



Information on the control systems and national co-financing systems in the partner states





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Introduction

This document summarises the most important information regarding the control systems and national co-financing systems in the partner states of the Danube Region Programme.

Applicants and project partners can gain basic understanding of control system in relevant partner state, including the information on source of financing of the control costs and contact details of relevant control body. Furthermore, applicants and project partners can learn about national co-financing system in the relevant partner state, including the information related to state contribution (if the country provides it or not) and contact details of the national contact point.

For more detailed information on control systems, national co-financing systems and rules applied at national level, the relevant contact person provided in the document shall be contacted.



1. Control procedure in the Danube Region Programme

- 1) Each project partner as well as the lead partner (in this case the lead partner is also considered as project partner) has to submit a partner report to declare its expenditure relevant for a reporting period for validation to the responsible Controller through the electronic data exchange system of the Programme. **Each project partner as well as the lead partner is responsible separately for having its expenditure validated by the responsible Controller in its partner state.** The lead partner is not requested to appoint a controller for checking the expenditure declared by the project partners, thus the Controller of the lead partner does not issue a Control certificate covering the entire validated expenditure of the whole partnership.
- 2) **The Controller verifies the expenditure** declared by the project partner/lead partner in the system, on the basis of the invoices or accounting documents of equivalent probative value, verifies the delivery of the products and services co-financed, the soundness of the expenditure declared, and the compliance of such expenditure with EU rules and relevant national rules.
- 3) After verification, **the Controller issues the Control certificate** generated by the system.
- 4) After the verification is finalised by the Controller in the system, **the project partner has to submit the partner report and the control certificate to the lead partner** through the system.
- 5) **The Lead Partner based on the Partner Reports submitted prepares the Progress Report in the system.** The Lead Partner also prepares the **application for reimbursement**; the expenditure verified by the Controllers (i.e. financial data of the Control Certificate) is automatically aggregated to project level providing the data of the Application for Reimbursement.
- 6) The Lead Partner has to submit the **progress report and the application for reimbursement** to the MAJS **within a period of 3 months from the end of each reporting period** through the system.



2. Control systems in the partner states

According to Article 46(3) of the Interreg Regulation each partner state shall set up a control system to validate the expenditure at national level. Controllers will be designated by each partner state to ensure that management verifications referred to in point (a) of Article 74(1) of the CPR. Controller shall be responsible for verifying the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared by each project partner participating in the project.

The control system is **centralised in 11 Partner States** of the Danube Transnational Programme, including **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine**, and a **decentralised control system** is set up in 3 Partner States including **Austria, Germany and Moldova**.

The control costs are financed by national public sources in case of centralised control systems, therefore the verification of expenditure is ensured free for the project partners coming from these partner states. In case of the decentralised systems, the control costs are planned to be paid by the project partners from their project budget.



3. Overview of national co-financing systems

Under the Danube Region Programme, projects are co-financed by Interreg funds (integrated ERDF, IPA and ENDICI Funds). **The co-financing rate per partner is 80%** for each project partner. The remaining budget (20%) can be covered by the following sources:

- **State contribution** (where applicable) and/or
- Own sources (can be public or private) of the project participant and/or
- Other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources)

This document contains **summary information on the national co-financing systems** for the following reason:

State contribution has to be indicated in the application form only in case the partner state provides national public contribution at state level for the projects selected by the monitoring committee, and therefore the amount is covered in total or partially by the state.

Please note, that this document is prepared only for information purposes and does not constitutes part of the relevant call for proposals.

For more detailed information on the national co-financing systems and rules to be applied at national level, the contact persons provided in the document or the National Contact Points (NCPs) should be contacted before submission of the application form.



Partner State: AUSTRIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Austria?	Decentralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Regions and Water Management (BML)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>Austria has chosen to implement a decentralised control system. The “15a-Agreement” (the Agreement between federal and regional level pursuant to Art. 15a of the Federal Constitutional Act on the Management and Control System in Austria for the Structural Funds period 2021-2022) constitutes the legal basis for the organisation of the control system in Austria. The control system in Austria is organized in a decentralized way: The Federal Provinces of Burgenland and Salzburg control beneficiaries (= project partners) within their sphere of influence, for all other beneficiaries the management verifications are carried out by the Federal Accounting Agency (BHAG).</p> <p>The area of responsibility of the provinces of Burgenland and Salzburg includes the following</p>



project partners:

- all beneficiaries assignable to the thematic sphere of action of the Province of Burgenland or Salzburg or acting on behalf of the province of Burgenland or Salzburg;
- all beneficiaries whose project receives funding from provincial funds of Burgenland or Salzburg; in cases the beneficiary receives national funding from more than one federal or provincial institutions, the assignment follows the biggest share of funding.
- all beneficiaries who are by majority funded by the province of Burgenland or Salzburg or whose bodies are by majority-delegated by one of the two federal provinces;
- all beneficiaries within the jurisdiction or acting on behalf of cities or municipalities located in Burgenland or Salzburg or all beneficiaries whose project receives funding from cities or municipalities located in Burgenland or Salzburg.

