

# Implementation Report for IPA II Cross-Border

## PART A

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## 2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

### **Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.**

The progress in Programme implementation during the reference period is significant, in qualitative terms. The Programme Management Bodies have cooperated extensively to clear a number of pending issues, that impeded the kick-off of projects. Further, a detailed set of procedures has been established, to facilitate the smooth financing of projects during their maturity. A more elaborate analysis of the measures taken is provided at Chapters 5 and 8.

During 2018, thirty-seven projects had their subsidy contracts signed, with a total value of € 36.291.405.

They involve 144 project partners (68 from the Republic of North Macedonia and 76 from Greece).

The 2018 appraisal of the Performance Framework reflects the mixed picture of Implementation: A slow start, albeit a promising projection.

The financial figures are below their respective milestones. However, significant amounts of expenditure are expected to be declared in the short term. More importantly, the 2018 decommitment targets have been achieved and the Programme did not experience a loss of funds.

The robust values of the Key Implementation Steps (Number of contracted Projects), which comfortably exceed their 2018 milestones, offer reassurance as to the existence of a project pipeline to deliver targets set for outputs by the end of the programming period.

The Output indicators of the Performance Framework were selected for their strong relevance to the Programme: Access to health and social services is a major challenge, especially for inhabitants of remote Programme areas (CO36: Population covered by improved Health services). Similarly, the attention attached to the rich ecosystem and biodiversity of the Programme area is underlined by the respective indicators (O0210: Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems) and O0210: Number of participants in prevention actions). Projections of both indicator values indicate a healthy level of achievement by 2023.

The Managing Authority has taken note of the patterns in implementation and has proactively planned accordingly: A targeted Call will be launched in the second half of 2019. It will cover the underperforming Specific Objectives, namely: S.O. 1.1, 1.3 and 2.4.

In addition, a strategic Project is under consultation with the relevant authorities. It involves the opening of a land border Crossing Point at the Lake Prespa Area. The relevant Call for Proposal will also open during 2019.

Finally, the Programme has achieved its visibility objectives. The first implementation stage of the Communication Strategy has been fully implemented, while the second implementation stage is still ongoing.

Efforts are made to communicate to the general public the results of the individual projects and their impact on the everyday life of the people.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Development and Support of Local Economy	<p>Priority 1 had 18 selected projects, with a total budget of € 15.902.889. 16 projects were contracted, with a total value of € 14.264.600.</p> <p>Specific Objective (S.O.) 1.1: Only 2 projects were selected for funding, due to the low quality of the projects submitted.</p> <p>S.O.1.2: 9 projects were selected for funding. Delays in implementation were due to the nature of the tendering procedures. They involved high-value equipment, which required international tenders and longer procedures</p> <p>S.O1.3: 5 projects were selected. The indicative budget dedicated to the Specific Objective is not fully covered.</p> <p>The Managing Authority proactively suggested the approval for funding of two projects (1 in S.O.1.1 and 1 in S.O1.3), from the reserve list under the 1. Call for Proposals. The Steering Committee granted its approval.</p> <p>The financial figures will improve drastically during 2019 as the international tenders are finalized and soon the equipment will be delivered and paid out.</p> <p>The projects that will be selected for funding will also cover the gap identified in the achievement of the indicators values.</p> <p>As of 25.6.2019, the total declared expenditure amounts to € 556.644,67. Although the financial performance of the Axis is still low, the outlook is positive. The following projects have markedly improved their implementation and are expected to generate positive results within 2019.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Health-info MIS 5031234,</li> <li>2. HSC MIS 5031026,</li> <li>3. In4Child</li> <li>4. Cross4All</li> <li>5. ICBA</li> <li>6. I tour</li> <li>7. Cineculture</li> </ol>
2	Protection of Environment - Transportation	<p>Priority 2 had 22 selected projects, with a total budget of € 22.938.472. 21 projects were contracted, with a total value of € 22.026.805</p> <p>Specific Objective (S.O.) 2.4: Only 2 projects were selected for funding, due to the low quality of the projects submitted.</p> <p>As of 25.6.2019, the total declared expenditure amounts to € 1.317.581. This figure represents an achievement rate of 66%, as compared to the 2018 milestone of the Performance Framework.</p> <p>Many projects funded under this Priority Axis are already giving signs of better implementation and better results are expected.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Less Waste</li> <li>2. Combine2Protect</li> <li>3. Symbiosis</li> </ol>

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>4. J cross</li> <li>5. Papeshee</li> <li>6. ENPOL EE</li> <li>7. Plan Doiran</li> </ol>
3	Technical Assistance	<p>As of 31.12.2018, the total certified expenditure for Technical Assistance was EUR 333.493,67.</p> <p>In Greece the combined expenditure until the end of 2018 was circa € 260 K. The main cost driver was the staffing of the Joint Secretariat. They involved 5 people in the 1st semester of 2018 and 6 people in the 2nd semester of the year.</p> <p>During 2018, the 4th Joint Monitoring Committee of the Programme in Prespes took place. In addition, publicity actions were implemented such as the development of the Programme's corporate identity, the supply of promotional material and publications in the press for the recruitment of the Coordinator of JS.</p> <p>In the Republic of North Macedonia, the main 'cost drivers' have been:</p> <p>The staffing, operation and day to day activities of the Antenna Office in Bitola. The associated costs have been approximately € 30.000, from the start of the Programming Period until the end of 2018.</p> <p>External Expertise costs until the end of 2018 reached circa € 34.000. Main activities in 2018:</p> <p>The EC Day 2018 campaign involved events in the 4 eligible regions of the Programme. Symbolic T-shirts were procured for the occasion and were distributed to the public. The events were attended by circa 3,000 participants.</p> <p>In lake Dojran a bicycle race took place. Publicity items were given out to the 250 participants.</p> <p>In addition to publicity events, 4 training seminars on financial management were held in the cities of Gevgelija, Kavadarci, Bitola, and Ohrid, with the participation of 156 beneficiaries.</p> <p>The Audit Authority carried out an audit on the TA expenditure, incurred by the Managing Authority. Zero error was reported. The Audit Authority commented positively on the Programme's Management and Control System.</p>

### 3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

#### Priority axes other than technical assistance

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Development and Support of Local Economy</b>
Thematic Priority	d - Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.d**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	O0104	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border joint projects	Number of Enterprises	30.00	0.00	
S	O0104	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border joint projects	Number of Enterprises	30.00	3.00	A targeted CIP will mitigate the low achievement value.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	O0104	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border joint projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0104	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border joint projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]



<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Development and Support of Local Economy</b>
Thematic Priority	d - Encouraging tourism and cultural and natural heritage.
Specific objective	1.3 - Improve the attractiveness and promote tourism in the cross-border area to enhance employment in tourism

**Table 1: Result indicators - 1.d.1.3**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0104	Jobs created in the tourism sector	Persons	3,250.00	2015	3,285.00	3,250.00		5 approved projects will contribute to this indicator.

