



Ministry of Development,
Public Works and Administration

**INSTRUCTION No.44 of 18th of December 2023
FOR BENEFICIARIES**

**of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020
regarding the maximum date for submitting the Final reports**

Having in mind the provisions of art. 1.12 of the grant contract, related to the right of the Managing Authority to issue mandatory instructions,

Considering the provisions of Art 5.5 b of the Grant Contract, related to right of the Managing Authority to reduce the 6 months period for submission of the Final report by beneficiaries,

Having regard to article 48.2a of the Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014 of 18 August 2014 laying down specific provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EU) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument, subsequently modified,

Complementing the provisions of the NOTE for Beneficiaries regarding payments included in Interim and Final report within ENI CBC Joint Operational Programmes “Black Sea Basin” 2014-2020, issued by the Head of Managing Authority on 1st of July 2021,

Considering the need to timely carry out the necessary actions related to the closure of projects financed under the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020, and in order to meet the deadline set up in article 77 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2014/897 of 14 August 2014 for closure of the Programme, the Managing Authority issues the following:

**INSTRUCTION FOR BENEFICIARIES
of projects BSB 802, BSB 1108, BSB 1010**

Article 1.

The final date for eligibility of expenditure (including payment) of projects under ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020 is 31st of December 2023. All expenditure incurred or paid after the respective date cannot be declared and shall be supported by the beneficiaries from their own budget.



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Article 2

All final project reports shall be submitted in the eMS to the Joint Technical Secretariat for the administrative verification, by the **latest 30th of April 2024**. Failure of the Lead Beneficiaries to submit the final report within this deadline may lead to the withdrawal of access rights in eMS for the lead beneficiary and all beneficiaries of the respective projects.

Article 3

The Lead beneficiary shall take the necessary measures in order to ensure that all project partners are submitting their mandatory contributions and reports for drafting and submitting the project final report. In this respect, the following intermediate deadlines should be duly observed:

- The latest up to the end of January 2024 - deadline (in line with Article 6.2 of Annex 2 of MA Instruction no.15) for **project partners to request** from the controllers the verification of all expenditure paid until 31st of December 2023. Failure of the beneficiaries to submit the requests to the controllers by this date or failure to answer the controller's request for clarifications within the given deadlines or refusing to accept the on-the-spot verification on the date notified by the controller may result in the controller declaring all the requested expenditure as non-eligible.
- The latest up to the end of March 2024 - deadline (in line with Article 6.3 of Annex 2 of MA Instruction no.15) for the controllers to deliver the report and issue the certificate to the respective partner;

Article 4

This instruction will be communicated by the Joint Technical Secretariat to the beneficiaries via electronic email and publication on the Programme's website.

Article 5

This instruction enters into force at the date of its signature.

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**Head of the Managing Authority for
ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020**



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