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NOTE FOR BENEFICIARIES

of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme regarding indicative measures possibly to be taken during project implementation in order to deal with health related risks caused by COVID-19

Acknowledging the current situation generated by COVID-19, respectively the pandemic declared by the World Health Organization,

Having in mind the state of emergency declared on the territories of all countries participating in the Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme,

Considering the necessity to address the negative consequences of the current crisis caused by the pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) with implications on the implementation of projects,

In line with the draft Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative (CRII) of the EU, which allows for a flexibly respond to the rapidly emerging needs of programmes funded under the European Structural and Investment Funds in order to mitigate the impact of the coronavirus crisis,

The Managing Authority issues the following:

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1. Beneficiaries may consider using their potential economies under any budget line and irrespective of the group of activities, for making acquisitions related to the fight against COVID-19, for purposes linked with the project objective(s).

In this respect, the request to modify the Application Form for this purpose only does not fall under any of the cases for which an addendum to the grant contracts needs to be signed, as described in the Project Implementation Manual and in the Article 4.5 of MA Instruction no.16/20.02.2019, therefore it shall be included in the category of modifications whose object meets the notification.





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Nevertheless JTS written confirmation specifying the acceptance or rejection of the proposed modification(s) is required. The notifications above mentioned are verified under the same verification rules as the other types of notifications.

The request to modify the Application Form in order to use the potential savings in the fight against COVID-19 shall not be linked to any other request which may fall under other cases for which an Addendum or a Notification is required, as indicated in the MA Instruction no.16/20.02.2019.

The deadline for submitting a request for modification, as mentioned in the Project Implementation Manual, Chapter 8.2 (at least 10 working days before the date on which the changes shall be implemented) is not mandatory for this specific notifications submitted in order to use the potential economies for making acquisitions related to the fight against COVID-19.

Beneficiaries shall observe all other requirements as regards steps and documents to be provided when submitting the Notifications, as mentioned in the Project Implementation Manual.

Also, in order to observe the coordination mechanism and to avoid any risks of double financing, the proposed modifications requested by the beneficiaries in order to use the potential savings in the fight against this pandemic, must be accompanied by a declaration in which the beneficiaries declare that the proposed activities/acquisitions are not subject of double financing.

2. Beneficiaries may consider taking any of the following indicative measures in order to reduce the health related risks caused by COVID-19 during project implementation and to increase the capacity of stakeholders to timely deal with the crisis:

- a) purchase of sanitary or protective equipment, devices, signalling plaques relevant for the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak, for the use of partners, target groups participating in project activities, cleaning actions, etc (e.g biocides, hand sanitizers, facemasks, gloves, biocides disposables, antiseptic carpets, UV lamps, contact-less thermometers, etc);
- b) set up suitable decontamination/desinfection arrangements at the entrance of museums, touristic places, other locations where small scale investments were funded under the BSB project), display of educational and protective plaques;
- c) include in various materials (brochures, leaflets, etc) elaborated in the project, of Coronavirus related educational and protective information;





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- d) support the target groups, as the case may be, with advice on actions to be taken to mitigate the effects of COVID-19 on their activity, or by adapting/adding related topics in the training curricula, etc.
3. Prior consultation with JTS officers with regard to the modifications proposed at partnership level is recommended.
4. With the exception of acquisitions which can be considered COVID related consumables (e.g gloves, facemasks, etc), for all other COVID related equipment (e.g decontamination/disinfection gate/unit, etc), beneficiaries will observe the communication and visibility rules of the programme. Consultation with JTS communication officer is recommended in this respect.
5. All procurements will be made in line with the Programme rules.

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