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0104	Jobs created in the tourism sector	3,250.00		3,250.00		3,250.00		3,250.00	

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Development and Support of Local Economy</b>
<b>Thematic Priority</b>	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.a**

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	1,500.00	0.00	8 approved projects will report on this indicator. Their implementation started within the 2nd semester of 2018 and no change of the value of the indicator is reported yet
S	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	1,500.00	74,300.00	The estimate is based on projections that cover the whole eligible area. The calculation method will be updated, to reflect the Programme's marginal contribution in selected areas of the Programme.
F	O0101	Number of participants in joint local cross-border employment activities	Persons	350.00	0.00	2 Approved projects will report on this indicator. Their implementation started within the 2nd semester of 2018 and no change of the value of the indicator is reported yet
S	O0101	Number of participants in joint local cross-border employment activities	Persons	350.00	330.00	
F	O0103	Population covered by improved social services	Persons	500.00	0.00	8 approved projects will report on this indicator. Their implementation started within the 2nd semester of 2018 and no change of the value of the indicator is reported yet
S	O0103	Population covered by improved social services	Persons	500.00	18,300.00	The estimate is based on projections that cover the whole eligible area. The calculation method will be updated, to reflect the Programme's marginal contribution in selected areas of the Programme

(I)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0101	Number of participants in joint local cross-border employment activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0101	Number of participants in joint local cross-border employment activities	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0103	Population covered by improved social services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0103	Population covered by improved social services	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Development and Support of Local Economy</b>
<b>Thematic Priority</b>	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.
<b>Specific objective</b>	1.1 - Create employment opportunities for educated graduates by exploiting comparative advantages of the crossborder area, preferably with the use of innovative tools and practices

**Table 1: Result indicators - 1.a.1.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0101	Highly educated in employment, including self employment 6 months upon leaving the project/intervention	Persons	47.00	2015	52.00	47.00		Two approved Projects will contribute to this indicator.

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0101	Highly educated in employment, including self employment 6 months upon leaving the project/intervention	47.00		47.00		47.00		47.00	

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Development and Support of Local Economy</b>
<b>Thematic Priority</b>	a - Promoting employment, labour mobility and social and cultural inclusion across borders through, inter alia: integrating cross-border labour markets, including cross-border mobility; joint local employment initiatives; information and advisory services and joint training; gender equality; equal opportunities; integration of immigrants' communities and vulnerable groups; investment in public employment services; and supporting investment in public health and social services.
<b>Specific objective</b>	1.2 - Improvement of preventive health care and social services of children and elderly population

**Table 1: Result indicators - 1.a.1.2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0102	Population having access to health services	Persons living close to health centers	1,808,707.00	2015	1,826,794.00	1,808,707.00		Eight approved Projects will contribute to this indicator.
R0103	Population having access to social services	Persons living close to social services providers	1,260,163.00	2015	1,272,765.00	1,260,163.00		Six approved Projects will contribute to this indicator.

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0102	Population having access to health services	1,808,707.00		1,808,707.00		1,808,707.00		1,808,707.00	
R0103	Population having access to social services	1,260,163.00		1,260,163.00		1,260,163.00		1,260,163.00	

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Protection of Environment - Transportation</b>
<b>Thematic Priority</b>	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	CO20	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	200,000.00	0.00	No projects were approved.
S	CO20	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	200,000.00	0.00	A targeted CIP is planned, to mitigate the low projected achievement value.
F	CO21	Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	Persons	270,000.00	0.00	No projects were approved.
S	CO21	Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	Persons	270,000.00	0.00	A targeted CIP is planned, to mitigate the low projected achievement value.
F	CO23	surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	Hectars	50,000.00	0.00	Seven projects were approved and will report contribute to this indicator. The projects started their implementation during 2018.
S	CO23	surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	Hectars	50,000.00	323,955.10	
F	O0207	Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems	Hectars	188,000.00	0.00	Seven projects were approved and will report contribute to this indicator. The projects started their implementation during 2018.
S	O0207	Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems	Hectars	188,000.00	124,827.00	
F	O0210	Number of participants in prevention actions	Persons	200.00	0.00	Two projects were approved and will report contribute to this indicator. The projects started their implementation during 2018.
S	O0210	Number of participants in prevention actions	Persons	200.00	2,000.00	

(1)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO20	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO20	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO21	Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO21	Population benefiting from forest fire protection measures	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO23	surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO23	surface area of habitats supported in order to attain a better conservation status	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0207	Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0207	Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0210	Number of participants in prevention actions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0210	Number of participants in prevention actions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Protection of Environment - Transportation</b>
<b>Thematic Priority</b>	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.
<b>Specific objective</b>	2.3 - Sustainable management of protected areas, ecosystems and biodiversity

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.b.2.3**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0205	Surface area of ecosystems or habitats with improved protection and conservation status	Hectars	1,369,578.00	2015	1,557,578.00	1,369,578.00		Six approved Projects will contribute to this indicator.

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0205	Surface area of ecosystems or habitats with improved protection and conservation status	1,369,578.00		1,369,578.00		1,369,578.00		1,369,578.00	

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Protection of Environment - Transportation</b>
<b>Thematic Priority</b>	b - Protecting the environment and promoting climate change adaptation and mitigation, risk prevention and management through, inter alia: joint actions for environmental protection; promoting sustainable use of natural resources, resource efficiency, renewable energy sources and the shift towards a safe and sustainable low-carbon economy; promoting investment to address specific risks, ensuring disaster resilience and developing disaster management systems and emergency preparedness.
<b>Specific objective</b>	2.4 - Prevention, mitigation and management of natural disasters, risks and hazards

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.b.2.4**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0206	Population benefiting from risk / hazards prevention and natural disaster management measures	Persons	1,150,000.00	2015	1,620,200.00	1,150,000.00		Two approved projects will contribute to this indicator.

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0206	Population benefiting from risk / hazards prevention and natural disaster management measures	1,150,000.00		1,150,000.00		1,150,000.00		1,150,000.00	

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Protection of Environment - Transportation</b>
<b>Thematic Priority</b>	c - Promoting sustainable transport and improving public infrastructures by, inter alia, reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services and investing in cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities.

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.c**

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2018	Observations
F	CO32	Decrease of annual primary energy consumption of public buildings	Kwh/year	150,000.00	0.00	One approved project will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018
S	CO32	Decrease of annual primary energy consumption of public buildings	Kwh/year	150,000.00	481,660.00	
F	CO34	Estimated annual decrease of GHG	Kilograms of CO2 equivalent/year	106.00	0.00	Three approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018
S	CO34	Estimated annual decrease of GHG	Kilograms of CO2 equivalent/year	106.00	1,003.00	
F	O0201	Surface of improved cross-border road and infrastructure	Square meters	1,200.00	0.00	Three approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018
S	O0201	Surface of improved cross-border road and infrastructure	Square meters	1,200.00	700.00	
F	O0204	Volume of solid wastes under improved management or recycling	Tonnes / year	1,725.00	0.00	Six approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018
S	O0204	Volume of solid wastes under improved management or recycling	Tonnes / year	1,725.00	8,325.00	
F	O0205	Volume of liquid wastes under improved management or recycling	Cubic meters / year	158,775.00	0.00	Three approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018
S	O0205	Volume of liquid wastes under improved management or recycling	Cubic meters / year	158,775.00	200,200.00	

