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1. IDENTIFICATION OF THE ANNUAL/FINAL IMPLEMENTATION REPORT

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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.

The seventh Annual Implementation Report (AIR) for the Cooperation Programme Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia for the programming period 2014-2020 provides information on the progress made in the implementation of the Cooperation Programme during the calendar year 2021.

The Report was prepared by the Government Office for Development and European Cohesion Policy acting as the Managing Authority (MA) of the Cooperation Programme in cooperation with the Joint Secretariat (JS) and programme partners. In line with the agreement reached at the 12th Monitoring Committee (MC) which was held on 20 April 2022, the Annual Implementation Report 2021 was approved via 22nd written procedure.

All programme structures and both Member States, i.e. Slovenia and Croatia were involved in the implementation of the Cooperation Programme in the calendar year 2021.

Throughout 2021, all programme structures worked intensively on the activities related to the implementation and completion of strategic FRISCO projects and approved projects within the 1st, 2nd and 3rd deadlines of the Open Call. The 4th deadline of the Open Call for submission of projects was published on the programme website on 15 July 2021 focusing on projects in the field of safety and cross-border sustainable mobility services within Priority Axis 3. The deadline for submission of project proposals was 12 October 2021.

In September 2021, MA/JS organised two online workshops for potential beneficiaries of the 4th deadline of the Open Call.

15 project applications were submitted under the 4th deadline of the Open Call, 8 project applications being in compliance with the set administrative and eligibility criteria, and 7 identified as ineligible.

In January 2022, the Joint Secretariat (JS) began with the quality assessment of the 8 project applications that were in compliance with the set administrative and eligibility criteria.

The COVID-19 pandemic still impacted the implementation of projects activities in 2021. With COVID-19 Guidance for the Projects prepared in 2020, updated in 2021 and thanks to the adopted flexibility regarding the implementation of the projects there were no major delays or problems regarding the implementation of projects activities.

The Annual Implementation Report 2020 was submitted to the European Commission in May 2021 and was later approved by the Commission.

The MA and JS met three times with the programme partners, namely the National Authorities; first at the bilateral technical meeting (BTM) on 23 April 2021 to discuss the topics related to programme implementation, for the second time on 9 June 2021 at a meeting to discuss the open issues regarding the 4th deadline of the Open Call and for the third time on 8 December 2021 to discuss the status of strategic projects FRISCO 2.3 and FRISCO 2.3 as well as the 4th deadline of the Open Call. Due to the pandemic, all meetings were held online.

Two MC meetings were organised in 2021; the 10th MC meeting was organised on 26 January 2021 and the 11th MC meeting was organised on 20 May 2021. Both meetings were also held online.

In July 2021, a new public procurement was launched; the contract with the external expert for Impact Evaluation of the CP SI-HR 2014-2020 was signed in August 2021.

In 2021, contracts were also signed with external experts for preparing the future Interreg Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2021-2027 and for preparing the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) for the future programme.

Five meetings of the Programming Task Force, which is responsible for the programming of the Interreg Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2021-2027 and several public consultations, including six focus groups were organised between May and December 2021.

By the end of 2021, citizens in the involved regions were benefitting from the following concrete results of fully implemented activities covering programme indicators:

- All four FRISCO projects were implemented by the end of September 2021 and had a very good realisation. All the set indicator values were either met or exceeded.
By the end of 2021 more than 2,230 people benefited from flood protection measures, 31 people gained increased professional capacity due to their participation in cross-border activities in transboundary flood risk and river basin management.
By the end of 2021 flood risk reduction measures were implemented on 4 transboundary river basin and 6 transboundary river basins have developed joint tools, models and maps for flood risk management;
- As regards projects within PA2, the achieved value of increased number of visits to cultural or natural heritage sites was 836,061. By the end of 2021, 61 small scale investments were made in visitor infrastructure and preservation of natural and cultural heritage, 57 new or improved cross-border sustainable products were developed and 16,675 persons participated in capacity building activities;
- 3,409.75 ha of surface area of habitats achieved a better conservation status and 1,136 persons gained improved practical skills and competences for the implementation of

biodiversity protection measures and valorisation of ecosystem services by the end of 2021;

- Under PA3, 116 institutions participated in new cross-border structures and 2,201 persons gained improved skills and competences in CB service delivery by the end of 2021.

