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INSTRUCTION No.30/26.03.2021

FOR BENEFICIARIES

of the ENI CBC Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin Programme 2014-2020 regarding specific provisions for the maximum deadline for the implementation of projects funded under the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020

Having regard to:

- The Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 897 of 18 August 2014 laying down specific provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes financed under Regulation (EC) No 232/2014 of the European Parliament and of the Council establishing a European Neighbourhood Instrument (ENI CBC Implementing Rules),
- The Decision of the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin 2014-2020 Joint Monitoring Committee dated 27 October 2020, approving the revision of the Joint Operational Programme as regard the timeframe for the implementation and closure of the programme and projects in accordance with the amendment of ENI CBC Implementing Rules, according to which all project activities financed by the programme “*shall end on 31 December 2023, at the latest*”,
- Provisions of Article 16.1 - *Extension of the grant contract*, allowing project beneficiaries to extend the project implementation duration specified in Article 2.3 of the grant contract,
- The Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/879 of 23 June 2020 amending Implementing Regulation (EU) No 897/2014 as regards specific provisions to align the provisions for the implementation of cross-border cooperation programmes financed under the European Neighbourhood Instrument with specific measures in response to the COVID-19 pandemic (OJ L 203, 26.6.2020), and, in particular, the Article 1 para 7 (b) stating: Article 48 is amended as follows:

[...]

(b) the following paragraph 2a is inserted:



'2a. Notwithstanding Article 19(1), expenditure shall not be eligible for the Union contribution, where it is paid after 31 December 2023.',

the Managing Authority issues the following:

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Article 1. In order for all expenditure declared under the project to be eligible for Union contribution, in addition to fulfilling the criteria provided in article 48 2 a)-g) of the *Commission Implementing Regulation (EC) No 897/2014* as modified by the *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 879/2020*, the beneficiaries are strongly recommended to finalise all project activities no later than 31st of July 2023. After that date, but no later than the deadline of 31 December 2023, set by Article 1 (7) (b) of *Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/879 of 23 June 2020*, only activities related to the closure of projects should be carried out and related payments should be made by beneficiaries.

Article 2. When submitting requests for amendment of the grant contract with the purpose of the extension of implementation period, or requests for suspension of the implementation period, the beneficiaries shall duly consider the provisions and deadlines mentioned at Article 1 above.

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. The provisions laid down in this Instruction are applicable to all beneficiaries of a grant contract under the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Joint Operational Programme 2014-2020, in accordance with Article 1.12 of the grant contract.

Article 5. This instruction entries into force at the date of its signature.

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Joint Operational Programme Black Sea Basin 2014-2020**