## Bulgaria - Serbia

## JOINT MONITORING COMMITTEE

under Interreg-IPA CBC Bulgaria - Serbia Programme Written procedure No. 25, initiated on 04 February 2019

## 1. Description:

The written procedure proposes amendment of the Guidelines for Applicants under the Second Call for Proposals under the Interreg – IPA CBC Bulgaria – Serbia Programme 2014-2020. The necessity for the requested amendment stems from recent modifications in the relevant European Union regulations: art. 68a of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 (introduced with Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2018/1046 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 18 July 2018) and the amendment of Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 481/2014, which stipulates that expenditures for part-time project staff can no longer be reimbursed as a flat rate, but should be based on real costs.

Since the Guidelines for Applicants and the Application Form under the Second Call for Proposals, were tailored explicitly towards using flat rate option for project staff costs (as percentage of the direct project costs), before proceeding with the preparation and signature of the Subsidy contracts under the Second Call, an amendment of the rules for financing, has to be made in order to ensure conformity with the above regulations.

The official letter No. 99-00-2-136/04.02.2019 with the proposed amendment was sent to the JMC members via the Management Information System of the Programme, for review and approval.

The JMC members were given 10 working days to send their approval or comments on the request for modification. The only remarks received, within the set deadline, were opinions of approval.

## 2. Decisions:

JMC approves the amendment of the Guidelines for Applicants under the Second Call for Proposals under the Interreg – IPA CBC Bulgaria – Serbia Programme 2014-2020.

The hereby Decision enters into force on 16 February 2019 - the date following the deadline for submission of objections / additional proposals from the JMC members.

3. Attachments:

Modified Guidelines for Applicants under the Second Call for Proposals (in track changes, available in the Management Information System).

Signatures: for BULGARIA:

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