Audit of the projects

In 2021, the Group of Auditors (GoA) performed audits of five projects (HITRO, Kaštelir, TA1 MA/JS, VEZI NARAVE, and FRISCO 2.2) with amounts certified in the 7th accounting year, in the total amount of 4.568.471,47 EUR, without detecting any major financial irregularities. The detected irregularities were individual cases and not of systemic nature with all financial corrections already being made.

System audits

The Audit Authority performed the planned system audits, namely the audit of specific thematic area – withdrawals and recoveries, and system audit of the Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat/National Authority. As regards the system audit of specific thematic area – withdrawals and recoveries, no major findings were made. Based on the audit performed, the Audit Authority assessed that the part of MCS related to withdrawals and recoveries falls under Category 1; namely that no or only minor improvements are needed.

As regards the system audit of the Managing Authority/Joint Secretariat/National Authority, the Audit Authority assessed that MCS in the MA falls under Category 2; namely that the system works, however certain improvements are needed.

Information and publicity measures

In line with the Communication Strategy and the planned communication tools, the MA/JS performed or participated in the Stories from the Regions (DG Regio campaign included projects MISTERION and CrossCare), the podcast “This is Europe” (Interact campaign, project story ideas from Interreg programmes, proposed projects CrossCare and 2SoKroG), the Reporting Workshop for Slovenian beneficiaries (First Level Control workshop for CBC programmes), Smart Regions (EC campaign included project Carnivora Dinarica), Interreg Project Slam (proposed project Carnivora Dinarica), the Workshops for potential beneficiaries, the European Cooperation Day and Programme/Project news, newsletter.

On 16 September 2021, the European Cooperation Day 2021 was organised together with the project LIVING CASTLES. Due to the COVID-19 situation, the event was organised in a hybrid form with two separated events with a limited number of participants carried out, namely one in Slovenia in Rakičan and the other one in Croatia in Varaždin.

In September 2021, the MA/JS organised two online workshops for potential beneficiaries of the 4th deadline of the Open Call dedicated to projects in the field of safety and cross-border sustainable mobility services. 72 participants joined the event.

In 2021, 25 news items regarding activities, events and relevant information were published on the programme dedicate website (18 news items related to the programme and 10 news items related to projects). All throughout the year, the section of the programme website where news on project activities and results are published was also updated with news items related to projects.

Reimbursement of funds

By the end of 2021, the activities of all the projects (38) were fully implemented and all the indicators achieved, with some indicators even being exceeded (see Table 2).

In relation to the financial data the total eligible expenditure incurred by beneficiaries and certified to the Commission by the end of 2021 amounts to EUR 45.028.469,59 EUR.

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	<p>All 4 FRISCO projects have finished with project implementation in 2021, but only 2 were administratively concluded.</p> <p>By the end of 2021 2,231 people benefited from flood protection measures, 31 people gained increased professional capacity due to their participation in cross-border activities in transboundary flood risk and river basin management.</p> <p>By the end of 2021 flood risk reduction measures were implemented on 4 transboundary river basin and 6 transboundary river basins have developed joint tools, models and maps for flood risk management.</p>
A.2	2. Preservation and sustainable use of natural and cultural resources	<p>Within the Open Call 26 projects were contracted in the amount of 28.045.826,82 EUR ERDF (99,9 % of available funds). Altogether 22 projects are within the Investment priority 6c and 4 projects within the Investment priority 6d dealing with protecting and restoring biodiversity.</p> <p>Within the Investment priority 6c 7 projects implemented their activities in 2021. The achieved value of increased number of visits to cultural or natural heritage sites was 836,061, 61 small scale investments in visitor infrastructure and preservation of natural and cultural heritage were performed, 57 new or improved cross-border sustainable products were developed and 16,675 persons participated in capacity building activities by the end of 2021.</p> <p>Regarding the Investment priority 6d 2 projects implemented their activities by the end of 2021. By the end of 2021 3,409.75 ha of surface area of habitats attained a better conservation status and 1,136 persons gained improved practical skills and competences for the implementation of biodiversity protection measures and valorisation of ecosystem services.</p>