(I)	ID	Indicator	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO32	Decrease of annual primary energy consumption of public buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO32	Decrease of annual primary energy consumption of public buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO34	Estimated annual decrease of GHG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO34	Estimated annual decrease of GHG	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0201	Surface of improved cross-border road and infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0201	Surface of improved cross-border road and infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0204	Volume of solid wastes under improved management or recycling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0204	Volume of solid wastes under improved management or recycling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	O0205	Volume of liquid wastes under improved management or recycling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O0205	Volume of liquid wastes under improved management or recycling	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]



<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Protection of Environment - Transportation</b>
Thematic Priority	c - Promoting sustainable transport and improving public infrastructures by, inter alia, reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services and investing in cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities.
Specific objective	2.1 - Upgrade public infrastructure to improve road travel time, safe border crossing and promote energy efficiency towards green transport

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.c.2.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0201	Reduced travel time	Minutes	10,81 min/10 km	2015	10% improvement over 2015 value		10,81 min/10km	Two approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018
R0202	Average border crossing travelling time	Minutes	101		20% improvement over 2015 value		101	Two approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018
R0203	Energy efficiency awareness barometer	Value in a scale of 100	61.77	2015	20% improvement over 2015 value		61.77	Four approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0201	Reduced travel time		10,81 min/10km		10,81 min/10km		10,81 min/10 km		10,81 min/10km
R0202	Average border crossing travelling time		101		101		101		101
R0203	Energy efficiency awareness barometer		61.77		61.77		61.77		61.77

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Protection of Environment - Transportation</b>
Thematic Priority	c - Promoting sustainable transport and improving public infrastructures by, inter alia, reducing isolation through improved access to transport, information and communication networks and services and investing in cross-border water, waste and energy systems and facilities.
Specific objective	2.2 - Sustainable management and recycling of biowastes

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.c.2.2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	Observations
R0204	Population served by improved waste management or recycling	Persons	17,885.00	2015	25,097.00	17,885.00		Six approved projects will contribute to this indicator. Their implementation commenced in 2nd semester 2018.

ID	Indicator	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
R0204	Population served by improved waste management or recycling	17,885.00		17,885.00		17,885.00		17,885.00	

## Priority axes for technical assistance

### 3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2018	Observations
1	O	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	0	1,500.00	0.00	Despite the zero value of the 2018 milestone, the 2023 projection is robust, based on the number of relevant approved projects.
1	F	F011	Eligible verified (certified) Expenditure of the Axis	Euro	1400000	18,188,028.00	355,875.13	Total declared expenditure as of 31.12.2018: EUR 355,875.13, of which verified: EUR 148,821.62, of which certified: EUR 88,078.05. Total declared expenditure as of 25 June 2019: EUR 556.644,67
1	I	K0101	Contracted Projects	Number of Projects	13		16.00	Sixteen projects contracted already by the end of 2018, out of a total 18 approved projects.
2	F	F0102	Eligible verified (certified) Expenditure of the Axis	Euro	2000000	22,735,032.00	542,994.58	Total declared expenditure as of 31.12.2018: EUR 542,994.58, of which verified: EUR 372.704,50, of which certified: EUR 171.514,32 Total declared expenditure as of 25 June 2019: EUR 1.317.581,87
2	I	K0102	Contracted Projects	Number of Projects	16		21.00	Twenty one projects contracted already by the end of 2018, out of a total 22 approved projects.
2	O	O0207	Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems	Hectars	0	188,000.00	0.00	Despite the zero value of the 2018 milestone, a healthy projection can be expected for 2023, based on the number of relevant approved projects.
2	O	O0210	Number of participants in prevention actions	Persons	0	200.00	0.00	Despite the zero value of the 2018 milestone, the indicator is expected to comfortably achieve its 2023 target, based on the number of relevant approved projects.

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2017	2016	2015	2014
1	O	CO36	Health: Population covered by improved health services	Persons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	F	F011	Eligible verified (certified) Expenditure of the Axis	Euro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
1	I	K0101	Contracted Projects	Number of Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	F0102	Eligible verified (certified) Expenditure of the Axis	Euro	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	I	K0102	Contracted Projects	Number of Projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	O0207	Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems	Hectars	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	O0210	Number of participants in prevention actions	Persons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

### 3.4. Financial data

**Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level**

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 17 of model for cooperation programmes under IPA.

Priority axis	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected	Total eligible expenditure incurred by beneficiaries and paid by 31/12/2018 and certified to the Commission
1	Public	18,188,028.00	85.00	15,902,889.28	87.44%	15,902,889.28	0.00	0.00%	18	355,875.13
2	Public	22,735,032.00	85.00	22,938,471.52	100.89%	22,938,471.52	0.00	0.00%	22	542,994.58
3	Public	4,547,006.00	85.00	4,547,006.00	100.00%	4,547,006.00	93,347.86	2.05%	2	
<b>Total</b>		<b>45,470,066.00</b>	<b>85.00</b>	<b>43,388,366.80</b>	<b>95.42%</b>	<b>43,388,366.80</b>	<b>93,347.86</b>	<b>0.21%</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>898,869.71</b>

**Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)**

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**Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention**

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	«r.ir.etc.table5.thempridimen»	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	075	01	05	07	d	24	EL1	241,745.00	241,745.00	0.00	1
1	075	01	05	07	d	24	MK	268,110.00	268,110.00	0.00	1
1	092	01	05	07	d	24	EL1	1,225,911.00	1,225,911.00	0.00	3
1	092	01	05	07	d	24	MK	868,856.20	868,856.20	0.00	3
1	094	01	05	07	d	24	EL1	747,825.16	747,825.16	0.00	2
1	094	01	05	07	d	24	MK	833,937.98	833,937.98	0.00	2
1	102	01	05	07	a	24	EL1	1,304,124.75	1,304,124.75	0.00	3
1	102	01	05	07	a	24	MK	801,726.23	801,726.23	0.00	3
1	112	01	05	07	a	24	EL1	6,040,928.79	6,040,928.79	0.00	9
1	112	01	05	07	a	24	MK	3,569,724.17	3,569,724.17	0.00	9
2	013	01	05	07	c	24	EL1	1,913,246.45	1,913,246.45	0.00	3
2	013	01	05	07	c	24	MK	1,539,504.50	1,539,504.50	0.00	3
2	017	01	05	07	b	24	EL1	3,395,203.10	3,395,203.10	0.00	6
2	017	01	05	07	b	24	MK	2,579,703.80	2,579,703.80	0.00	6
2	034	01	05	07	b	24	EL1	774,477.50	774,477.50	0.00	1
2	034	01	05	07	b	24	MK	442,090.00	442,090.00	0.00	1
2	044	01	05	07	c	24	EL1	1,245,822.00	1,245,822.00	0.00	2
2	044	01	05	07	c	24	MK	718,207.40	718,207.40	0.00	2
2	085	01	05	07	b	24	EL1	5,068,663.05	5,068,663.05	0.00	8
2	085	01	05	07	b	24	MK	3,420,610.70	3,420,610.70	0.00	8
2	087	01	05	07	b	24	EL1	1,003,118.22	1,003,118.22	0.00	2
2	087	01	05	07	b	24	MK	837,824.80	837,824.80	0.00	2
3	121	01	05	07		24	EL1	2,498,343.00	2,498,343.00	0.00	1
3	121	01	05	07		24	MK	575,000.00	575,000.00	0.00	1
3	122	01	05	07		24	EL1	1,173,063.00	1,173,063.00	53,412.47	1
3	122	01	05	07		24	MK	300,600.00	300,600.00	39,935.39	1

**Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area**

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of IPA support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the IPA at programme level * 100)	4. Eligible expenditure of IPA support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the IPA at programme level *100)
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(1) IPA support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

#### 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

The first Evaluation Report has been delivered. It captures the progress of the Programme until 30.6.2018. It covers mainly Implementation issues, but also provides a projection of the Programme's impact. The following topics have been addressed:

##### A. The assessment of the implementation progress of the CP in terms of efficiency per Priority Axis and Thematic Priority of the CP

Ideally, the efficiency analysis would take into account the level of achievement of the Programme Output and Result indicators, combined with the progress in financial implementation. Then, a benchmarking analysis would compare the data with the respective data of previous interventions under the 2007-2013 Programme or with the data of similar interventions under other Programmes.