Concluding, there are the following control bodies in Austria in the program period 2021-2027:

1. Buchhaltungsagentur des Bundes (Federal Accounting Agency), contract between BML and BHAG
2. Public Control Body in Province Salzburg
3. Public Control Body in Province Burgenland

The majority of beneficiaries will be controlled by the Federal Accounting Agency (BHAG).

Each beneficiary will be assigned to either of the above controllers after project approval in the MC but before the first project report is due. The assignment will be done by the NCCB in cooperation with Art. 15a contracting parties. Following, each beneficiary will contract its controller individually with a standard national control contract provided by the NCCB. By doing so, the beneficiary also commits to comply with all relevant EU-legal, program-specific and national requirements regarding the verification and certification of its project costs, as well as to bear the costs for all services to be provided by the Controller in connection with the management verification.

A list of the Austrian control bodies and nominated national controllers is established ("Green List") and up-dated at national level indicating the names of the authorized national controllers. The latest version is published on the homepage of the NCP: <https://www.oerok.gv.at/kooperationen/info-service-oesterreich-ncp/finanzkontrollsystem-in-oesterreich>.

Further information on the Austrian control system can be found under the following link: <https://www.oerok.gv.at/kooperationen/info-service-oesterreich-ncp/finanzkontrollsystem-in-oesterreich>



CONTROL COSTS

Control costs have to be borne by the Lead Beneficiary/Project partner and can be reported as eligible cost within the project under the Cost Category 4 “External expertise and service costs” providing that these costs were budgeted in the application form and approved in the subsidy contract by the Managing Authority.

Depending on the responsible control body, the control costs are as follows:

1. BHAG: The control costs will amount to 5% of the total reported REAL costs plus a singular fee of 300 € (no VAT will be charged).
2. Regional Government of Salzburg: The control costs will amount to 3% of the total reported REAL costs plus a singular fee of 1.000 € (no VAT will be charged).
3. Regional Government of Burgenland / Wirtschaftsagentur Burgenland GmbH: not known yet.

Based on a standardized contract between beneficiary and the responsible national controller, each beneficiary receives the invoices for its control costs and has to pay the controller accordingly.

More information can be found at: <https://www.oerok.gv.at/kooperationen/info-service-oesterreich-ncp/finanzkontrollsystem-in-oesterreich>

Is there a national co-financing system <u>for state contribution</u> established in Austria?	NO
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National Contact Point:	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS

AUSTRIA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION AUTOMATICALLY.

There is no automatic public co-financing system provided by the Austrian state. Therefore, Austrian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. national/regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM

Not Applicable



Partner State: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Which model of Control System is set up by Bosnia and Herzegovina?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BiH
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Responsible person:	Vera Letica, Assisstant minister
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Division for financing of EU Programmes and Projects - Central Financing and Contracting Unit (CFCU) within the Ministry of Finance and Treasury is currently in the process of designation as Control Body for territorial cooperation programmes 2021-2027 implemented under shared and indirect management mode. The Control Body BiH performs verifications in 5 EU territorial cooperation programmes in which BiH participates.
CONTROL COSTS
Control activities provided by CFCU are free of charge for the Bosnia and Herzegovina's project partners.



Is there a national co-financing system for <u>state contribution</u> established Bosnia and Herzegovina?	NO
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National Contact Point:	
Name of the institution:	Directorate for European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
<p>BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION.</p> <p>Each Project Partner has to ensure 20% co-financing from public or private (its own) sources.</p>

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
<p>Not Applicable</p>



Partner State: BULGARIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Bulgaria?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
Address:	Sofia - 1202, 9 Stefan Karadzha Str.
Responsible person:	Milen Obretenov Director of "Territorial Cooperation Management" Directorate
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Republic of Bulgaria set up a centralised control system . FLC Unit within the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works is the designated Control Body.
CONTROL COSTS
Control activities provided by FLC Unit are free of charge for the Bulgarian project partners.



