

18th Interreg Europe Monitoring Committee meeting

5 October 2022

Chaired by: The Czech Republic (CZ)

Participants: See participants' List (Annex 01).

Decision notes: Interreg Europe JS

01. Welcome, opening and approval of the agenda

The **CZ Chair** welcomed the participants and introduced the agenda (Annex 02).

Decision:

The agenda was approved unanimously.

02. Presentation of new committee members

CZ Chair invited the new members of the **MC** to introduce themselves.

The new participants from **MA**, **FR** (Amandine Dupont), **CZ** (Milada Hronkova), **EE** (Tanel Tomson), **HU** (Csilla Szalóky-Hoffmann), **MT** (Abigail Camilleri), **SK** (Tereza Sušilová) and **ES** (Ivana Orejuela Galiot) introduced themselves.

03. Presentation of RECORD project from France

Mr. Frederic SINGER from the Hauts-de-France Regional Council (FR), project partner of **RECORD** project, presented the project's main achievements (Annex 03).

EC asked how the partners worked to improve the policy instruments and what were the related results. Mr. Singer answered that the study visits were the main source of inspiration for the partners who are still working on influencing their respective policies. **JS** asked about the benefits of involving two partners from the Hauts-de-France region and about the funds influenced. Mr Singer explained that the cluster i-Trans (lead partner) was the main promotor of the project but that the participation of the regional council remained crucial to ensure results at policy level. He estimated the financial impact of the project between 2 to 4 MEUR.

04. Update on programme developments

JS gave an update on the JS' HR situation (Annex 04) and meeting's participation (Annex 05).

05. Update on Policy Learning Platform

JS and **PLP project manager** gave an overview on the PLP state of play (Annex 06), confirming the interest in the services proposed and the capacity of the team to meet the demand smoothly without any delays.

Discussion:

No questions from the partner states.

06. Update on projects

JS updated the **MC** on the following points related to projects' implementation: changes in running projects, mid-term review meetings and projects achievements (Annex 07).

Discussion:

No questions from the partner states.

07. Insight into pilot actions

JS updated the **MC** on the pilot actions (Annex 08).

Discussion:

LU thanked the **JS** for the report, the analysis of less and more developed regions and the maps. **DE** highlighted the added value of the pilot actions but regretted that information about pilots was difficult to find on the programme website. **JS** confirmed that the website still needs to be optimised. **LV** asked if 'observers' in the pilots decided to also test the pilot solutions in their regions. **JS** answered that they were not aware of such spin off activities.

08. Update on finances

JS provided an update to **MC** on the National points of contact financing (opt- in PS), ERDF / Norwegian funding commitment and spending rate, Negative interest and audit matters. (Annexes 09.1, 09.2, 09.3)

Discussion:

Following a question from **CY**, the **JS** confirmed that the ERDF commitment rate took into consideration the ERDF budget returned by the projects to the programme.

09. AOB

No point was raised under AOB.

The Chair closed the meeting.

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