As the implementation in terms of the aforementioned metrics is very limited, the analysis is based on the planned values of the projects, taking into consideration the amounts of contracted funds.

The figures for contracted projects is very satisfactory for both Priorities. Similarly, all Thematic Priorities and Specific Objectives have been activated and an overall 80% of the total budget has been contracted.

A projection of values of output targets shows that the achievement of their target values can be expected for the majority of Specific Objectives (S.O.s). Specific Objectives 1.1, 1.2 and 2.4 are currently not on track to reach their targets.

The issues that hindered the progress in the physical and financial implementation of the Programme are presented in other sections of the Report.

##### B. Assessment of the Performance Framework (PF) of the Cooperation Programme with regards to the milestones that were set for 2018.

The selection of the PF Indicators is justified both in terms of relevance and scope (i.e. capturing more than 50% of each Priority's budget). Analysis of the achievement towards the PF and its milestones is provided in other sections of the Report.



### C. The relevance of the Intervention Logic within the Programme Strategy

The Analysis shows that the intervention logic is still relevant, based on the current macroeconomic, social and environmental status of the intervention area and the appropriate legal and policy developments. The intervention logic is also appropriate to capture the economic crisis in Greece and the increased flows of refugees in the Programme Area. Further, the intervention logic allows for multiple synergies between the specific objectives.

Based on the intervention logic breakdown and taking into account the corresponding specific objectives and needs, the output and result indicators constructively contribute to the monitoring and impact assessment of the Programme. In doing so, the Programme indicators are appropriate to assess the intervention magnitude of the Programme, as well as the results of the interventions in the area.

### D. Preparation for the Impact Evaluation

The scope of the impact assessment is to distinguish between the impacts that are the result of the interventions and the impacts that are the result of other exogenous factors, not attributed to the Programme.

To this end, the selection of result indicators is satisfactory. As result indicators are Programme specific, certain monitored changes, that take place in the Programme Area, could be accurately attributed to the Programme. It is noted that data collection is resource intensive.

The Impact of the Programme (as captured by the Result indicators) is expected to be acceptable, based on the projection of current project information. Only two out of ten Result Indicators indicate potential underachievement.

More specifically, for Specific Objective 1.1., the contracted projects cover – to date -only 38% of the 2023 target.

Similarly, Specific Objective 2.4 shows very limited activation.

Corrective measures are proposed. They are presented under section 10.1 of the Report.

In either case, the evaluation suggests that there are available resources to reach the targets set for 2023.

#### E. Evaluation of the Communication Strategy

Overall, the Communication Strategy is effective, both in reaching the target audiences and augmenting the Programm Impact. An elaborate analysis is presented under section 10.2 of the Annual Implementation Report.

Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic priority	Topic	Findings
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## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

### (a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

#### Regulatory Framework

The late adoption of the IPA Regulations stalled the development of the 2014-20 Programme. Further, the Programme was revised two times, to reflect the changes in the institutional framework (introduction of the Performance Framework for IPA Programmes, provisions for Complaints), and the architecture of the SFC database (structuring of Programme Priorities along both IPA Thematic Priorities and Investment objectives). The Managing Authority cooperated extensively with the European Commission, to facilitate an uninterrupted Programme implementation.

At the same time, several Programme Authorities worked together to address the elevated requirements of the Management and Control System, stemming from the Designation Procedure.

#### Institutional Arrangements

One relevant important development has been the overhaul of the Management Information System (MIS). The Greek integrated Management Information System (MIS) has been initially developed to support the mainstream Operational Programmes only.

The Managing Authority (MA) is an umbrella structure, which is responsible for several European territorial cooperation Programmes, under both ERDF and IPA. The MA was in close cooperation with the Special Service of MIS. During 2018, the centralized MIS has met its most mature iteration. The setting up of an integrated MIS was prone to several challenges, within our organization and beyond. These have successfully been tackled and the system is already functional.

‘E-cohesion’

Currently, the MIS covers the relevant requirements on the electronic exchange of information between beneficiaries and management and control bodies, as set out in EU 1011/2014 (Article 9 prg1 & Article 10 prg1 & prg4) and EU 821/2014 (Article 8 prg1).

In the current Programming Period, Greece has opted for a hybrid First Level Control (FLC) System. This was decided as a safeguard against bottlenecks in the verification of expenditures during peak periods of implementation. The FLC is centralized for Programmes managed by foreign entities and decentralized for the Programmes under the managing Responsibility of Greece. In both cases, the legal framework was modified accordingly. In the latter case, the establishment of a pool of Controllers was required. This necessitated several procedures, including the fine-tuning of the system and the performance of numerous checks and

reviews.

The above two developments will secure the smooth implementation of the Programme, throughout its various phases. It is noteworthy that FLC desk verifications are now integrated into the MIS. This modality is a significant progress over the last Programming period.

### Project Implementation arrangements

The addressing of the following issues, before the starting of project implementation, was imperative.

Adoption of the legal framework applicable to the tendering procedures in Greece.

The Managing Authority had detected the differences between the EU external rules (PRAG) applicable in IPA Programmes and the EU & national procurement rules applicable to the Member States. As the Greek beneficiaries rely on public funding for their activities, the Managing Authority sought to establish a mutually acceptable set of rules, prior to the activation of the projects. In doing so, it coordinated the involvement of all relevant Greek Authorities and requested the consultation of the European Commission. In addition, the Managing Authority published an IPA procurement manual, which was very well received by the project beneficiaries.

Financing of activities in the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia.

During the previous Programming period, under centralized management by the Delegation of the EU, IPA project beneficiaries were eligible to receive the biggest share of the EU contribution upon signature of their grant contracts. This possibility could not be available under the current Programme modalities. Yet, the limited fiscal space in the partner country in conjunction with the lack of Beneficiaries' own resources necessitated the adoption of a formula for the financing of project activities.

The Managing Authority had proactively reserved the pool of funds from the Programme's pre-financing. Still, detailed rules and procedures needed to be adopted by a large number of Programme Bodies in both countries. Finally, the Managing Authority and Certifying Authority issued a guidance, which regulated the flow of funds and is a guarantee against bottlenecks in the smooth financing of project activities.

### Long negotiation period with the projects

The Programme Authorities opted to capitalize on the excellent cooperation and relationships between beneficiaries, which were documented during the previous Programming Period. As such, extended project partnerships were favored. In addition, the Secretariat assumed the negotiation and contracting procedures of IPA partner beneficiaries. This responsibility was performed by the EU Delegation, during the previous programming period.