Is there a national co-financing system <u>for state contribution</u> established in Bulgaria?	YES
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Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works "Territorial Cooperation Management" Directorate
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
<p>After signing the Subsidy contract between the Lead Partner and the DRP Managing Authority /Joint Secretariat each Bulgarian project partner, who has indicated state contribution in its Application form, can submit a request to "Territorial Cooperation Management" Directorate for signing a contract for the national co-financing (up to 15 % of the Bulgarian partner budget). The national co-financing for all Bulgarian partners is ensured from the state budget through the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works. The rest of the required under the respective call national co-financing of the project partner budget is ensured as own contribution of the beneficiary.</p>



SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided automatically for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Yes
2	The national co-financing will be provided only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Not Applicable
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	Not Applicable
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable



6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	According to Council of Ministers Decision 450 from 7 July 2022, the maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget is 15% .
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	Yes
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	The maximum amount of state contribution is corresponding to 15% of the Partner budget
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	Yes Pre-financing is up to 80% of the provided state contribution
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	After project completion: - In case of provided pre-financing payment (up to 80%) - final balance of the national co-financing is paid following authorisation of the final reimbursement of ERDF to the project



		<p>partner by the LP/MAJS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - In case no pre-financing has been requested – the national co-financing to be reimbursed is calculated on the basis of the partner certified costs as final balance payment.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MAJS:	No
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MAJS:	Yes
11	If <u>only NO is selected</u> in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	Not applicable



Partner State: CROATIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Croatia?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and European Funds
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>Croatia has set up a centralised control system.</p> <p>In centralised control systems, a central body is appointed to carry out the control activities in accordance with article 46. (3) of the ETC Regulation No 2021/1059 and with reference to article 74. (1 and 2) of the CPR Regulation No 2021/1060.</p> <p>The control tasks are carried by the First level controllers, permanently employed staff contracted by the MRDEUF.</p> <p>The controllers are responsible for verifying the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared by each lead beneficiary and/or project partner participating in the project located on its territory. Following the completion of the control, Control Body issues Certificate on the eligible and validated expenditures to the lead beneficiary/project partner.</p>



CONTROL COSTS
Provision of national control to Croatian beneficiaries is free of charge .

Is there a national co-financing system <u>for state contribution</u> established in Croatia ?	NO
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National Contact Point:	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
Croatian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable



Partner State: CZECH REPUBLIC

Which model of Control System is set up by Czech Republic?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Centre for Regional Development of the Czech Republic (hereafter referred to as "CENTRE CR")
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>First level control system in the Czech Republic is centralised.</p> <p>The FLC body is CENTRE CR which is based in Prague. The FLC system is free of charge for the beneficiary. For the control of transnational cooperation programmes 3 regional branches are available – Brno, Praha and Ostrava, where FLC control of all CZ PP participating in Interreg DANUBE programme are performed.</p>



CONTROL COSTS
FLC system is financed by the State - The FLC system in the Czech Republic is free of charge for the project partners and thus no finances will be charged from the project partners to cover FLC costs.

Is there a national co-financing system <u>for state contribution</u> established in Czech Republic?	YES
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Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
<p>CZECH REPUBLIC PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION to selected institutions.</p> <p>Czech Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources). PP can apply for national contribution.</p> <p>The application for national contribution can be submitted only after the project has been approved by the Monitoring Committee and after Subsidy Contract was signed, however at the latest together with submission documents for the 1st control period of expenditure.</p>



PP have to submit the application within the call announced on the website by the Ministry of Regional Development CZ, where the conditions, deadlines and the Form will be included. In the case of approval of the application for national contribution, the Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic will issue a Decision on the provision of a subsidy from the state budget. Private entities and state sub coordinated bodies are not entitled to receive national contribution.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided automatically for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
2	The national co-financing will be provided only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Yes
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	After the approval of a project by MC and signature of Subsidy Contract Czech PP can fill a Form within the call of national contribution. Form and deadlines will be available on web page. Grant contract will be signed.



4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	10%
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	No Depending on type of institution, contribution may vary 10%, 5% or 0%
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	Maximum 10%
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	No



10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	Nat. contribution will be reimbursed in 2 tranches – in the middle of implementation and at the end of the project.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MAJS:	Yes
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MAJS:	No
11	If <u>only NO is selected</u> in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	Not Applicable



Partner State: GERMANY

Which model of Control System is set up by Germany?	Decentralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Oberfinanzdirektion Karlsruhe Stabsstelle EU-Finanzkontrolle (EFK), Prüfbehörde/Unabhängige Prüfstelle für den Strukturförderbereich (EU-Financial Control (EFK) unit, Audit Authority/Independent public audit unit for Structural Funds)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM

Germany set up a decentralised control system.

