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DIRECTORATE MANAGING AUTHORITY FOR EUROPEAN TERITORIAL COOPERATION Managing Authority for Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020

INSTRUCTION NR.21 of 26.02,2020

TO: Beneficiaries of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020 regarding date from which the suspension of project implementation period starts

FROM: Iulia HERTZOG, Head of the Managing Authority, Directorate Managing Authority for European Territorial Cooperation

Ref.: Instruction to Beneficiaries of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020 regarding date from which the suspension of project implementation period starts or ends

Taking into consideration the need for a common understanding of the grant contract by both beneficiaries and Managing Authority, and also the provisions of the grant contract article 1.12, the MANAGING AUTHORITY HAS ISSUED THE FOLLOWING

INSTRUCTION FOR BENEFICIARIES

Article 1.

1.1 To use the possibility of suspension of implementation period, foreseen by Articles 16.2 and 16.3 (Suspension by the Lead Beneficiary), all Beneficiaries should take into account that the suspension shall be communicated without delay, in writing, to the Managing Authority, after obtaining the written agreement of all project beneficiaries. The communication shall contain all information foreseen by Article 16.2 and by indicating the start date of the suspension as well as the duration.

After verifying the circumstances described by the beneficiary, the MA shall issue a decision of the representative of MA signing the contract, confirming the suspension of the contract starting with the date indicated by the Lead beneficiary. If there is a risk that the suspension, as presented by the beneficiary, jeopardizes the implementation of the project, the MA may agree with the



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suspension under specific conditions or may reject the proposal. The MA will communicate without delay its decision to the beneficiary.

During the suspension period no activity shall be performed by any of the project partners.

Extension of the suspension period may be requested by the Lead Beneficiary and the suspension will be considered as continuous, provided that the request is made during the suspension period and approved by the MA under the same conditions as described above.

- 1.2 If circumstances that led to the suspension cease to affect the project implementation at any time during the period of suspension communicated to MA, the Lead Beneficiary may decide, in agreement with all project partners, to resume the implementation of the project activities before the suspension deadline, and inform without delay the MA. The MA shall issue a decision of the representative of MA signing the contract, confirming the earlier restart of project implementation, starting with the date indicated by the Lead beneficiary in its written information.
- Article 2. Regarding the provisions of Article 16.4 (Suspension by the Managing Authority) all Beneficiaries should take into account that the suspension of the contract shall start with the date mentioned in the Notification sent by the Managing Authority to the Lead Beneficiary.
- **Article 3.** This instruction will be communicated by the Joint Technical Secretariat to the beneficiaries via electronic email and publication on the Programme's website.

Article 4. This instruction entries into force at the date of its signature.

Iulia HERTZOG

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