



MINISTRY OF DEVELOPMENT,
PUBLIC WORKS AND ADMINISTRATION

NOTE FOR BENEFICIARIES

regarding payments included in Interim and Final report within ENI CBC Joint Operational Programmes “Black Sea Basin” 2014-2020

Taking into consideration article 48 of 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), with subsequent amendments,

Having in view the provisions of articles 5.5. and 8.1 of the Grant Contract signed by the beneficiaries for projects financed under ENI CBC Joint Operational Programmes “Black Sea Basin” 2014-2020,

Taking into consideration the need for a common understanding of the grant contract by both beneficiaries and Managing Authority,

The Managing Authority issues the following:

NOTE FOR BENEFICIARIES

1. According to art 8.1 of the Grant Contract, ***“eligible costs are actual costs incurred by the Lead Beneficiary and/or the Beneficiaries which meet all the following criteria:***
 - a) ***they are incurred during the implementation period of the project as specified in Article 2. In particular:***
 - (i) ***Costs relating to services and works shall relate to activities performed during the implementation period. Costs relating to supplies shall relate to delivery and installation of items during the implementation period. Signature of a contract, placing an order or entering into any commitment for expenditure within the implementation period for future delivery of services, works or supplies after***



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expiry of the implementation period do not meet this requirement. Cash transfers between the Lead Beneficiary and/or the Beneficiaries may not be considered as costs incurred;

(ii) Costs incurred should be paid before the submission of the final reports;" (...)

2. Expenditure is considered **incurred** when the activity that has generated the expenditure (for example the works executed in accordance with the conditions of the contract) has been completed or the services foreseen in a contract have been provided. By contrast, expenditure is considered **paid** when the corresponding amount has been debited from the accounts of the beneficiary and transferred to the accounts of the contractor.
3. Beneficiaries may include in the interim report expenditure() incurred between the start date of the project and the end date of the relevant reporting period, and paid within the same reporting period.
4. For final report, beneficiaries may include, expenditure(s) incurred between the first day after the interim reporting period and end of implementation period, and paid before the submission of the final report to the controller.

The final report may also include other expenditures not included in the Interim report, if the case, incurred between the start date of the project and paid before the submission of the final report to the controller.

5. Supporting documents to the expenditure(s) declared (e.g invoice, contract, take over certificates or confirmation of service delivery - documents indicating the completion of the operation, or any other accounting documents of equivalent probative value, etc) must be issued during the implementation period and demonstrate that the costs have been incurred during the reporting period.
6. An exception is made only for:
 - a) costs related to studies and documentation for projects including an infrastructure component, which were required during the evaluation stage of project. These costs may be incurred after the approval date of Programme, respectively 18 December 2015, and have to be paid before the submission of the final report to the controller (art 8.1.h/Grant Contract);
 - b) expenditure verification costs, and, if the case, final evaluation of the project, which may be incurred after the implementation period of the project. The supporting documents have to be issued and these costs have to be paid before the submission of the final report to the controller (art. 8.1.a.iii/Grant Contract).

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