The project partner is free to select its controller, but the controller must be authorized at central level.

Thereby the project partner has two options. The controller can be

- selected internally, within the beneficiary's organisation (as long as he/she is independent from the unit in charge of project finances and activities)
- external

Procedures to be followed by beneficiaries for identifying their controllers:

- Internally:

There has to be an organisational chart of the beneficiary showing that the controller is independent (organisationally and functionally) from the unit in charge of the project finances and activities. Further the controller has to fulfil certain qualifications.

The controller confirms this in written form in the Controller Confirmation Form for Germany (CCF) sent to the Coordination Body Germany (CB).

- External:

The beneficiaries have to obey the rules for public procurement for the selection of their national controller. Further the controller has to fulfil certain qualifications (2.3.2.4) and has to be independent from the beneficiary. The controller confirms this in written form in the CCF (see annex 2.3.1.1) sent to the CB.

CONTROL COSTS

As Germany has a decentralised control system, **the control costs will be borne by the partner** and thus reported as eligible costs within the project. The basis for the payment depends on the sector the controller corresponds to.

The payment of an external controller is generally based on a service contract. The control costs for an internal controller are basically grounded on the amount of hours worked.



Is there a national co-financing system <u>for state contribution</u> established in Germany?	NO
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National Contact Point:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism Baden-Württemberg
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
<p>GERMANY DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION.</p> <p>German Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).</p>

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable



Partner State: HUNGARY

Which model of Control System is set up by Hungary?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Széchenyi Programme Office Consulting and Service Nonprofit Limited Liability Company (Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>Hungary has a centralised control system.</p> <p>Control activities related to the Danube Region Programme are carried out by the Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc., which is a national public body owned by the Prime Minister's Office in accordance with provisions laid down in Government Decree Nr. 574/2021. (X. 12.).</p>
CONTROL COSTS
<p>National control activities fulfilled by Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc. will be financed by central governmental sources and they are free of charge for Hungarian partners.</p>



Is there a national co-financing system for <u>state contribution</u> established in Hungary?	YES
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Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Prime Minister's Office Department for International Territorial Co-operation
Address:	Akadémia utca 3., Budapest, H-1054, Hungary
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Email:	bela.hegyesi@tfm.gov.hu

DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
<p>National co-financing will be provided to Hungarian partners by the Prime Minister's Office. Partners will have to sign a national co-financing contract, which will be prepared on behalf of the Prime Minister's Office by the Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc. The transfer of the national co-financing (in form of 100% advance payment) will also be executed by Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc.</p>

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided	Yes



	automatically for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	
2	The national co-financing will be provided only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	Not Applicable
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes (Grant contract (national co-financing contract) will be signed between the PP and Széchenyi Programme Office Llc., acting on behalf of the Prime Minister's Office.)
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	20% in case of organisations financed directly from the central budget , while 15% in case of other partners .



<p>7</p>	<p>Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP?</p> <p>If NOT, it is different in following cases:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>The state contribution / national co-financing rate is 20% in case of organisations financed directly from the central budget, while 15% in case of other partners.</p>
<p>8</p>	<p>Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>
<p>9</p>	<p>Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract?</p> <p>If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?</p>	<p>Yes</p> <p>100% of the state contribution / national co-financing will be paid to the Hungarian project partners after the signature of the grant contract (national co-financing contract)</p>
<p>10</p>	<p>At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?</p>	<p>100% of the state contribution / national co-financing will be paid to the Hungarian project partners after the signature of the grant contract (national co-financing contract)</p>
	<p>Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MAJS:</p>	<p>No</p>



	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MAJS:	No
11	If <u>only NO is selected</u> in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	100% of the state contribution / national co-financing will be paid to the Hungarian project partners after the signature of the grant contract (national co-financing contract)



Partner State: MOLDOVA

Which model of Control System is set up by Moldova?	Decentralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>The Republic of Moldova has chosen to implement the decentralised control system.</p> <p>According to the Government Decision no. 576 of 19.07.2017 on approving the Regulation on the implementation of Cross-Border and Transnational Cooperation EU-funded Programmes, the Ministry of Finance has the role of National Control and Contact Point. Currently the Department on Financial Policies within the Ministry of Finance performs the tasks as CCP at the national level.</p> <p>Moreover, in order to perform its tasks as NCCP, the Ministry of Finance has negotiated and signed a collaboration agreement with the Public Institution „Council for Public Oversight of Audits”. Signing of this agreement was possible based on the modification to GD no. 576/2017 through GD no. 710 from 27.12.2019 (in force as of 31.12.2019).</p>



