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### PART A - DATA REQUIRED EVERY YEAR ("LIGHT REPORTS") (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

#### 1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL/FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

| CCI                            | 2014TC16RFCB029                                     |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Title                          | Cooperation programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia |
| Version                        | 1.0   |
| Reporting year                 | 2015 (including also 2014)                          |
| Date of approval of the report | 16 May 2016   |
| by the Monitoring Committee    |   |

# 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.

This is the first Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for programming period 2014-2020. It reports on the progress achieved under the CP in programming process and in implementing the programme during the calendar years 2014 and 2015. The report complies with Article 50(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, which requires the Managing Authority to submit an Annual Implementation Report within fifth month (31 May) of the end of each full calendar year of implementation. According to the Article 14 of the Regulation 1299/2013 this first report shall cover the financial years 2014 and 2015, as well as the period between the starting date for eligibility of expenditure and 31 December 2013.

The report was prepared by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, acting as the Managing Authority of the programme in cooperation with its programme partners. The Monitoring Committee approved the Annual Implementation Report 2015 on 16th May 2016 in the frame of the 1<sup>st</sup> Written Procedure.

Both Member States, Slovenia and Croatia were in the years 2014 and 2015 very much involved in the preparation of the Cooperation Programme, in particular by analysing and identifying the needs of the programme area, defining the priorities and related specific objectives and allocation of the available ERDF funds. The Task Force established for the preparation of the respective document and reaching decisions within the programming process was composed of representatives from Slovenia and Croatia, who were supported by the representatives of the Managing Authority, Joint Secretariat and external experts. 14 Task Force meetings were held during the programming process till September 2015.

4 workshops with stakeholders were held from 20<sup>th</sup> till 23<sup>rd</sup> January in Krapina (HR), Pivka (SI), Celje (SI) and Bale (HR), attended by more than 270 participants. Feedback was gathered from stakeholders on the appropriateness of proposed indicative actions for the challenges and needs of the programme area. Events offered opportunities for networking and for the development of ideas for potential projects.

In March 2015 draft Cooperation Programme was published on the programme website and



further inputs from stakeholders were sought in the course of online public consultation. 11 comments were received.

The European Commission has approved the Cooperation programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia on 30 September 2015. The approval was the legal basis for preparing both the Strategic and Open Call for Proposals, which were planned for early 2016. In Autumn and Winter 2015 the Joint Secretariat was preparing the Application Pack with all the forms and manuals. For the new perspective a new information system eMS has been established, as well as a new program website has been launched.

On 9 December 2015 the Kick-off event was organised in Celje (SI) to present the Cooperation programme to the broader public and to announce the Open Call.

Besides the Cooperation programme also Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia and Ex-ante evaluation of the Cooperation Programme V-A Slovenia-Croatia have been prepared by external experts during the concerned reporting years.

The programme uses the e-monitoring system (eMS) developed by Plot in cooperation with Interact. The eMS system and its functionalities fully comply with the e-Cohesion regulatory requirements (according to audit opinion).

The e-Cohesion requirements are fully supported through following measures:

- ✓ The Application Form is filled in online through the web access and is available to all programme partners instantly (based on the user rights).
- ✓ The communication with the applicants and the beneficiaries is performed through the eMS Communication portal.
- ✓ The assessment for selection of operations is carried out online and is available to all project and programme partners according to their user rights and assessment timeline.
- ✓ The contracting is implemented through automatic e-generation of documents.
- ✓ The expenditure verification process of the FLC is foreseen to be implemented through the online system reports and all supporting documents necessary for the audit trail will be uploaded (eMS) by the beneficiaries. FLC verification procedures and forms are completely concluded through eMS.
- ✓ The Progress Reports and requests for payments can be generated within the monitoring system.
- ✓ Information submitted into the system is available in structured format, so electronic transfer of data is assured.
- ✓ Connection from eMS to bookkeeping software of CA is currently in development and is expected to be ready once the projects start reporting.

The new programme website has been created, however in order to retain the recognisability and the sustainability the programme kept the same web-domain www.si-hr.eu as it was in 2007-2013 period.

