

4th Monitoring Committee

Trieste (Republic of Italy)

May 25th, 2017

Short Minutes

(Conclusions of the second day of the 4th Monitoring Committee meeting)

The second day meeting takes place in Trieste (Italy) at the premises of the Autonomous Region Friuli Venezia Giulia offices, Meeting room (ground floor), on May 25th, 2017, starting from 9.29 a.m.

Mrs Comelli, acting as Chairman, welcomes and thanks participants.

The quorum requested by the RoP is reached.

Mrs Comelli suggests changing the agenda of the day, starting with the discussion on Topic 6: Integrated Evaluation Plan. Both delegations agree.

The second day meeting will have the following agenda:

Point	Topic	Expected output
6	Integrated Evaluation Plan	i. Approval of Integrated Evaluation Plan ii. Establishment of the Working Group on Evaluation iii. Information on the first Evaluation Report
4	Outcome of Calls for Standard Projects No. 1-2/2016	Discussion and approval of the final ranking lists
	Outcome of Calls for Standard Projects No. 3-4/2016	Discussion and approval of the final ranking lists

Topic 6: Integrated Evaluation Plan

Output i.: Approval of Integrated Evaluation Plan

Output ii.: Establishment of the Working Group on Evaluation

Output iii.: Information on the first Evaluation Report

Some slides referring to the three expected outputs are presented.

Conclusions on topic 6:

Output i.: The Integrated Evaluation Plan is approved under condition.

The conditions are the following:

- Section 4: general rephrasing; the analysis of policy for each Programme's NUTS 3 area shall be replaced with a table containing for each NUTS 3 the consistency to the relative Programmes implemented in the area with CP IT-SI 2014-2020
- Section 6: the list of actors shall be deleted. A general sentence regarding the relevant actors for the evaluation shall be inserted. A list containing only relevant actors, completed with website references, will be added on indication of the Working Group. Under the paragraph "**Bodies designated to carry out audit tasks**", the following sentences shall be deleted: "*On the Italian side, in fact, the set of stakeholders...identified either by single actor or by category*" and "*On the Slovenian side...will allow a description by single actor*".
- Verification of inclusion in the text of the gap analysis of the proposed methodologies.

Output ii.: the Working Group on Evaluation is established. Delegations shall communicate the members who will take part in the Working Group within 16th June 2017.

Output iii.: The MC is informed about the postponement of the deadline for submission of the first Evaluation Report to 14th July 2017.

Topic 4: Outcome of Calls for Standard Projects No. 1-2-3-4/2016

Before starting the presentation and discussion of the ranking lists, the MA refers on the comments given by the EC representative, Mr. Comuniello, to the MC the day before at the end of the first day MC meeting. The EC thanks the JS and the MA for the good assessment procedure performed in the planned timeframe, notwithstanding the huge amount of data checked and analysed. The following improvements were suggested to be taken into account for the future:

- in some cases the comments provided by the external assessors were not clear enough with respect to their assessments, for the future it is therefore suggested providing them with some general guidelines on how to comment and argue better their conclusions.
- concerning Axis 3, ranking lists may be prepared per investment priority instead of Priority Axis.

Following the introduction by the MA, the JS presents and explains the overall assessment procedure performed according to the Assessment Manual. The proposed ranking lists to be discussed are the result coming at the end of the assessment procedure.

Before starting the approval procedure for the ranking list 1b, the MA asks members for which possible conflicts of interest can arise, to leave the room.

The ranking list of IP 1b (Call No. 01/2016 - 1b) is presented.

A discussion follows.

Conclusions on topic 4:

Additional information about the quality assessment are asked by the Italian delegation, consequently the procedures related to all four calls are suspended.

The Slovene delegation expressed deep disappointment over the position of Italian delegation and marks the decision as irresponsible not only towards the programme, but mainly towards the territory, especially the applicants.

The Slovene delegation also stressed that the MC is breaking the rules of all Calls for Proposals (Point 3.4) and therefore the Slovene delegation is not taking any financial or other liability which might arise as a consequence of this matter.

The approval of all the ranking lists is therefore postponed and the final decision will be taken in the next MC meeting to be convened within June 2017. The Italian delegation is proposing to meet on June, the 23rd and commits itself to take an approval decision on the ranking lists if no issues will arise after the examination of the Application Forms. The Slovene delegation commits itself to verify the availability of its voting members for that day.

Till that date the JS will be at disposal to the MC voting members to give additional information regarding the assessment procedure. Furthermore the MA and the JS will check with INSIEL the possibility to access the documents of all the received proposals to MC members.

Topic 7: Roadmap

Not discussed.

The second day of the MC meeting ends at 4.30 pm

Annexes:

1. *MC full/voting members signatures for approval of this short minutes for second day*