

Interreg IPA Cross-border Cooperation Programme Croatia – Bosnia and Herzegovina – Montenegro 2014-2020

Annex 14: Functions of the Managing Authority

The Managing Authority in particular:

- Ensures to manage the cooperation programme in accordance with the principle of sound financial management;
- In line with Article 125 (2) a), supports the Joint Monitoring Committee and provides it with the information it requires to carry out its tasks, in particular data relating to the progress of the cooperation programme in achieving its objectives, financial data and data relating to indicators;
- In line with Article 125 (2) b), draws up and, after approval by the Joint Monitoring Committee, submits to the European Commission annual and final implementation reports;
- In line with Article 125 (2) c), makes available to project partners information that is relevant to the execution of their tasks and the implementation of their operations and, in line with Article 125 (3) c), ensures that the beneficiaries are provided with a document setting out the conditions for support for each operation including the specific requirements concerning the products or services to be delivered under the operation, the financing plan, and the time-limit for execution;
- In line with Article 125 (2) d), establishes a system to record and store in computerised form data on each project necessary for monitoring, evaluation, financial management, verification and audit, including data on individual participants in operations, where applicable;
- In line with Article 125 (2) e), ensures that the data referred to in the point above is collected, entered and stored in the system;
- In line with Article 125 (3) a), draws up for the approval of the Joint Monitoring Committee, appropriate project selection procedures and criteria that are non-discriminatory and transparent, ensure the contribution of operations to the achievement of the specific objectives and results of the relevant priority axes, and that take into account the general principles set out in Articles 7 and 8 of the CPR;
- In line with Article 125 (3) b), ensures that selected operations fall within the programme scope and objectives and can be attributed to a category of intervention identified in the priority axis or axes of the programme and determines the category of intervention to which the expenditure of an operation shall be attributed;
- In line with Article 125 (3) d), verifies, in close collaboration with the participating country, that the beneficiary has the administrative, financial and operational capacity to fulfil the defined conditions before project approval and sets appropriate measures;
- In line with Article 125 (3) e), verifies that, where the operation has started before the submission of an application for funding to the managing authority, applicable Union and national rules relevant to the operation have been complied with;
- In line with Article 125 (3) f), ensures that an applicant does not receive support from the Funds where it has been, or should have been, subject to a procedure of recovery in accordance with Article 71 of the CPR following the relocation of a productive activity within the Union;
- Verifies that the expenditure of each Lead Beneficiary and project partner participating in the operation has been verified by the designated controller (Article 23(4) of the ETC Regulation);
- Ensures that administrative verifications in respect of each application for reimbursement by beneficiaries and on-the-spot verifications of operations are carried out by the authorised and responsible bodies;
- In line with Article 125 (4) c), puts in place effective and proportionate anti-fraud measures taking into account the risks identified;

- In line with Article 125 (4) d), ensures to set up a procedure that all documents regarding expenditure and audits required to ensure an adequate audit trail are held in accordance with the requirements of Article 72(g) of the CPR;
- In line with Article 125 (4) e) of CPR Regulation, draws up the management declaration and annual summary referred to in Article 59(5) and of the Financial Regulation;
- Transmits financial data in line with Article 112 of the CPR.
- In line with Article 8 (13) of ETC Regulation, notifies the Commission of any decision amending the elements of the cooperation programme not covered by the Commission decision referred to in Article 8 (12), within one month of the date of that amending decision.
- In line with Article 20 (2) of ETC Regulation, may accept that all or part of an operation is implemented outside the Union part of the programme area, provided that all of the conditions enlisted in Article 20(2) of ETC have been satisfied.
- In line with Article 23 of ETC, satisfies itself that the expenditure of each beneficiary participating in an operation has been verified by a designated controller.
- In line with Article 27(2), ensures that any amount paid as a result of an irregularity is recovered from the lead or sole beneficiary. Beneficiaries shall repay to the lead beneficiary any amounts unduly paid.
- In line with Article 27(3), shall be responsible for reimbursing the amounts concerned to the general budget of the Union, in accordance with the apportionment of liabilities among the participating countries as laid down in the cooperation programme.
- Submits requests for amendment of the cooperation programmes to the European Commission in line with Article 30 of CPR
- informs the certifying authority of the schedule of payments for current and subsequent financial year
- In cooperation with the participating countries, in line with Articles 47 and 48 of CPR and Article 38 (1) of Commission Implementing Regulation, sets up a joint monitoring committee, in accordance with its institutional, legal and financial framework, to monitor implementation of the programme
- in line with Article 55 of Regulation (EU) No1303/2013, ensures carrying out ex-ante evaluations
- in line with Article 66 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 ensures that in the case of repayable assistance, the support repaid to the competent authority that provided it, shall be kept in a separate account or separated with accounting codes and reused for the same purpose or in accordance with the objectives of the cooperation programme
- in line with Article 71 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, monitors durability of operations
- acts in line with Articles 87 and 88 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 related to the reduction of the amount concerned by decommitment
- in line with Article 112 (1) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 42 (3) of Implementing Regulation (EU) No 447/2014, transmits financial data to the Commission
- in line with Article 114 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, draws up the evaluation plans and provides the resources necessary for carrying out evaluations
- in line with Articles 115 and 116 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, it is responsible for the information and communication activities of cooperation programme
- in line with Article 117 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, designates an information and communication officer on the cooperation programme's level
- in line with Article 122 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, ensures that no later than 31 December 2015 all exchanges of information between beneficiaries and managing authority, certifying authority, audit authority and control bodies can be carried out by means of electronic data exchange systems

- if and when applicable, in line with Article 31 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 submits the request to the Commission for the EIB to participate in activities in relation to the preparation of operations in particular major projects, financial instruments and PPPs
- if and when applicable, acts in line with Articles 32-35 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013
- if and when applicable, in line with Article 61 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, determines the method for monitoring operations which generate net revenue
- if and when applicable, in line with Article 105 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, submits a proposal for a joint action plan and sets up a steering committee for the joint action plan in line with Article 108 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013
- if and when applicable, in line with Article 13 (3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, ensures dissemination of the Commission guidance to potential beneficiaries
- in line with Article 143 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, ensures mechanisms for making necessary financial corrections in connection with individual or systemic irregularities
- if and when applicable, in carrying out the procedure laid down in Article 145 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 cooperates with the Commission and submits to the Commission all relevant information
- in accordance with communication strategy of cooperation programme, carries out the information and communication activities and ensures that these activities are implemented by final beneficiaries and beneficiaries on project level