In relation to the indicator data, the progress can be measured only on the level of the Technical assistance, where 5 joint cross-border Informational and publicity events were organised (4 workshops with stakeholders and Kick off conference), 4,8 employees (FTE) were employed, 3 at Joint Secretariat and 1,8 at Certifying Authority, the website has been established and



Programme communication strategy was prepared and approved.

In relation to the financial data, no information is relevant for the years 2014 and 2015.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

### 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 |
|-----|--|---|
| A.1 | 1. Integrated flood risk management in transboundary river basins                    | No activities were financed within this priority axes in 2014 and 2015.   |
| A.2 | <ol><li>Preservation and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources</li></ol> | No activities were financed within this priority axes in 2014 and 2015.   |
| A.3 | 3. Healthy, safe and accessible border areas   | No activities were financed within this priority axes in 2014 and 2015.   |
| A.4 | 4. Technical assistance  | No activities were financed within this priority axes in 2014 and 2015.   |

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

Data for common and programme-specific indicators by investment priority are transmitted using the tables 1 to 2 below.



TABLE 1: Result indicators (by priority axis and specific objective); applies also to technical assistance priority axis

| IADLE | 1: Result indicate   | ors (by priori        | ty axis and             | specific ob      | jective); ap              | plies ais     | so to tec     | iiiiiCai a | SSIStance |       | •       |      |      |      |      |                                |
|-------|--|-----------------------|-------------------------|------------------|---------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------|-----------|-------|---------|------|------|------|------|--------------------------------|
|       |  | Automatic fr          | om SFC                  |                  |                           |               |               |            |           | ANNUA | L VALUE |      |      |      |      |                                |
| ID    | Indicator  | Measure-<br>ment Unit | Baseline<br>Value       | Baseline<br>Year | Target<br>Value<br>(2023) | 2014          | 2015          | 2016       | 2017      | 2018  | 2019    | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Observations<br>(if necessary) |
| 5bRI  | Share of targeted transboundary river basins area under flood risk   | %                     | 6,47%                   | 2014             | 5%                        | 6,47<br>%     | 6,47<br>%     |            |           |       |         |      |      |      |      |                                |
| 6cRI  | Visitors to cultural<br>and natural<br>heritage sites in<br>the programme<br>area                                | Number                | 4,911,583               | 2013             | 5,750,000                 | 4,911,<br>583 | 4,911,<br>583 |            |           |       |         |      |      |      |      |                                |
| 6dRI1 | Average degree of conservation status of habitat types and species of Natura 2000 sites in programme areaspecies | Number                | Species<br>CS:<br>2,050 | 2014             | Species<br>CS:<br>2,052   | 2,050         | 2,050         |            |           |       |         |      |      |      |      |                                |
| 6dRI2 | Average degree of conservation status of habitat types and species of Natura 2000 sites in programme areahabitat | Number                | Habitat<br>CS:<br>2,070 | 2014             | Habitat<br>CS:<br>2,072   | 2,070         | 2,070         |            |           |       |         |      |      |      |      |                                |
| 11RI  | Level of cooperation   | Average score from    | 2,22                    | 2015             | 3,33                      | 2,22          | 2,22          |            |           |       |         |      |      |      |      |                                |

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| quality in the field | 0 to 5 |
|----------------------|--------|
| of health, social    |        |
| care, safety and     |        |
| mobility services    |        |
| within the           |        |
| programme area       |        |



TABLE 2: Common and programme specific output indicators (by priority axis, investment priority); applies also to technical assistance priority axes).

