



## INFORMATION FOR BENEFICIARIES

### of the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme regarding project implementation in the context of coronavirus disease COVID-19

Having in mind the provisions of art. 7 Rights and duties of the parties, paragraph 16, section Managing Authority of the subsidy contract, art. 7 Rights and duties of the parties, paragraph 11, section Managing Authority of the co-financing contract, art. 6 Rights and duties of the parties, paragraph 11, section Managing Authority of the monitoring agreement,

In the context of the current outbreak of coronavirus disease (COVID-19), the threat of a pandemic that has become very real and the World Health Organization recommended actions related to the measures that restrict the movement of people during this outbreak, movement that should be proportionate to the public health risk, short in duration and reviewed regularly as more information about the virus, the disease epidemiology and clinical characteristics becomes available,

Taking into consideration the preventive measures recommended by both Romanian and Bulgarian Governments regarding the presence and transmission of the new type of coronavirus among the population, as well as the announcement of positive COVID-19-test results in the eligible area of the Romania-Bulgaria Programme (Slatina - Romania and Pleven and Veliko Tarnovo - Bulgaria),

And the necessity to activate coordination mechanisms as early as possible and well before community transmission of COVID-19 occurs widely,

the Managing Authority issues the following:

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**Article 1.** Having in mind the preventive health measures recommended by both national governments in relation to COVID-19, the Programme management structures reiterate the importance of Programme beneficiaries taking precautionary measures, such as restricting the movement of people during this outbreak or replacing events, when possible, with virtual meetings (replacing an actual meeting with an online meetings requires just a notification).

In this respect, when the COVID-19 situation is deeply affecting your project implementation, we strongly recommend you to take appropriate measures such as



reviewing the planned project activities/events to see what activities/events can be postpone to a later date.

In order to help you better organize your project activities, we provide you a risk assessment developed by the Romanian Ministry of Internal Affairs based on the evolving situation and needs (the risk assessment is attached to the Information). Please consider when organizing meetings or events.

When Coronavirus disease (COVID-19) has any negative effects on your project activities or the events, meetings, workshops, seminars cannot take place in compliance with the project activities mentioned in the application form and the project results and outputs are not achieved according to originally planned in the application form, the Lead beneficiary may appeal to the contractual provisions available for such situations.

If project partners cannot, due to justified circumstances, take the above mentioned measures, the partners may ask the reimbursement of expenditures incurred but whose activity that has generated the expenditure were not realized (e.g. hotel bills, travel tickets for the canceled events due to COVID-19).

Our priority is well-being and safety of all of you and that is why we provide this information to immediately support Programme beneficiaries to prepare for and respond to the evolving position regarding COVID-19 in order to prevent and combat the illness.

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Characteristics of event			Level of risk	Risk score : Low-1 Moderate-2 High -3
1.	Type of event	Sportive	Moderate	
		Religious	High	
		Cultural	Moderate	
		Festival/ Concert	Moderate	
		Conference	Moderate	
2.	Level of activity	Seated	Low	
		Standing	Moderate	
		Mobile	High	
3.	Duration	< 24 hours	Low	
		1 day - 1 week	Moderate	
		>1 week	High	
4.	Frequency	Recurrence	High	
		Unique	Low	
5.	Participants	Local in unaffected areas	Low	
		Local in affected areas	High	
		National with participants from unaffected areas	Low	
		National with participants from affected areas	High	
		International with participants from unaffected areas	Low	
		International with participants from affected areas	High	
6.	Density	Low density	Low	
		Average density	Moderate	
		High density	High	
7.	Age of participants	Children and teens	Low	
		Adults	Moderate	
		Elderly	High	
8.	Place of the event	In closed spaces	High	
		Outdoor	Low	
		Surrounded by fences	High	
9.	Hygiene/ Sanitation	no hygiene	High	
		Places for washing hands	Low	
		Temporary Toilets	Moderate	
		Permanent Toilets	Low	
			Total	

Assessment of the risk for the event:

- Low: Score 9-14 points
- Moderate: Score 15-19 points
- High: Score over 20 points