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of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme regarding project implementation in the context of coronavirus disease COVID-19

Having in mind the provisions of art. 1. Purpose of the contract and general provisions, sub-article 1.12 of the grant contract,

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 all participating countries’ Governments and by the European Commission 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 Black Sea Basin Programme,

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 the 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.

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 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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