The inherent coordination difficulties in dealing with large partnerships delayed the project implementation. Nonetheless, the Secretariat capitalized on the lessons learned and revised its internal procedures to cope with the elevated workload and specific issues raised. Therefore, it is well positioned to successfully address the demands of future Calls. At the same time, the project beneficiaries enhanced their capacities, by their direct involvement in more demanding projects.

Overall, the experience is positive. The Secretariat / Managing Authority contracted 40 projects, which include 184 project beneficiaries. In comparison with the previous programming period, 38 was the total number of projects contracted under all three calls and the total number of partner beneficiaries was 179. Further, the Programme had committed 85% of its allocated funds within three years after the launch of the 1. Call (November 2018). In the previous programming period, the same percentage of commitment was achieved only two years before the Programme closure.

**(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.**

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## **6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents



**7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

**8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)**

**8.1. Major projects**

**Table 7: Major projects**

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority axis / Thematic priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress / Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

**Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them**

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**Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme**

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## 8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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**Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)**

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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**Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them**

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## 9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

### 9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

Priority axis	1 - Development and Support of Local Economy
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#### The Priority incorporates the following Specific Objectives:

- **S.O.1.1:** Create employment opportunities for educated graduates by exploiting comparative advantages of the cross-border area, preferably with the use of innovative tools and practices
- **S.O.1.2:** Improvement of preventive health care and social services of children and elderly population mainly in the rural cross-border areas
- **S.O.1.3:** Improve the attractiveness and promote tourism in the cross-border area by promoting and capitalizing natural and cultural assets

#### *Approved Projects & Budget Allocation*

- S.O. 1.1
  - 3 Projects (1 project from the reserve list, contracted during 2019)
  - Budget: € 2,1 mil.
- S.O. 1.2
  - 9 Projects
  - Budget: € 9,6 mil.
- S.O. 1.3
  - 6 Projects (1 project from the reserve list, in a final negotiation stage)
  - Budget: € 4,2 mil.

Out of the 16 contracted projects, the pre-financing of the **35 participating Beneficiaries** from the Republic of North Macedonia has been concluded in its entirety.

To that end, the MA/JS has forwarded to the Certifying Authority pre-financing requests in excess of **930.000€**, enabling the entirety of the participating Beneficiaries to be sufficiently financed in order to proceed with implementation efforts. Out of the 932k €, the MA/JS was able to have **600k€** of the fund requests send before the end of 2018, in an effort to address funding issues as soon as possible.

At the same time, funding of the 44 Greek Beneficiaries participating in the Projects of Priority Axis 1 was also completed, with the registration of the respective Projects in the Public Investment Fund. The funds committed were in excess of € 8.4 mil. EUROS, for the contracted projects alone. Out of the 8.4 mil. EUROS actual budget allocations for the period were estimated according to project needs and statistical data available.

Priority axis

2 - Protection of Environment - Transportation

**The Priority incorporates the following Specific Objectives:**

- **S.O.2.1:** Upgrade public infrastructure to improve road travel time, safe border crossing and promote energy efficiency towards green transport
- **S.O.2.2:** Sustainable management and recycling of bio-wastes
- **S.O.2.3:** Sustainable management of protected areas, ecosystems and biodiversity
- **S.O.2.4:** Prevention, mitigation, and management of natural disasters, risks and hazards

***Approved Projects & Budget Allocation***

- S.O. 2.1
- 5 Projects (1 project from the reserve list, final negotiation stage)
- Budget: 5,67 mil. EUROS
- S.O. 2.2
- 6 Projects
- Budget: 5,97 mil. EUROS
- S.O. 2.3
- 9 Projects
- Budget: 9,54 mil. EUROS
- S.O. 2.4
- 2 Projects
- Budget: 1,84 mil. EUROS

Out of the **21 contracted projects** (excluding the reserve list), the pre-financing of the **45 participating**

**Beneficiaries from the Republic of North Macedonia** has been finalized.

Overall pre-financing of those Beneficiaries originating from the Republic of North Macedonia is estimated in excess of **1,5 mil. EUROS**, with 960k€ occurring in 2018 and 650k€ taking place in 2019.

At the same time, funding of the **57 Greek Beneficiaries** participating in the Projects of Priority Axis 2 has also been concluded, with the registration of the corresponding Projects in the Public Investment Fund in excess of approx. **12,86 mil EUROS** of total projects budget (excluding projects of the reserve list). As it occurred with the projects of Axis 1, actual budget allocations for the period were estimated according to project needs and statistical data available.

Priority axis

3 - Technical Assistance

A series of activities took place during 2018, that effectively supported the projects and Programme Implementation. They include Seminars for project beneficiaries, that cover a wide array of topics and phases of the project cycle.

Also, information activities were held, with a positive effect on the Programme impact.

In addition to project related activities, a number of institutional developments took place, which was supported by Technical Assistance resources.

These include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Consultation with competent authorities of the two cooperating countries, including extensive cooperation on the FLC level.
- Implementation of strategies on risk management and fraud prevention



**9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

The Horizontal Principles of Equality and non-discrimination are promoted by the Cooperation Programme and closely monitored throughout the project cycle.

Provisions for Accessibility/non-discrimination are eligibility criteria for the selection of Projects. Typically, they include websites that are friendly for people with eyesight disability. In projects that include some sort of infrastructure, the facilitation of access for people with disabilities is a core requirement.

Beneficiaries are explicitly requested to provide information on such issues in their progress reports on project implementation.

In accordance with the Managing and Control System, every project site will be checked at least once by the First Level Control Authorities. In addition, the Secretariat or Audit Authority visits Beneficiaries and project sites, as part of the project monitoring or project Audits. Compliance with the aforementioned requirements is verified.

In line with the Partnership Principle, an important Stakeholder of the Programme is the National Confederation of Disabled People (NCDP). The Body is a voting member of the Joint Monitoring Committee of the Programme.

Furthermore, the Chapter of Northern Greece of the National Confederation of Disabled People (NCDP) also participates, as a Beneficiary, in the Cross4all project, with a budget of approximately € 220.000

Cross4all is a Cross Border (CB) initiative towards the establishment of inclusive health and social services, free of accessibility barriers, with particular focus on improving the management and CB use of the health and medical data of disadvantaged and high-risk citizens. Overall, the project is aimed at increasing significantly the number of people that access high-quality health and social services in the CB

region, thus promoting inclusiveness and equality of access for all.

### The Gender Perspective

The Managing Authority is an umbrella organization, overseeing several Programmes and their Secretariats. The total headcount is 60 people, with 36 women.

The Programme's Specific Objective 1.3 'Improve the attractiveness and promote tourism in the cross-border area to enhance employment in tourism' is monitored with reference to the jobs created. The gender of these jobs will also be reported.

No projects deal specifically with gender equality. However, all projects contribute indirectly to gender equality, since they are implemented with the principles of inclusiveness and equality in mind.

### 9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

Sustainable development is aligned with the Programme's Objectives. The headline EU2020 targets, relevant for our Programme are the following:

- Employment:
  - > 75% of the population aged 20 to 64 years to be employed;
- Climate change & energy:
  - > Greenhouse gas emissions to be reduced by 20% compared to 1990;
  - > Energy efficiency to be improved by 20%;

Resource Efficiency is promoted under Specific Objectives (S.O.) 2.1 & 2.2 and will be monitored with both Result and Output indicators. R0203, CO32, and CO34.