| S – Selected<br>operations<br>• F – Fully | ID     |   | Measure      | Target<br>value |      |      |      | cu   | MULATI | VE VALU | E    |      |      |      | Observations   |
|---|--------|---|--------------|-----------------|------|------|------|------|--------|---------|------|------|------|------|----------------|
| implemented operations*                   |        | indicator)  | ment unit    | (2023)          | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018   | 2019    | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | (if necessary) |
| S<br>F                                    | CO20   | Population benefiting from flood protection measures  | Persons      | 1500            | 0    | 0    |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| s   | 5b-1   | Transboundary river basins with joint tools,  | Number       | e.              | 0    | 0    |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| F   | 20-1   | models and maps for flood risk management developed   | Number       | 6               |      |      |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| s   | 5b-2   | Transboundary river basins with pilot structural flood risk   | Number       | 4               | 0    | 0    |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| F   | 30-2   | structural flood risk<br>reduction measures<br>implemented  | Number       | 4               |      |      |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| S   | - 5b-3 | structural flood risk reduction measures implemented  People with increased professional capacity due to their participation in | Number       | 20              | 0    | 0    |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| F   | 32 3   | transboundary flood risk<br>and river basin<br>management   |              | _0              |      |      |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| s   | CO00   | Increase in expected number of visits to  | vicite (voor | F0 000          | 0    | 0    |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| F   | CO09   | supported sites of vi<br>cultural or natural<br>heritage and attractions  | visits/year  | 50,000          |      |      |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |
| s   | 6c-1   | Small scale investments   | Number       | 15              | 0    | 0    |      |      |        |         |      |      |      |      |                |



|   | 1    |  |             |           |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------|--|-------------|-----------|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| F |      | and preservation of<br>natural and cultural<br>heritage              |             |           |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | 6c-2 | New or improved cross-<br>border sustainable<br>tourism products and | Number      | 20        | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |      | destinations integrating<br>natural or cultural<br>heritage          |             | 20        |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | 6c-3 | Persons participating in capacity building                           | Number      | 500       | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |      | activities   |             | 300       |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | CO01 | Number of enterprises  | Enterprises | 7         | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |      | receiving support  |             | ,         |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | CO02 | Number of enterprises  | Enterprises | 7         | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |      | receiving grants   | '           | ,         |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | CO23 | Surface area of habitats supported to attain a                       | Hectares    | 21 000 ha | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F | 0020 | better conservation status   | (ha)        | 31,000 ha |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | 6d-1 | Implemented practical demonstrations of                              | Number      | 10        | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |      | measures in nature in support of biodiversity                        |             |           |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | 6d-2 | Joint studies and tools for assessing and promoting                  | Number      | 3         | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F | 50.2 | ecosystem services<br>developed                                      |             | J         |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |



|   | 1    |  |                   |     |   |     |  | 1 |  | <br> |  |
|---|------|--|-------------------|-----|---|-----|--|---|--|------|--|
| S | 6d-3 | Persons with improved practical skills and competences for implementation of     | Number            | 250 | 0 | 0   |  |   |  |      |  |
| F |      | biodiversity protection<br>measures and<br>valorisation of ecosystem<br>services |                   |     |   |     |  |   |  |      |  |
| S | 44.4 | Institutions participating   | Ni la             | 45  | 0 | 0   |  |   |  |      |  |
| F | 11-1 | in cross-border structures   | Number            | 45  |   |     |  |   |  |      |  |
| S | 11-2 | Persons representing institutions and stakeholders from the programme area with  | Number            | 300 | 0 | 0   |  |   |  |      |  |
| F |      | improved skills and<br>competences in CB<br>service delivery                     |                   |     |   |     |  |   |  |      |  |
| S | TA-1 | Joint CB projects implemented and  | Number            | 57  | 0 | 0   |  |   |  |      |  |
| F |      | concluded  |                   |     |   |     |  |   |  |      |  |
| S | TA-2 | Joint CB informational   | Number            | 10  | 0 | 5   |  |   |  |      |  |
| F |      | and publicity events   |                   |     |   |     |  |   |  |      |  |
| S |      | Employees whose salaries are co-financed   | FTE (Full<br>Time |     | 0 | 4,8 |  |   |  |      |  |
| F | TA-3 | by the technical assistance  | Equivalent)       | 12  |   |     |  |   |  |      |  |
| S | TA-4 | e-Monitoring System  | Number            | 1   | 0 | 1   |  |   |  |      |  |
| F |      | established  |                   | _   |   |     |  |   |  |      |  |
| S | TA-5 | First level controllers established  | Number            | 2   | 0 | 0   |  |   |  |      |  |



| F |      |   |        |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|------|---|--------|---|---|---|--|--|--|--|--|
| S | TA-6 | Programme evaluation plan prepared and              | Number | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |      | approved by Monitoring Committee (MC)               |        |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S |      | Programme communication plan                        |        |   | 0 | 1 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F | TA-7 | prepared and approved<br>by MC                      | Number | 1 |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | TA-8 | Guiding document addressed to applicants            | Number | 1 | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F |      | and beneficiaries                                   |        |   |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |
| S | TA 0 | Information, consultation and training measures for |        |   | 0 | 0 |  |  |  |  |  |
| F | TA-9 | applicants and beneficiaries                        | Number | 8 |   |   |  |  |  |  |  |

