target. The MA called for the cooperation of all Programme bodies in order to achieve this result

- **The MC approved the Annual Implementation Report 2019** giving the mandate to the MA for its submission to the EC before the deadline of 30/09/2020
- The MC was acknowledged in relation to the activities carried out by the **MA for the JS staff selection**, informing the MC that the procedure for the appointment of the Head of JS will be done soon in the form of external expert selection with a self-employment contract
- The MC acknowledged the Programme **communication activities** implementation and the support provided to the project's communication aimed at increasing the communication impact by the means of the joint communication plan clustered among the projects
- The MC acknowledged the **state of the art of 2021-2017 programming and the next steps**:
  - ❖ To complete the setting up of the Task Force 21-27 with the appointment of the Croatian members;
  - ❖ To launch the Written Procedure for the approval of the Task Force Rules of Procedure;
  - ❖ The Road Map of the Task Force 21-27 to be approved in the frame of the 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting of the Task Force;
  - ❖ To reach an agreement on the procedure for the appointment of an expert for drafting the future cooperation Programme.

In addition the MC instructed the Managing Authority to provide to the 21-27 programming needs from PRO-MAN TA project resources.