All projects under Priority 2 are obliged to provide an environmental assessment sheet. Updates are submitted regularly and in accordance with established monitor procedures.

Indicative Projects | S.O. 2.1:

“ENPOL-EE”

Objective: Energy efficiency in both the public and private space, as a means to influence the environmental policy in the cross border area.

“WE CROSS BORDERS”: Aims at improving the customs' services and the safety in the border crossing points GR & NMK. Budget: € 1,2 mil.

“ZEFFIROS”: Aims to implement the first, one-of-a-kind, bio-gas energy production pilot installations in

the CB area. Budget: € 1.35 mil.

“*COMBINE2PROTECT*”: Aims to provide a solid basis for common and effective conservation initiatives through the establishment of a common network of PAs between the two countries. Budget: € 1,27 mil.

The Programme has five projects being implemented under S.O. 2.1 and six projects under S.O. 2.2, with a total budget of approximately € 5,7 mil. and € 5,9 mil. respectively.

Climate change mitigation and adaptation is a key driver under the Programme’s selected IPA Thematic Priority b, which is covered by Specific Objectives 2.3 and 2.4.

More specifically, S.O. 2.3 deals with the protection of biodiversity. It will be monitored by Result Indicator R0205 and by Output indicators: CO23, AND O0207.

*Relevant Projects / S.O. 2.3:*

1. “AQUA-M II”: AQUA-M II includes major infrastructure works for the protection of water resources for sustainable management and control of flood phenomena in the AXIOS/VARDAR River. Budget: € 1,5 mil.
2. “Plan Doiran”: The objective of the project is to establish a permanent, common mechanism in the sustainable management and development framework in the CB region for the Doiran Lake ecosystem. Budget: € 1,4 mil.

Further, S.O. 2.4 deals with Risk prevention and Management. Relevant interventions are monitored by Result Indicator R0206 and by Output indicators: CO20 and CO21.

*Indicative action under S.O. 2.4*

“J-CROSS”: The objective is to elaborate a joint cross border action plan that will lead to joint risk assessment, joint prioritization of risks and financing of countermeasures, joint exercises, and training activities. Budget: € 935k

The above S.O.s are compatible with the ‘Climate change & energy’ target of the EU 2020 Strategy. Two of the three target’s goals (i.e. Reduction of gas emissions, and improvement of Energy Efficiency) are explicitly captured by the Programme.

Finally, S.O. 1.1 contributes to the Employment target of the EU2020 Strategy, with a focus on the young age group.

Relevant projects are:

“EMPLOYOUTH”: Operation of a ‘preincubation’ for 20 young graduates with innovative ideas. Budget: € 850K.

“iBISEAIT”: Similar to the previous one, but the target group is entrepreneurs of the cross-border region. Budget: € 350k.

“ICBA”: Setting up an intelligent Cross-Border Accelerator for ICT-enabled start-ups, covering the entire CB area. Target groups: Scientists and entrepreneurs. Budget:€ 695k.

**9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Climate change objectives are not within the Programme's scope.

## **9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

The members of the Joint Monitoring Committee (JMC) were selected in accordance with the requirements of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 of the European Parliament and of the Council. The most relevant partners are Regional Authorities and Municipalities that effectively capture the interests of the Programme Area, in both sides of the border. Relevant Civil Society organizations are also actively involved. Examples in case: The latest protocol regarding visibility by people with impaired eyesight has been integrated into Programme and Project websites, following a relevant recommendation by 'The Association of Disabled People'. The 'Economic and Social Committee' is another Civil Society organization, active in promoting the interests of vulnerable groups in the Cross Border Area.

The JMC convened with a full quorum on November 2018 in Lemos Municipality, a remote village on the cross-border area of Lake Prespa. The chosen location is a testament of the Programme Authorities' Strategy to augment the impact and visibility of the Programme in the small, rural areas. The event attracted large publicity, as it capitalized on the recent Agreement between the two partner countries, which was also concluded in the Lake Prespa, earlier in 2018.

In addition to the annual meeting, the JMC took several decisions via written procedure, following proposals and documentation by the Managing Authority. With regard to project-specific issues, the Joint Selection Committee (composed of Regional Authorities) also took relevant decisions via written procedure, following proposals by the Joint Secretariat.

Participation of partners in the above bodies is an essential element of monitoring and reporting during the Programme and Project Cycle. The Partnership Principle has also been applied for the Evaluation Plan. A Joint Steering Group (JSG) was appointed to coordinate the process of the evaluation. Its members had both institutional and technical functions. They were drawn from the MA, from the Greek Ministry's Central Planning and Evaluation Unit, and from the Ministry of Local Self Government in Skopje. Input was also provided by the European Commission. The works of the JSC and the progress of the Evaluation Plan were fully communicated to the JMC. The latter sealed with its approval the development and implementation of the Evaluation Plan.

In 2018, it was decided to generate a new land border crossing between the two partner countries. Although the project is largely technical in nature, the Programme Authorities were keen to involve several partners and stakeholders. As such, Ministries and Regional Authorities had an active role in the project development. Municipalities were also involved. This experience has proved beneficial for their capacity as 'partner organizations' and markedly raised their 'ownership' of the Programme.

## **10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013**

### **10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations**

The Programme Evaluation has been implemented, in accordance with the Evaluation Plan. The Evaluation was planned to be carried out in distinct stages, to allow for comprehensive monitoring of the Programme and the provision of corrective measures, if needed.

The first Interim evaluation was concluded during the reference period. It covered the Programme implementation up to 30.6.2018.

It was conducted by External Experts, in accordance with the Evaluation Plan. The procedure was overseen by a Joint Steering Group, chaired by the Managing Authority, in line with the Evaluation Plan. The tender of the Evaluation was lower than the respective budget amount allocated in the Evaluation Plan. This 'saving' will prove particularly useful and will compensate for the resource-intensive data collection, which will be needed for the capturing of the Programme-specific indicator values.

All questions of the Evaluation Plan have been addressed by the Programme Evaluation. As a whole, the main question according to the Evaluation Plan and the Tender's Terms of Reference is whether the available budget is sufficient to implement the Programme's interventions and whether there any problems identified especially with regards to budget overruns, efficiency, and differentiation of the unit cost of the interventions' implementation in relation to the forecasted costs during the Programme's planning.

Based on the Evaluation Findings, the following recommendations are given:

Analysis of the planned contribution of the projects to the output indicators, based on the Application forms to ensure that the methodological guidelines are followed. In cases of significant discrepancies between project contributions, measures should be taken to revise the methodological guidelines on the collection of indicator data and on calculating the individual contributions of projects.

A targeted Call should be published to effectively address the limited Programme implementation under Specific Objective 1.1, 1.3 and 2.4.



A possible budget reallocation between Specific Objectives is also presented. This option will be further elaborated, based on information of the on-going implementation (e.g. unspent amounts due to tender discounts, slow performing projects, etc.)

Motivation and support to beneficiary organizations, provided by the Joint Secretariat of the Programme. The goal is to accelerate the procedures for payments and expenditures verifications.

Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic priority	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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## 10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

### Overall Assessment of the Communication Strategy

The first implementation stage of the Communication Strategy has been fully implemented, while the second implementation stage is still ongoing.

The second stage concerns the *Creation of an opinion about the Programme and its actions among the various target audiences, easy access to particular actions and to the opportunities that it offers, creation of a disposition to participate in the financing opportunities*. This is characterized by the provision of more specialized knowledge about the content and the evolution of the Programme, the criteria, and the procedures for the integration of actions, the management and monitoring of the actions of the Programme, with the goal of preparing and activating the potential beneficiaries. In addition, a goal of the present stage is to inform the general public in a simple and understandable way about the evolution of the Programme's interventions.

Implementation is considered very satisfactory, as the Programme has organized several seminars for final beneficiaries in 2018 and the EC Day event with great success.

Moreover, the successful implementation of the Communication Strategy relies on the projects themselves, which need to be involved in the communication process, by promoting their activities and results and thus, the Programme. The JS has undertaken all the necessary steps in order to activate and incorporate them in its communication activities, by giving specific and tailor-made guidelines on communication by publishing a new, updated and very detailed Communication Guide for Projects, as well as by visiting the projects on the spot.

## EVENTS

### 1. Training seminars on project implementation for final beneficiaries under the 1st CFP

- Bitola: May 17, 2018 (95 participants)
- Strumica: June 05, 2018 (78 participants)
- Thessaloniki: June 08, 2018 (122 participants)
- Florina: June 13, 2018 (60 participants)

### Seminars on MIS

Two seminars on MIS addressed to all beneficiaries (including the National Authorities as TA Beneficiaries) and all First level Controllers took place in Thessaloniki on 27/11/2018 and Athens on 30/10/2018 (in total 300

participants)

### **Training seminars on financial management for IPA beneficiaries**

Organized by the NA during Dec. 2018 in Ohrid, Bitola, Kavadarci, and Gevgelija. In total, more than 160 IPA beneficiaries participated in the seminars.

- **European Cooperation Day 2018**

On the occasion of this celebration, the Programme organized a **bike tour by the lake in Municipality of Dojran on October 12, 2018, under the slogan “Let’s Get the Wheels Turning!”** The event was attended by 150 local people.

- **4th Joint Monitoring Committee, Nov. 2018, Prespes (43 participants)**

### **PUBLICATIONS**

The following documents were published and uploaded on the Programme’s website;

1. Guide for registering in the electronic Public Investment Programme (for Greeks only) (May 31, 2018)
2. I&P Guide version 2 (Sep. 11, 2018)
3. IPA Procurement Manual (Nov 12, 2018)
4. Project Implementation Manual updated version (Nov 18, 2018)

## PROGRAMME'S WEBSITE

The website address <http://www.ipa-cbc-programme.eu> is dedicated solely to the Programme and contains a wealth of information on the Programme, along with Calls for Proposals, funded projects' descriptions and project implementation documents. It became fully operational on November 16, 2017.

The website primarily acts as a hub for basic information about funded projects. There is a separate sub-page for every single project, where basic facts are available (beneficiaries, budget, duration of the project, short summary) and any news or events related to the project (ie. Call for tenders, meetings, info –days, Communication plan and other basic deliverables) are constantly uploaded.

The following Google analytics information depicts the profile of the website traffic during 2018;

- **Pageviews:** The total number of pages viewed was 49.967
- **Unique Pageviews:** The number of sessions during which the specified page was viewed at least once was 39.375

As it was expected, the page views increased dramatically from mid - April 2018 and onwards, since the majority of the Subsidy contracts were signed then. There was an understandable minor decline in page views during summer (August 2018) and finally November 2018 was the month with the highest rate of page views, since then project beneficiaries were very active regarding the use of MIS and urged by the MA/JS to declare and verify expenditures until the end of the year.

- **Average time on page:** The average amount of time users spent viewing a specified page or screen, or set of pages or screens was 1,34 minute.
- **Bounce rate:** The percentage of single-page sessions in which there was no interaction with the page was 50,69%
- **%Exit is (number of exits) / (number of page views) for the page:** 33.86% of users exited from the page when they viewed it.

The most popular pages were;

- Homepage (19,72% of page views)
- Approved projects (4,71% of page views)
- Documents for project implementation (4,70% of page views)

The new users in 2018 counted to 7.819, out of which 1,745 were returning visitors (18,4%).

As far as demographics are concerned, 37,07% of users are situated in Greece, whereas 22,95% of users are situated in North Macedonia. The other countries in the respective ranking are the United States, France, and Italy.

The website is more popular in the age group of 25-34 (37,03% of total users), followed by the age of 35-44. There is a relative balance in the users' gender (54,5% female – 45,5% male).

Related to the acquisition, the top channel was organic search (44,5% of users), followed by direct (41,7% of users) and referral (11,7% of users).

## **NETWORKS**

### **External events/seminars**

The MA/JS officers participated in the following external events in order to promote the Programme and its activities on the European level;

1. Feb. 2018 | Interreg communication network meeting - Romania (40 participants)
2. Nov. 2018 | Interreg Project Communication Camp - France (25 participants)
3. Sept. 2018 | 83rd International Fair of Thessaloniki (300,000 visitors)

### **Electronic and telephone communication**

The JS in Thessaloniki and Antenna office in Bitola undertook during 2018 day-to-day support and help-desk activities. On average, JS officers receive and reply to more than 15 emails and 7 calls by project beneficiaries per day. The response rate in an electronic communication is approximately one working day (for matters of normal importance).

## **SOCIAL MEDIA**

Program focus has been put on **Twitter** (@InterregIPACBC, 161 followers, 103 tweets, 87 likes) and **LinkedIn** (linkedin.com/in/interreg-ipa-cbc, 339 connections). The numbers are considered satisfactory for one year of operation (Nov 2017- Dec. 2018).

The Programme is also channeling messages through the MA's Twitter account ([https://twitter.com/etc\\_interreg](https://twitter.com/etc_interreg), 1454 followers, 1116 tweets, 1790 likes)

## **EU EMBLEM**

All year round the Managing Authority hoists the EU flag in front of MA and JS premises.

**11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)**

**11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme**

Not applicable



## 11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the IPA

The Programme Authorities have taken great care towards the reinforcement of the beneficiaries' capacity. As this Programme is a successor of a 2007-2013 Programme under IPA I, the Managing Authority had collected valuable information on the strengths and weaknesses of the authorities in the Programme Area.

A notable improvement over the previous Programming Period has been the increase of budget allocated to the IPA beneficiary country. This has allowed for more balanced partnerships and greater involvement of the IPA beneficiaries.

The Organisational capacity of authorities was thoroughly appraised under the 1st CfP, in line with the procedures described in the Programme's Management and Control System. As a result, in the 40 approved projects, 170 unique Beneficiaries are involved, with 93 of them from Greece and 87 from the Republic of North Macedonia. The composition of the Project Partnerships and the plethora and variety of Beneficiaries are a testament of the effort to make Programme Funds available to all kinds of eligible entities from the cross-border region. Further, particular effort was put into balancing Project implementation across the border, thus making sure that there is equal representation by beneficiaries from both sides of the cross-border area. This is also clearly depicted in the overall, contracted Programme Budget, where Beneficiaries from the Republic of North Macedonia are credited with more than 15 million EUROS (out of the total of 38 million EUROS) of Programme Funds.