<sup>\*</sup> **S** - Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]

### 3.3 Milestones and targets defined in the performance framework (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013) – submitted in annual implementation reports from 2017 onwards

Reporting on financial indicators, key implementation steps, output and result indicators to act as milestones and targets for the performance framework (submitted starting with the report in 2017).

**F** - Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]



TABLE 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

| IABLE         | 3: informatioi                  | n on tr  | ie milestones and  | a targets de                           | fined in the        | performance         | e Trame | work |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |
|---------------|---------------------------------|----------|--|--|---------------------|---------------------|---------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|------|-----------------------------|
| Priority Axis | Indicator Type                  | a        | Indicator or key<br>implementation step  | Measurement unit, where<br>appropriate | Mile-stone for 2018 | Final target (2023) | 2014    | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 | 2021 | 2022 | 2023 | Observations (if necessary) |
| 1             | Financial                       | 5bFI     | Payments:<br>certified total<br>amount of<br>eligible<br>expenditure                       | EUR                                    | 1,720,000<br>EUR    | 11,795,950<br>EUR   |         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |
| 1             | Output                          | 5b-<br>2 | Transboundary river basins with pilot structural flood risk reduction measures implemented | Number                                 | 0                   | 4                   |         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |
| 1             | Key<br>impleme-<br>ntation step | 5bK<br>I | Transboundary river basins where works have started  | Number                                 | 1                   | 4                   |         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |
| 2             | Financial                       | 6FI      | Payments:<br>certified total<br>amount of<br>eligible<br>expenditure                       | EUR                                    | 3,963,43<br>9 EUR   | 33,028,657<br>EUR   |         |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |      |                             |



| 2 | Output                          | 6c-1     | Small scale investments in visitor infrastructure and preservation of natural and cultural heritage                  | Number                  | 0         | 15        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|---------------------------------|----------|--|-------------------------|-----------|-----------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 2 | Key<br>impleme-<br>ntation step | 6cKI     | Restoration or construction works at heritage sites or at supporting visitor infrastructure started                  | Number                  | 5         | 15        |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Output                          | CO2<br>3 | Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status  | Hectares<br>(ha)        | 0         | 31,000 ha |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 2 | Key<br>impleme-<br>ntation step | 6dK<br>I | Surface area of habitats planned to be supported based on selected projects in order to attain a better conservation | Area<br>covered<br>(ha) | 10,000 ha | 31,000 ha |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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|   |           |           | status   |        |                |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|---|-----------|-----------|--|--------|----------------|------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| 3 | Financial | 11-<br>FI | Payments:<br>certified total<br>amount of<br>eligible<br>expenditure | EUR    | 707,757<br>EUR | 5,897,975<br>EUR |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 3 | Output    | 11-       | Institutions participating in cross-border structures                | Number | 3              | 45               |  |  |  |  |  |  |
|   |           |           |  |        |                |                  |  |  |  |  |  |  |



### 3.4 Financial data (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

**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<sup>1</sup> [Model for transmission of financial data]<sup>2</sup> and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

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)

Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia.

<sup>1</sup> OJ L 286, 30.9.2014, p. 1.

Structured data required for the report on YEI which is to be submitted in April 2015 in accordance with Article 19(3) and Annex II of Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013.



TABLE 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention (Article 112(1) and (2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1304/2013) 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

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

| 1   | 2  | 3  | 4   | 5  |
|---|--|--|---|--|
|   | The amount of ERDF support* envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations (EUR) | 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 ERDF at programme level *100) | Eligible expenditure of ERDF 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 (EUR) | 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 ERDF at programme level *100) |
| All or part of an operation outside the Union part of the programme area <sup>3</sup> | Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A<br>Slovenia-Croatia.  | Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A<br>Slovenia-Croatia.  | Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A<br>Slovenia-Croatia.   | Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A<br>Slovenia-Croatia.  |

<sup>\*</sup> ERDF support is fixed in the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

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



### 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

Synthesis of the findings of all evaluations of the programme that have become available during the previous financial year, including the name and reference period of the evaluation reports used.