A.3	3. Healthy, safe and accessible border areas	<p>Within the Open Call 8 projects were contracted in the amount of 4.995.655,63 EUR ERDF (99,9 % of available funds). 5 projects concluded their activities in 2021.</p> <p>By the end of 2021 116 institutions participated in new cross-border structures and 2,201 persons gained improved skills and competences in CB service delivery.</p>
A.4	4. Technical assistance	<p>The allocation of the TA funds aims at ensuring efficient and smooth implementation of the cooperation programme and at a proficient operation of all bodies which are needed for the frictionless and successful programme implementation, e.g. MA, JS, FLC in Slovenia and Croatia, CA, Audit Authority (AA) in Slovenia/Audit Body in Croatia (AB), NA in Slovenia and NA in Croatia. The TA is divided into 6 projects and the total ERDF amount for all TA projects is 3.000.000 EUR.</p> <p>In 2021 the following activities were implemented within the TA projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - implementation, management and monitoring of the programme, - on 16 September 2021 two events were organised in the frame of the European Cooperation Day 2021, one in Slovenia in Rakičan, Murska Sobota and the other one in Varaždin in Croatia, - three bilateral meetings were organised, on 23 April 2021 and on 8 December 2021 (both on-line), to discuss topics related to the programme implementation, - advising/supporting the LPs/PPs of the implementing projects and checking the LPs progress reports, - site visits for the approved projects were carried out according to the Site visit plan for 2021, - organisation of two MC meetings (in January and May 2021) as well as preparation of written procedures for the MC, - five meetings of the Programming Task Force for the programming of the Interreg Programme Slovenia-Croatia 2021-2027 were organised between May and December 2021, - signing of contracts with external experts to prepare the future Interreg Programme Slovenia – Croatia 2021-2027, the Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) of the IP SI-HR 2021-2027 as well as to prepare the Impact Evaluation of the CP SI-HR 2014-2020, - launch of the 4th deadline of the Open Call, focused on the fields of safety (civil protection, rescue and emergency services) and cross-border sustainable mobility services within Priority Axis 3,

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- programme website has been updated with news, information on programme and project implementation, etc. <p>At this stage, no significant problems have been identified in the implementation of PA 4 (Technical Assistance).</p>
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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

<i>Automatic from SFC</i>						ANNUAL VALUE										
ID	Indicator	Measurement Unit	Baseline Value	Baseline Year	Target Value (2023)	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	Observations (if necessary)
5bRI	Share of targeted transboundary river basins area under flood risk	%	6,47%	2014	5%	6,47 %	6,47 %	6,47 %	6,47 %	6,47 %	6,47 %	5,89 %	5,89 %			Frequency of reporting 2018, 2020, 2023
6cRI	Visitors to cultural and natural heritage sites in the programme area	Number	4,911,583	2013	5,750,000	4,911,583	4,911,583	4,911,583	4,911,583	5,919,310	5,919,310	/	/			Frequency of reporting 2018, 2020, 2023
6dRI1	Average degree of conservation status of habitat types and species of Natura 2000 sites in programme area-species	Number	Species CS: 2,050	2014	Species CS: 2,052	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,050	2,038	2,038			Frequency of reporting 2018, 2020, 2023. Changes were made in Natura 2000 in SI in 2016 and in CRO in 2015 and 2019 (some species were added, some excluded), in addition in SI

																some species were assessed with lower score.
6dRI2	Average degree of conservation status of habitat types and species of Natura 2000 sites in programme area-habitat	Number	Habitat CS: 2,070	2014	Habitat CS: 2,072	2,070	2,070	2,070	2,070	2,070	2,070	2,070	2,079	2,079		Frequency of reporting 2018, 2020, 2023
11RI	Level of cooperation quality in the field of health, social care, safety and mobility services within the programme area	Average score from 0 to 5	2,22	2015	3,33	2,22	2,22	2,22	2,22	2,6	2,6	2,03	2,03		Frequency of reporting 2018, 2020, 2023. The score is a consequence of COVID-19 pandemic since organisations could not meet and the cooperation among them faced some challenges.	