The Joint Secretariat has provided specialized training for project beneficiaries, which was tailored to the applicable rules of each partner country. As the Secretariat is staffed by nationals of both countries, specialized guidance was available for partners from the Republic of North Macedonia.

In addition, several provisions during the project implementation contribute to the reinforcement of the beneficiaries' capacity, notably:

The staff of the partners' organization is explicitly involved in the project. Therefore, valuable experience is accumulated during the project implementation. Lead Partners, in particular, shall have a dedicated Financial Manager and Project Manager, allocated to the project. As such, staff costs can account up to 50% of the Project budget; an indication of the acquired 'in-house' experience.

At the same time, an over-reliance on external expertise is largely avoided. The Secretariat requires justification for all outsourced activities. In addition, measures are taken to ensure that the know-how provided by external experts is embedded in the partner organization.

To ensure this, the Call for Proposals put in place particular guidelines regarding budget line distribution and arrangement. It was made obligatory, particularly for Lead Beneficiaries, to employ Project Managers and Communication Managers, thus making sure that, during project implementation, employees of the involved Organizations were directly involved in the implementation. Further, all Beneficiaries are required to present a Project Management Team that consists of permanent partner staff, despite or regardless of the involvement of

external experts.

This provision intends to ameliorate institutional capacity in the participating Beneficiaries, thus enriching the technical know-how of the cross-border region accordingly.

### 11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

Not applicable

- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)

## 11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation

**Social innovation** means developing new ideas, services, and models to better address social issues and improve social services. It addresses questions, like:

- How to support people in lifelong learning to ensure adequate livelihoods in a changing world?
- How can innovative partnerships bring private and non-governmental resources to complement state funding?

Such topics are mainly covered by the European Social Fund and related Policies in the fields of Employment, etc. In the context of our Programme, Specific Objective 1.1: ‘Create employment opportunities for educated graduates by exploiting comparative advantages of the cross border area, preferably with the use of innovative tools and practices in the field’, is in some way related to social innovation.

In 2018, the MA / Joint Secretariat started the planning of a targeted Call for Proposals, for selected Specific Objectives, including S.O. 1.1.

Initial project implementation under S.O. 1.1 was considered limited, with few submitted proposals, that did not present the necessary instruments to address the categories of intervention satisfactorily. To that effect, the MA/JS deemed it necessary to begin planning a new, targeted call of proposals for the specific dimension, thus providing the opportunity for additional projects to be enacted in the Cross-border region, ones that would provide avid solutions to the particular objectives.

Indicative Actions, relevant to social innovation, could be: Initiatives to encourage, at a regional level, support of unemployed and self-employed or managers to innovation, creativity, and entrepreneurship.

Further, synergies with the Regions’ Research and Innovation Strategies for Smart Specialisation (RIS 3), could be examined.

### 13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

The Programme contribution to Sustainable growth has been analyzed under section 9.3. In short, Specific Objectives 2.1, 2.3 and 2.4 contribute towards the goal.

Smart growth relates to an economy based on knowledge and innovation. It is served by Specific Objective 1.1 'Create employment opportunities for Tertiary education graduates by exploiting comparative advantages of the cross border area, preferably with the use of innovative tools and practices'. Indicative actions include:  
Awards on innovative ideas and Tertiary education competitions

The Programme does not foresee a metric measuring, the investments in Research and Development. Nonetheless, the innovative dimension is indirectly addressed by Specific Objective 1.3 'Improve the attractiveness and promote tourism in the cross-border area to enhance employment in tourism'. Indicative actions include:

- Visualization of local brands, incl. 3D visualization, mobile applications, social networks, tailor-made internet platforms, and other innovative tools;

- - Development of sustainable and responsible tourism potential of the cross-border region, through innovative and quality tourism products Program

A Programme Specific Output indicator: 'Number of enterprises introducing new products and/or new techniques in the touristic sector' will capture the relevant innovative dimension.

#### **14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

##### Priority 1

Indicator C036 ‘Population covered by improved health services’, linked with Specific Objective (S.O.) 1.2

2018 Milestone: 0

The milestone was set to zero, as the Programme Authorities were realistic in their low expectations, due to the delays experienced in ‘kickstarting’ of the projects. Nonetheless, the already contracted projects provide an adequate buffer for the achievement of the Indicator’s target value in 2023.

More specifically, the declared target values of the relevant projects exceed the Programme target by a large extent. This is due to the relatively high exposure of S.O. 1.2 and the calculation methodology employed. The Secretariat will update its instructions on the calculation methodology, to better reflect the specific geographical dimension of the indicator.

Indicator F0101 ‘Eligible verified (certified) Expenditure of the Axis’

The 2018 Milestone was set to capture the requirement stemming from the N+3 decommitment rule. The requirement was met by the EC advance payment and no funds have been lost. The lag in financial implementation is largely due to the late start in project implementation and the overhaul of the Monitoring and Information System (MIS). Nonetheless, the legal framework regarding the tendering procedures in Greece has been sorted. Also, the MIS is now fully functional and has integrated the input of several governing structures.

The Joint Secretariat and Managing Authority are currently monitoring the incurring of project expenditure. They intervene when payment flows are hindered. The new system architecture of expenditure verification is very robust and can handle a large load of work. It is designed to prevent future delays in the verification of expenditure, even at the maturity of the projects and the respective peak periods of implementation.

In fact, the 2018 value of the indicator does not do justice to the Programme’s actual implementation progress (see next indicator).

Key Implementation Step K0101 ‘Number of contracted projects’

The 2018 value (seventeen against a milestone of 13) comfortably exceeds the respective milestone and offers

assurance as to the existence of a project pipeline to deliver targets set for outputs by the end of the programming period. More importantly, as of December 2018, 87% of the funds allocated to Priority 1 had been contracted under the approved projects of the 1st Call.

## Priority 2

Indicator O0207 ‘Surface area of rehabilitated or with improved management ecosystems’, linked with Specific Objective (S.O.) 2.3

2018 Milestone: 0. Same rationale as under P1.

At the same time, the already contracted projects provide an adequate buffer for the achievement of the Indicator’s target value in 2023. More specifically, the projected target values of the relevant projects exceed the Programme target by approximately 25%

Indicator O0210 ‘Number of participants in prevention actions’, linked with Specific Objective (S.O.) 2.4

2018 Milestone: 0. Same rationale as above. At the same time, the already contracted projects provide an adequate buffer for the achievement of the Indicator’s target value in 2023. The projected target values of the relevant projects exceed the Programme target by approximately 25%

Indicator F0102 ‘Eligible verified (certified) Expenditure of the Axis’

The same applies as in F0101.

Key Implementation Step K0102 ‘Number of contracted projects’

The 2018 value (twenty-one, compared to a milestone of sixteen) comfortably exceeds the respective milestone and offers assurance as to the existence of a project pipeline to deliver targets set for outputs by the end of the programming period. As of December 2018, the total of the Priority’s budget had been committed under the approved projects of the 1st Call.

## DOCUMENTS

Document title	Document type	Document date	Local reference	Commission reference	Files	Sent date	Sent By
2018 - CITIZEN SUMMARY	Citizens' summary	26-Jun-2019			2018 - CITIZEN SUMMARY		



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