The Ex Ante evaluation of the programme area and corresponding needs has been prepared in 2014 and finalised in 2015. No additional evaluations of the programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for the programming period 2014-2020 have been performed in 2014 or 2015.

# 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

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

Besides the approval of the CP in September 2015 that resulted in a delayed start of the programme implementation, there were no other specific issues affecting the performance of the programme.

b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1 (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate

### 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

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual implementation reports is part of the annual implementation report 2014/2015, the first Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for programming period 2014-2020. It reports on the progress achieved under the CP in programming process and in implementing the programme during the calendar years 2014 and 2015. The report complies with Article 50(1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, which requires the Managing Authority to submit an Annual Implementation Report within fifth month (31 May) of the end of each full calendar year of implementation. According to the Article 14 of the Regulation 1299/2013 this first report shall cover the financial years 2014 and 2015, as well as the period between the starting date for eligibility of expenditure and 31 December 2013.

The report was prepared by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy, acting as the Managing Authority of the programme in cooperation with its programme partners. The Monitoring Committee approved the Annual Implementation Report 2015 on 16<sup>th</sup> May 2016 in the frame of the 1<sup>st</sup> Written Procedure.



Both Member States, Slovenia and Croatia were in the years 2014 and 2015 very much involved in the preparation of the Cooperation Programme, in particular by analysing and identifying the needs of the programme area, defining the priorities and related specific objectives and allocation of the available ERDF funds. The Task Force established for the preparation of the respective document and reaching decisions within the programming process was composed of representatives from Slovenia and Croatia, who were supported by the representatives of the Managing Authority, Joint Secretariat and external experts. 14 Task Force meetings were held during the programming process till September 2015.

4 workshops with stakeholders were held from 20<sup>th</sup> till 23<sup>rd</sup> January in Krapina (HR), Pivka (SI), Celje (SI) and Bale (HR), attended by more than 270 participants. Feedback was gathered from stakeholders on the appropriateness of proposed indicative actions for the challenges and needs of the programme area. Events offered opportunities for networking and for the development of ideas for potential projects.

In March 2015 draft Cooperation Programme was published on the programme website and further inputs from stakeholders were sought in the course of online public consultation. 11 comments were received.

The European Commission has approved the Cooperation programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia on 30 September 2015. The approval was the legal basis for preparing both the Strategic and Open Call for Proposals, which were planned for early 2016. In Autumn and Winter 2015 the Joint Secretariat was preparing the Application Pack with all the forms and manuals. For the new perspective a new information system eMS has been established, as well as a new program website has been launched.

On 9 December 2015 the Kick-off event was organised in Celje (SI) to present the Cooperation programme to the broader public and to announce the Open Call.

Besides the Cooperation programme also Strategic Environmental Assessment of the Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia and Ex-ante evaluation of the Cooperation Programme V-A Slovenia-Croatia have been prepared by external experts during the concerned reporting years.

The programme uses the e-monitoring system (eMS) developed by Plot in cooperation with Interact. The eMS system and its functionalities fully comply with the e-Cohesion regulatory requirements (according to audit opinion).

The e-Cohesion requirements are fully supported through following measures:

- ✓ The Application Form is filled in online through the web access and is available to all programme partners instantly (based on the user rights).
- ✓ The communication with the applicants and the beneficiaries is performed through the eMS Communication portal.
- ✓ The assessment for selection of operations is carried out online and is available to all project and programme partners according to their user rights and assessment timeline.
- ✓ The contracting is implemented through automatic e-generation of documents.
- ✓ The expenditure verification process of the FLC is foreseen to be implemented through the online system reports and all supporting documents necessary for the audit trail

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will be uploaded (eMS) by the beneficiaries. FLC verification procedures and forms are completely concluded through eMS.