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

S – Selected operations F – Fully implemented operations*	ID	Indicator (<i>name of indicator</i>)	Measurement unit	Target value (2023)	CUMULATIVE VALUE										Observations (If necessary)
					2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	
S	CO20	Population benefiting from flood protection measures	Persons	1500	0	0	0	953	1609	1609	1609	1,609			The target value set in the CP is already reached (plan in the selected projects).
F											2,231				
S	5b-1	Transboundary river basins with joint tools, models and maps for flood risk management developed	Number	6	0	0	6	6	6	6	6	6			The target value set in the CP is already reached (plan in the selected projects).
F											6				
S	5b-2	Transboundary river basins with pilot structural flood risk reduction measures implemented	Number	4	0	0	0	1	4	4	4	4			The target value set in the CP is already reached (plan in the selected projects).
F										1	1				
S	5b-3	People with increased professional capacity due to their participation in cross-border activities in transboundary flood risk	Number	20	0	0	20	20	20	20	20	20			The target value set in the CP is already reached (plan in the selected projects).

F		and river basin management													31			<i>Value achieved in one administratively concluded project.</i>
S	CO09	Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural or natural heritage and attractions	visits/year	50,000	0	0	62,800	203,300	289,732	289,732	734,310	836,061						<i>The target value set in the CP is already reached and exceeded due to the high expected number of visits (plan in the selected projects).</i>
F												12,932	734,310	836,061				
S	6c-1	Small scale investments in visitor infrastructure and preservation of natural and cultural heritage	Number	15	0	0	17	45	69	69	73	73						<i>The target value set in the CP is already reached and exceeded (plan in the selected projects).</i>
F													6	44	61			
S	6c-2	New or improved cross-border sustainable tourism products and destinations integrating	Number	20	0	0	13	40	62	62	62	62						<i>The target value set in the CP is already reached and exceeded (plan in the</i>

S	6d-2	Joint studies and tools for assessing and promoting ecosystem services developed	Number	3	0	0	0	12	13	13	13	13			<i>The target value set in the CP is already reached and exceeded (plan in the selected projects).</i>
F												3	13		
S	6d-3	Persons with improved practical skills and competences for implementation of biodiversity protection measures and valorisation of ecosystem services	Number	250	0	0	0	290	650	650	650	760			<i>The target value set in the CP is already reached and exceeded (plan in the selected projects).</i>
F													286	1,136	
S	11-1	Institutions participating in cross-border structures	Number	45	0	0	20	53	104	104	104	104			<i>The target value set in the CP is already reached and exceeded (plan in the selected projects).</i>
F											13	24	73	116	

S	11-2	Persons representing institutions and stakeholders from the programme area with improved skills and competences in CB service delivery	Number	300	0		536	826	1724	1724	1,942	2,201			<i>The target value set in the CP is already reached and exceeded due to the high expected number of persons with improved skills and competences (plan in the selected projects).</i>
F									380	635	1,942	2,201			<i>Achieved value in 8 fully implemented and concluded operations</i>
S					0	0	0	0	44	44	44	44			<i>Number of selected projects</i>
F	TA-1	Joint CB projects implemented and concluded	Number	57					1	3	13	28			<i>No of implemented and concluded projects in 2021 (all 38 projects implemented the activities and 28 projects were concluded – final Progress report submitted and checked and funds certified in 2021).</i>

S	TA-2	Joint CB informational and publicity events	Number	10	0	5	7	10	11	13	14	14			
F															
S	TA-3	Employees whose salaries are co-financed by the technical assistance	FTE (Full Time Equivalent)	12	0	4,8	11,67	11,67	13,99	13,99	13,99	16,46			
F															
S	TA-4	e-Monitoring System established	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
F															
S	TA-5	First level controllers established	Number	2	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2			
F															
S	TA-6	Programme evaluation plan prepared and approved by Monitoring Committee (MC)	Number	1	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1			
F															
S	TA-7	Programme communication plan prepared and approved by MC	Number	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1			
F															
S	TA-8	Guiding document addressed to applicants and beneficiaries	Number	1	0	0	2	2	2	2	2	2			
F															
S	TA-9	Information, consultation and training measures for applicants and beneficiaries	Number	8	0	0	5	8	11	12	13	13			
F															

* S - Selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries]

F - Fully implemented operations [actual achievement]

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).

