

**INTERREG IPA CROSS-BORDER COOPERATION
PROGRAMME "GREECE – ALBANIA 2014-2020"**

8th JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE MEETING

4 April 2023

**Venue: Hotel Du Lac, Pandora B+C venue
Ioannina, Greece**

Brief Minutes & Decisions

The Joint Monitoring Committee (hereinafter referred to as JMC) of the Interreg IPA Cross-Border Cooperation Programme "Greece-Albania 2014-2020" (hereinafter referred to as the Programme) convened for its 8th Joint Monitoring Committee meeting on 4th April 2023 at Ioannina, Greece (Hotel Du Lac) following an invitation by the Hellenic Managing Authority of European Territorial Cooperation Programmes (hereinafter MA of ETCP), in agreement with the co-chairs.

Ms Kjara Adhami, Director of Directorate for Administration of EU Financial Assistance of SASPAC who chaired the meeting welcomed the participants and wished for a productive meeting. The MA/JS services assured the Chair that the quorum has been reached and the Chair declared the start of the works of the meeting. The Chair asked from all participants to sign the Declarations of Impartiality and Confidentiality. The agenda was approved without comments.

The floor was passed to Mr Georgios Zervos, Special Secretary of ERDF & CF, who was the co-Chair of the Committee, who also welcomed the participants and underlined the need of examining all the remaining actions yet to be done for the closure of the Programme.

The floor was passed to Ms Magali Lenoel, Programme Manager in Unit D1 for Macro-regions, Transnational/Interregional/External Cooperation and Enlargement of the Directorate General for Regional and Urban Policy (DG REGIO) in the European Commission. Ms Lenoel also welcomed the participants and mentioned that 2023 is a crucial year for the Programme. The absorption target is ambitious, therefore it is important to accelerate the implementation but not at the detriment of the quality. Ms Lenoel added that the lessons learnt from the current Programme should be used for the new Programme.

The floor was passed to Ms Maria Nezeriti, the new Head of the Managing Authority of the "Interreg 2021-2027" (hereinafter "MA") who welcomed the participants and affirmed that 2023 is a demanding year for the Programme; Ms Nezeriti added that the cooperation of all involved parties is crucial for a final successful outcome of the Programme. The floor was passed to Mr George Papadopoulos, Joint Secretariat (hereinafter "JS") Coordinator, who presented the State of Play of the Programme. There were no comments.

Ms Adhami stated that regarding the next step in the agenda (Technical Assistance), the relevant actions i.e. the reallocation from the Albanian to the Greek TA will take place via written procedure.

The floor was passed to Mr Ioannis Almpanoudis, JS Communication and Technical Assistance officer, who presented the Report on communication actions of 2022 and the revised Communication Plan for 2023; the latter was unanimously approved.

Following the last presentation, Mr Papadopoulos informed the participants of the on the spot visit to the projects G.A.T.E and G.A.M.E.S. which is scheduled for the 5th of April 2023 in the morning.

The Chair terminated the meeting by thanking the participants.

Following the discussions, the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) decides unanimously to approve as presented by the MA/JS:

- Annual Communication Plan for 2023

At the end of JMC meeting, Brief Minutes and Decisions were drafted by the MA/JS and the document was signed by the two co-chairpersons.

**The Co-Chairpersons
of the Joint Monitoring Committee**

Chair

Co-Chair

Ms Kjara Adhami

Director of Directorate for
Administration of EU Financial
Assistance of SASPAC
Ministry for Europe
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Mr Georgios Zervos

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Attachments:

1. Agenda of the 8th Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting
2. Participant's list of the 8th Joint Monitoring Committee Meeting