

12th JMC MEETING 28 September 2021 – ONLINE

Decisions of the Joint Monitoring Committee

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Item 1 Decision:

The JMC approves the agenda of the 12th JMC meeting.

Item 2 decision:

The JMC adopts the outcomes of the work of the 2021-27 Task Force (TF), according to article 5 of the Rules of Procedure of the TF, while recalling the outcomes of the previous phases, i.e. preprogramming activities, acknowledged by the JMC on 11 May 2020, strategic and operational programming activities, acknowledged on 12 February 2021, as well as the currently acknowledged concluding activities.

In compliance with article 32 (1) IPA Implementing Regulation 447/2014, for the preparation of the 2021-2027 Programme, the JMC approves:

- A. The transition strategy from 2014-2020 to 2021-2027 Programme as highlighted in chapter 7.2. of the 2021-2027 Programme;
- B. The procedure to prepare operations of strategic importance of article 17 (3) of the ETC Reg. 2021/1059, while giving the mandate to the Managing Authority to set up the Seed Facility described in Annex 2 to the 2021-2027 Programme;
- C. The activities planned in 2022 for the preparation of the first call of the 2021-2027 Programme for small-scale capitalization projects.

Item 3:

The JMC acknowledges the programme updates on finances and N+3 targets

- The JMC acknowledges the programme updates on programme evaluation
- The JMC agrees on the Montenegrin Delegation request to simplify the eligibility rule on fuel cost

Item 4:

The JMC acknowledges the updates on communication measures.

Item 5: Decision

- The JMC acknowledges the outcomes of the negotiations for the targeted projects FAME and G.W.A. and approve the reduced budgets.
- The JMC gives the mandate to the Managing Authority to approve extensions of duration of targeted call projects up to 6 months, if duly justified by the partners, for delays caused by the COVID-19 pandemic or other severe external factors.
- The JMC approves the project changes requested by lead partners of the projects, as specified in annexes.
- As a measure to mitigate N+3 risk for 2022-23, the JMC gives the mandate to the MA to assess and to introduce other SCOs also to thematic projects, thus partially amending the terms of the original JMC decision, notice and respective subsidy contracts.

Item 6: Decision

The JMC The JMC approves that the 13th JMC meeting shall take place in Tirana, on 13 April 2022, as well as the JMC commits not to change the date, except for cases of force majeur.