

JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria - Serbia Programme Written procedure No. 70, initiated on 3 October 2022

1. Description:

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The Written procedure for approval of the request for modification of project CB007.2.32.089 "Preservation of ecosystem in rural areas of Dupnitsa and Bela Palanka" with Lead Partner (LP) - Municipality of Bela Palanka, Serbia and Project partner 2 (PP2) - Municipality of Dupnitsa, Bulgaria, under the Interreg — IPA CBC Bulgaria — Serbia Programme 2014-2020, was initiated by the Co-chairperson of the JMC on 03.10.2022.

The requested modification concerns the extension of the implementation period of the project from 18 to 21 months due to delay in implementation of main activities of the project, caused by:

- Economic crisis followed by increase in market prices and impossibility for realising of the landfill cleaning part of Activity 2 "Supply of equipment in Municipality of Bela Palanka";
- Revisions of the Public procurement procedures for abovementioned activity because the first invitation announced in April 2022 have not been received any offers. This led to repeat the procedure after approved revision of the new market prices situation.

The Managing Authority considers that the proposed modification is acceptable and justified and in accordance with the provisions for contract modification.

The official letter No. 99-00-2-16(12)/30.06.2022 with the proposed request for modification, was sent to the JMC members via the Management Information System of the Programme, for review and approval.

The JMC members were given 5 working days to send their approval or comments on the proposed documents. Only opinions of approval were received.

2. Decisions:

JMC approves the extension of the implementation period of the project from 18 to 21 months.

The hereby Decision enters into force on 11.10.2022 - the date following the deadline for submission of objections / additional proposals from the JMC members.

3. Attachments:

Request for modification of project CB007.2.32.089.

Signatures:

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