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

Priority Axis	Indicator Type	ID	Indicator or key implementation step	Measurement unit, where 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: certified total amount of eligible expenditure	EUR	1,720,000 EUR	11,795,950 EUR	0	0	0	138,736.47	1,693,779.95	2,455,575.94	7,245,766.38	8,830,908.68			Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission by the end of 2021 is stated.
1	Output	5b-2	Transboundary river basins with pilot structural flood risk reduction measures implemented	Number	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	4			Within the approved projects FRISCO2.1, FRISCO 2.2 and FRISCO 2.3 there are 4 river basins with pilot structural flood risk reduction measures in implementation. By the end of 2021 flood risk reduction measures were implemented on 4 transboundary river basin.

1	Key implementation step	5bK1	Transboundary river basins where works have started	Number	1	4	0	0	0	0	2	3	4	4			Within the approved projects FRISCO2.1, FRISCO 2.2 and FRISCO 2.3 works on all 4 river basins have been concluded/implemented by the end of 2021.
2	Financial	6FI	Payments: certified total amount of eligible expenditure	EUR	3,963,439 EUR	33,028,657 EUR	0	0	0	135,975.05	6,643,383.68	9,775,352.27	20,639,868.02	28,258,607.38			Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission by the end of 2021 is stated.
2	Output	6c-1	Small scale investments in visitor infrastructure and preservation of natural and cultural heritage	Number	0	15	0	0	0	0	16	23	44	61			Within the approved projects there are 73 small scale investments in visitor infrastructure and preservation of natural and cultural heritage planned. By the end of 2021 the achieved value for 16 projects which fully implemented their activities is 61.
2	Key implementation step	6cKI	Restoration or construction works at heritage sites or at supporting visitor infrastructure started	Number	5	15	0	0	0	0	32	45	73	73			Achieved value in by the end of 2021.
2	Output	CO23	Surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status	Hectares (ha)	0	31,000 ha	0	0	0	0	152.55	152.55	152.77	3,409.75			Within the approved projects there are 32,432.97 ha of surface area of habitats supported to attain a better conservation status. By the end of 2021 the achieved value for 2 projects which fully implemented their activities is 3,409.75 ha.

2	Key implementation step	6dK I	Surface area of habitats planned to be supported based on selected projects in order to attain a better conservation status	Area covered (ha)	10,000 ha	31,000 ha	0	0	0	221.82	32,432.97	32,432.97	32,432.97	32,432.97			
3	Financial	11-FI	Payments: certified total amount of eligible expenditure	EUR	707,757 EUR	5,897,975 EUR	0	0	0	17,917.29	1,193,659.62	1,697,079.07	3,807,743.15	5,685,080.22			Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission by the end of 2021 is stated.
3	Output	11-1	Institutions participating in cross-border structures	Number	3	45	0	0	0	0	35	65	73	116			By the end of 2021 the achieved value for all 8 projects, which fully implemented their activities, is 116 institutions participating in cross-border structures.

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 1011/2014¹ [Model for transmission of financial data]² and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	Total	11,795,950.00	85.00%	11,795,947.19	100.00%	11,795,947.19	8,840,792.43	74.95%	4
2	ERDF	Total	33,028,657.00	85.00%	33,009,143.50	99.94%	32,437,948.46	28,374,207.27	85.91%	26
3	ERDF	Total	5,897,975.00	85.00%	5,877,242.06	99.65%	5,844,160.62	5,686,959.21	96.42%	8
4	ERDF	Total	4,968,331.00	60.38%	4,968,330.62	100.00%	4,968,330.62	2,350,253.24	47.30%	6
Total	ERDF		55,690,913.00	82.80%	55,650,663.37	99.93%	55,046,386.89	45,252,212.15	81.26%	44

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.

¹ OJ L 286, 30.9.2014, p. 1.

