

***Second meeting of the Monitoring Committee  
30-31 January 2024, Bucharest, Romania***

During January 30-31, 2024, in Bucharest, Romania, the second meeting of the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme Monitoring Committee took place, bringing together the representatives of the eight participating countries (Armenia, Bulgaria, Georgia, Greece, the Republic of Moldova, Romania, Turkey and Ukraine), the European Commission, Managing Authority, Joint Secretariat, TESIM project and Audit Authority.

The Monitoring Committee approved the new generation of projects to be funded under the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme: **33 projects** (20 regular projects and 13 small scale projects), with a total value of **30.5 million Euro** in Interreg funds and involving **151 partners** from all participating countries. The projects were selected from the applications submitted during the first calls for project proposals.

Furthermore, the Monitoring Committee discussed the perspective of achieving the targets set for Programme indicators and the use of available funds, as well as the main content of Application Packs for the second calls for project proposals to be launched under the Programme during the next period.

**DECISIONS adopted:**

- to approve the results of the quality assessment of applications submitted during the first calls for project proposals launched under the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme;
- to approve the use of remaining funds for selecting additional projects from the reserve list;
- To mandate the MA to make, during the contracting process, the necessary adjustments for the selected projects in order to raise the level of coherence between the outputs, results and activities, while respecting the conditions established in the Guidelines for applicants and the definitions in the Performance Framework Methodology, and to increase the possibility of reporting realistic achievements
- to maintain the categories of eligible applicants for the second calls for project proposals to be launched under the Interreg NEXT Black Sea Basin Programme Monitoring Committee.