- ✓ The Progress Reports and requests for payments can be generated within the monitoring system.
- ✓ Information submitted into the system is available in structured format, so electronic transfer of data is assured.
- ✓ Connection from eMS to bookkeeping software of CA is currently in development and is expected to be ready once the projects start reporting.

The new programme website has been created, however in order to retain the recognisability and the sustainability the programme kept the same web-domain www.si-hr.eu as it was in 2007-2013 period.

In relation to the indicator data, the progress can be measured only on the level of the Technical assistance, where 5 joint cross-border Informational and publicity events were organised (4 workshops with stakeholders and Kick off conference), 4,8 employees (FTE) were employed, 3 at Joint Secretariat and 1,8 at Certifying Authority, the website has been established and Programme communication strategy was prepared and approved.

In relation to the financial data, no information is relevant for the years 2014 and 2015.

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

Where the managing authority decided to use financial instruments it must send to the Commission a specific report covering the financial instruments operations as an annex to the annual implementation report

Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia.



8. WHERE APPROPRIATE, 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)

Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia.

#### 8.1. Major projects

#### **TABLE 7: Major projects**

| Project | CCI | Status of MP  1. completed 2. approved 3. submitted 4. planned for notification/submission to Commission | Total<br>inves<br>tmen<br>ts | Total<br>eligible<br>costs | Planned<br>notification/<br>submission<br>date<br>(if<br>applicable)<br>(year,<br>quarter) | Date of tacit agreement / approval by Commissio n (if applicable) | Planned<br>start<br>of<br>impleme<br>ntation<br>(year,<br>quarter) | Planned<br>completion<br>date<br>(year.<br>quarter) | Priority<br>Axis/Inv<br>estment<br>priorities | Current state of realisatio n – financial progress (% of expendit ure certified to Commiss ion compare d to total eligible cost) | Current state of realisation - physical progress     Main implementation stage of the project 1.completed/in operation; 2.advanced construction; 3. construction; 4. procurement; 5. design | Main<br>output<br>s | Date of signatur e of first works contract <sup>4</sup> (if applicabl e) | Obse<br>rvatio<br>ns (if<br>neces<br>sary |
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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).



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| Any chan   | 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

Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia.

#### **TABLE 8: Joint action plans**

| Title of<br>the JAP | CCI | Stage of implementati on of JAP  1. completed 2. > 50% implemented 3. Started 4. approved 5. submitted 6. planned | Total<br>eligible<br>costs | Total<br>public<br>support | OP<br>contributio<br>n to JAP | Priority<br>axis | Type of<br>JAP<br>1. normal<br>2. pilot<br>3. YEI | [Planned]<br>submissio<br>n to the<br>Commissio<br>n | [Planned]<br>start of<br>implementati<br>on | [Planned]<br>completion | Main<br>outputs<br>and results | Total<br>eligible<br>expenditur<br>e certified<br>to the<br>Commissio<br>n | Observatio<br>ns (if<br>necessary) |
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Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them



PART B - REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEARS 2017, 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

- 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)

FOR EACH PRIORITY AXIS - Assessment of the information provided above and progress towards achieving the objectives of the programme, including the contribution of the ERDF to changes in the value of result indicators, when evidence is available from evaluations

n.a.

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

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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

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

n.a.

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 n.a.

- 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

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10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy

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- 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 implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including sustainable urban development, and community-led local development under the cooperation programme

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

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

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

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12. FINANCIAL INFORMATION AT PRIORITY AXIS AND PROGRAMME LEVEL (ARTICLES 21(2) AND 22(7) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)

For the purpose of assessing progress towards the achievement of milestones and targets set for financial indicators in the years 2018 and 2023, table 4 of Part A of this Annex shall have the following two additional columns:

| 13   | 14   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| Data for the purpose of the performance review and performance framework   |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Only for report submitted in 2019:  Total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries and certified to the Commission by 31/12/2018  Article 21(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 | Only for final implementation report: Total eligible expenditure incurred and paid by beneficiaries by 31/12/2023 and certified to the Commission  Article 22(7) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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### PART C - REPORTING SUBMITTED IN YEAR 2019 AND FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT (Article 50(5) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

#### 13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

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

n.a.

## 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).

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