² 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

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	087	01	03	07	05	22	HR041	7,147,313.34	7,147,313.34	5,786,844.49	2
1	ERDF	087	01	03	07	05	22	SI021	4,648,633.85	4,648,633.85	3,053,947.94	2
2	ERDF	085	01	02	07	06	22	HR041	579,177.40	560,977.04	569,429.21	1
2	ERDF	085	01	02	07	06	22	SI021	2,553,908.00	2,521,658.00	1,787,705.82	1
2	ERDF	086	01	03	07	06	22	HR036	1,528,377.29	1,508,100.20	1,435,513.06	1
2	ERDF	086	01	03	07	06	22	SI021	2,333,997.64	2,290,195.09	1,304,672.85	1
2	ERDF	090	01	02	07	06	15	HR043	875,472.55	875,472.55	812,073.72	1
2	ERDF	091	01	02	07	06	15	SI011	829,360.00	788,219.76	821,428.91	1
2	ERDF	091	01	02	07	06	15	SI021	1,524,792.25	1,452,712.18	1,464,827.06	1
2	ERDF	091	01	03	07	06	15	SI018	982,694.29	951,719.57	973,813.17	1
2	ERDF	093	01	02	07	06	15	SI012	1,221,544.00	1,221,544.00	1,210,070.81	1
2	ERDF	093	01	02	07	06	15	SI021	1,593,700.00	1,568,548.60	1,537,590.17	1
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	HR031	2,164,455.00	2,164,455.00	2,127,430.51	1
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	HR036	1,144,622.45	1,119,836.72	894,499.44	1
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	HR042	2,319,560.02	2,309,033.20	2,244,661.20	2
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	HR046	2,443,414.73	2,425,507.73	2,108,304.88	2
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	SI011	836,515.00	799,624.00	831,509.76	1
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	SI012	926,678.47	920,145.14	908,619.97	1
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	SI015	1,503,000.00	1,393,480.60	1,085,003.42	1
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	SI021	1,779,988.15	1,779,988.15	1,732,401.03	1
2	ERDF	094	01	02	07	06	15	SI024	1,416,321.03	1,392,702.77	672,914.52	1
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06	15	HR044	720,289.93	720,289.93	422,415.62	1
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06	15	SI012	908,448.50	908,448.50	853,822.83	1
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06	15	SI017	1,237,589.00	1,205,184.43	1,241,090.71	1
2	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06	15	SI024	745,050.00	740,700.00	516,082.31	1
2	ERDF	095	01	02	07	06	15	SI024	840,187.80	819,405.30	818,326.29	1

3	ERDF	112	01	02	07	11	20	HR031	860,740.50	860,740.50	847,859.25	1
3	ERDF	112	01	02	07	11	20	SI021	1,052,257.68	1,052,257.68	980,519.72	1
3	ERDF	112	01	02	07	11	20	SI024	938,486.77	938,486.77	891,042.55	1
3	ERDF	112	01	02	07	11	21	SI024	982,058.56	970,554.46	954,342.03	2
3	ERDF	119	01	02	07	11	21	SI024	142,587.80	139,711.77	138,399.07	1
3	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11	21	SI012	574,947.17	558,882.39	555,687.50	1
3	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11	24	HR04D	808,163.58	808,163.58	807,833.82	1
3	ERDF	120	01	02	07	11	24	SI021	518,000.00	515,363.47	511,275.27	1
4	ERDF	121	01	01	07		18	HR041	775,000.00	775,000.00	267,865.76	2
4	ERDF	121	01	01	07		18	SI012	322,580.63	322,580.63	127,109.80	1
4	ERDF	121	01	01	07		18	SI017	350,000.00	350,000.00	191,064.33	1
4	ERDF	121	01	01	07		18	SI021	3,520,749.99	3,520,749.99	1,764,213.35	2

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 area³	0	0	0	0

* ERDF support is fixed in the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

³ 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.

Due to the delays with evaluations in 2020, the MC members decided at the 10th MC meeting held on 26 January 2021 to revise the Evaluation Plan in order to prepare only one Impact Evaluation in 2022. The draft tender documentation for the preparation of the Impact Evaluation was prepared in March and April 2021. In July 2021, a new public procurement procedure was launched and in August 2021, the contract with the external expert for the Impact Evaluation was signed. The Impact Evaluation is not finalised (the 1st phase of the Impact Evaluation is concluded), therefore we will report about the findings within the Annual Implementation Report 2022.

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

There were no specific issues within the programme, which could affect the programme performance.

