MINISTRY OF REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS





Designation process of INTERREG-IPA CBC Programmes 2014-2020 managed by Igaria

Directorate General Territorial Cooperation Management



CONTENT OF PRESENTATION



Architecture of management and control systems

Designation process

Documents requested

Main challenges

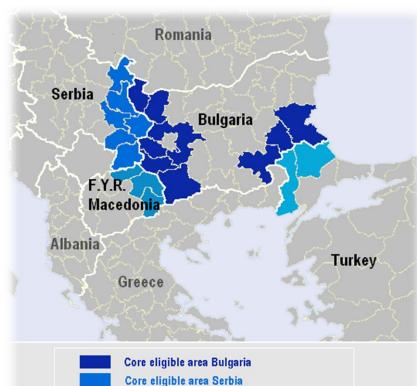
Recommendations

INTERREG-IPA CBC PROGRAMMES 2014-2020



Interreg - IPA CBC Bulgaria - Serbia





Core eligible area F.Y.R. Macedonia

Core eligible area Turkey

THREE separate Interreg IPA Programmes
THREE separate DMCS – pros and cons
THREE separate MIS – based on MIS 2007-2013

ONE Programme Implementation Manual ONE FLC Guide ONE FLC unit at the MA's level



substantial changes in the verification process in comparison to 2007-2013

Oct.

• Start of the procedure for preparation of the DMCS: letters to NAs and CA, distribution of tasks within MA, collecting data

Nov.

 Summarizing the information received from NAs and CA by MA and first draft of the DMCS

Dec.

Technical meetings between MA and NAs in Sofia

Jan.

• Submission of the 1st version of DMCS to AA (in August 2nd version of DMCS were submitted to due to updates received from CA)

Sept.

• The audit mission started on 9th of September. Draft audit report were received in April 2016.

May

 Submission of the 3rd version (final) of DMCS to AA reflecting the findings in the Preliminary audit reports

July

• Final audit reports and compliance opinion of the AA

and finally ...

Decisions for

Designation of MA and

CA by the Council of

Ministers –

11 August 2016

DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY THE AA

- ✓ Governmental Decisions for designation of the MA, CA, AA and NA for the respective programme
- ✓ Decree of the Bulgarian Council of Ministers for appointment of the JS staff and determination of the FLC System
- **✓** Approved Programming Documents



- **✓** Programme Implementation Manual
- **✓** Guidelines for First Level Control
- ✓ Memoranda of Implementation (optional)

DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY THE AA

- **✓** Programme Communication strategies;
- **✓** Order for composition of the JMC and its Rules of Procedure;
- ✓ Order for designation of the Head of MA;
- ✓ Job description of the MA staff and functional description of the MA;
- ✓ Orders for persons entitled to undertake commitments and make payments;



- ✓ Order for appointment of Irregularity officer;
- ✓ Rules and procedures for IT system;
- Internal rules for staff selection and appointment;

even more DOCUMENTS REQUESTED BY THE AA

- ✓ Internal rules for ensuring equipment and resources to the staff
- **✓** Analysis of the staffing needs
- ✓ Procedure for introduction of the newly appointed staff and procedure in case of staff leaving
- ✓ Analysis of the training needs of the staff, elaboration of training plans and register of the trainings conducted
- **✓** Procedure for selection and appointment of first level controllers



- ✓ Procedure and methodology for risk assessment and risk management plan based on the results of the assessment
- **✓** Documents related to TA budget
- Correspondence with the NA



CHALLENGES





Anti-fraud measures and procedure in case of systematic irregularities;

E-cohesion;

Management declaration and annual summary of audit reports

Adjustment of the procedures for verification by controllers and verification and payments by MA to ensure compliance with Art. 132(1) of CPR;

Procedure for identification of staff in "sensitive posts";

Delay in receiving the partnering country description and designation documents.

RECOMMENDATIONS



Involve all Programme authorities - NA, JS, CA at very early stage of preparation of DMCS



Ensure good communication with Audit authority



Effective coordination between the Programme authorities as regular meetings and close cooperation (establishment of working group or steering committee is an option)



Allocate sufficient time for elaboration and testing of MIS modules



Put special attention to the new elements – management declaration, anti-fraud measures, beneficiaries portal



Do not change significantly the already established system!



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