



MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT,  
PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATION

**NOTE FOR BENEFICIARIES**

of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020

regarding rules for the reimbursement of costs for COVID tests in projects funded under the ENI CBC Joint Operational Programmes “Black Sea Basin” 2014-2020

Acknowledging the current situation generated by new coronavirus, respectively the pandemic of coronavirus disease (COVID-19) declared by the World Health Organization, Having in mind the restrictions imposed by certain countries on entering on their territory, 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 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 who have in their approved project activities involving travelling abroad to/from countries where COVID 19 test are required, and who have savings in the approved project budget under Budget lines 'Travel and accommodation' and/or 'External Expertise and services', should be aware that:
  - COVID 19 tests costs may be reimbursed from 'Travel and accommodation' budget line for:
    - project staff, or representatives of the Lead Beneficiary/beneficiaries who execute tasks directly related to the project;



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- guests, target groups and/or final beneficiaries for whom transport expenses are covered from 'Travel and accommodation' budget line, if there were budgeted.
  - COVID 19 tests costs may be reimbursed from 'External Expertise and services' budget line for:
    - guests, target group and/or final beneficiaries for whom transport expenses are covered from 'External Expertise and services' budget line;
    - experts foreseen to be contracted and involved in project implementation.
2. The reallocation of savings among different sub-budget lines within the same main budget line 'External Expertise and services' or 'Travel and Accommodation' shall be made through a notification, according to the provisions of MA instruction no. 16.
  3. Beneficiaries shall observe the requirements as regards steps and documents to be provided when submitting the Notifications, while in this case the deadline (at least 10 working days before the date on which the changes shall be implemented) is not mandatory.
  4. Supporting documents for the COVID 19 tests costs will be provided by all beneficiaries during financial reporting - interim or final report (uploaded in the eMS), according to the programme requirements. For details, please see Project Implementation Manual - Section 6.5.3 Supporting documents required for expenditure verification.
  5. If no savings are registered under 'Travel and accommodation' or 'External expertise and services', the COVID 19 tests costs may be reimbursed from 'Office and administration' budget line.
  6. Prior consultation with JTS officers with regard to the modifications proposed at project level is recommended.

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