We would nevertheless like to underline that in 2021 the COVID-19 pandemic still had a certain impact on the implementation of project activities. With COVID-19 Guidance for the projects prepared in 2020, updated in 2021 and with the flexibility regarding the implementation of the projects we were able to prevent major delays and problems regarding the implementation of project activities.

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

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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

The citizen's summary is prepared as a separate document and will be uploaded in the SFC and published on the programme's website.

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 investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/ submission date (if applicable) (year, quarter)	Date of tacit agreement / approval by Commission (if applicable)	Planned start of implementation (year, quarter)	Planned completion date (year, quarter)	Priority Axis/Investment priorities	Current state of realisation – financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared 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 outputs	Date of signature of first works contract ⁴ (if applicable)	Observations (if necessary)
<i>Not applicable for CP Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia.</i>														

⁴ 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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Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them.

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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 the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP 1. completed 2. > 50% implemented 3. Started 4. approved 5. submitted 6. planned	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP 1. normal 2. pilot 3. YEI	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations (if necessary)

Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them

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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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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

Figures calculated automatically by the SFC2014 based on categorisation data.

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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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

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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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)

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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

The programme is contributing to the European Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR) during its implementation. Various priority areas of EUSDR and EUSAIR are reflected in the thematic objectives of the programme, as laid down in the CP.

Within the application the contribution to the relevant macro-regional strategies has to be described by the project partners. The 22 projects approved within the three deadlines of the Open Call of the CP Interreg V-A Slovenia-Croatia are contributing to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR) and EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR). The approved projects are contributing to the following pillars and priority areas of macro-regional strategies:

Priority areas of macro-regional strategies:

a) EUSDR (Slovenia, Croatia):

Main pillars: Connect the region, Protecting the environment, Strengthening the region, Building prosperity

- PA 02 – Culture and tourism

1st deadline

ENJOYHERITAGE

DETOX

Mala barka 2

2nd deadline

Riviera4Seasons2

CLAUSTRA+

ECool-Tour

Prebujanje / Buđenje

ZELENO ŽELIMO

ŽIVA COPRNIJA

MISTERION

KRASn'KRŠ

Uživam tradicijo

3rd deadline

RIDE&BIKE II

INSPIRACIJA

MITSKI PARK

kuLTura

Prehistory Adventure

NATURE&WILDLIFE

MINE TOUR

In cultura veritas

LIVING CASTLES

Kaštelir

- PA 05 – Environmental risks (FRISCO1, FRISCO2.1, FRISCO 2.2, FRISCO 2.3)

b) EUSAIR (Slovenia, Croatia);

Main pillars: 1. Blue growth, 2. Connecting the region, 3. Environmental quality, 4. Sustainable tourism

- Topic 4.1 Diversified tourism offers (the same projects as EUSDR PA03 (Culture and tourism))

An example of projects contributing to the EUSDR are all four FRISCO projects. The first project (FRISCO1) started in April 2016 with the objective to improve coordinated flood risk management and reduce flood risks. The main outputs are sets of joint models, maps and tools for each of the six target transboundary river basins (Kupa/Kolpa, Sutla/Sotla, Drava, Mura, Dragonja and Bregana) with the associated design documentation for optimal structural measures, improved physical alert systems, and the outputs of awareness raising/capacity building activities. The ultimate beneficiary of the project is the affected population in the border area between Slovenia and Croatia. The project's objectives can only be achieved through cross-border cooperation because, in line with the Floods Directive, the flood risk management planning should be done following the river basin approach in order to determine the optimal measures. The project is original because of its comprehensiveness, both in terms of spatial coverage (all transboundary river basins) and in terms of the scope of measures (all key non-structural measures covering preparedness, prevention and response). FRISCO2.1, FRISCO 2.2, FRISCO 2.3 are investment projects, where cross-border cooperation is of vital importance as any flood risk reduction measure on a transboundary river needs to be bilaterally coordinated to avoid one-sided approaches that could endanger the other side.

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

Not applicable for AIR 2021

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:

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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
<i>Not applicable for AIR 2021</i>	<i>Not applicable for AIR 2021</i>

PART C

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.

<i>Not applicable for AIR 2021</i>

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).

<i>Not applicable for AIR 2021</i>