In this respect, the main functions of the Control Contact Point from Republic of Moldova are:

1) Tasks related to programming stage:

- a) Represents the Republic of Moldova within the Joint Programming Committee;
- b) Contributes to the elaboration of the management and control system for Programs regarding the aspects related to its functional competence;
- c) Selects annually, until March 31, the auditors according to the Public Register of Auditors, draws up and presents their list to the National Managing Authority for participation in specialized training offered by the Programs;
- d) Collaborates with the Managing Authority for establishing the criteria used for the selection of auditors and for the preparation of the terms of reference;
- e) With the support of the Joint Technical Secretariat / Managing Authority, participates in the organization of trainings of the selected auditors regarding the specific characteristics of the Programs;
- f) Publishes on the official website of the Ministry of Finance, based on the information presented by the National Authority, the list of auditors selected and trained to perform expenditure verification missions within projects to be selected by beneficiaries;
- g) Provides support to the Managing Authority in development of the guide regarding the verification of the expenses by the selected and trained auditors.

2) Tasks related to stage of implementation and monitoring of projects:

- a) Represents the Republic of Moldova within the joint monitoring committees of the Programmes;
- b) In collaboration with the Managing Authority and the Office for the Coordination of Cross-border and Transnational Cooperation Programs, informs the beneficiaries about the list of selected and trained auditors and the rules for the provision of their services;
- c) Supports the Managing Authority in the application of the guideline on the expenditure verification by selected and trained auditors;
- d) Presents consultative information to the auditors, the institutions implementing projects and the Managing Authority in the field of public procurement, accounting and auditing in the corporate sector, taxation and other fields, according to the functional competencies;
- e) Assists, according to the competence, the Managing Authority, at its request, during the verification visits of the projects carried out on a sample basis;
- f) Examines, at the request of the Managing Authority, reports on the conduct by auditors of expenditure verification missions carried out in EU-funded projects under the



Programs;

- g) At the request of the Managing Authority or the Audit Authority, performs the control of the services provided by the auditors regarding the expenditure verification missions performed in accordance with the international standards for related services;

Updates, as necessary, the list of auditors selected and trained to carry out expenditure verification missions in EU-funded projects under the Programmes.

CONTROL COSTS

The control costs **will be borne by the partner** and thus reported as eligible cost within the project.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Moldova?

NO

National Contact Point:

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS

MOLDOVA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION.

Moldovan Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM

Not Applicable



Partner State: MONTENEGRO

Which model of Control System is set up by Montenegro?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Finance of Montenegro – Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>Montenegro has set up a centralised control system.</p> <p>Control activities are carried out by the Directorate for Finance and Contracting of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU) in the Ministry of Finance, First Level Control Division (in cont. of the text: the Controller). The Controller is responsible for verification of expenditures (desk based and on-the-spot checks) and for Control certificate according to the Danube Control Guidelines.</p>
CONTROL COSTS
<p>Control activities provided by Montenegrin Controller will be free of charge for Montenegrin project partners.</p>



<p>Is there a national co-financing system <u>for state contribution</u> established in Montenegro?</p>	<p>YES</p>
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Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Public Administration
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
<p>After approval of the project and signing of the subsidy contact and partnership agreement, Montenegrin non-governmental organizations have the opportunity to request the entire amount of national co-financing through a public call organized by the Ministry of Public Administration. Funds for co-financing projects by non-governmental organizations contracted on the basis of calls within the programs supported by the European Union are provided in the budget of Montenegro. The state contribution covers 100% of the mandatory co-financing contribution of non-governmental organizations in the mentioned projects. The Ministry of Public Administration shall conclude a project co-financing contract with a non-governmental organization that has been allocated funds for co-financing a project. The payment of funds based on the contract will be made within 15 days from the date of signing the contract.</p>



SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided automatically for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
2	The national co-financing will be provided only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Yes The national co-financing will be provided only through public call for proposals for the PPs which have the status of non-governmental organizations
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	Not applicable
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable



6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	20% of the co-financing rate of non-governmental organizations
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	No The state contribution rate is the same for each NGO
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	100% of the co-financing rate of non-governmental organizations
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	Yes The payment of 100% of the co-financing rate of non-governmental organizations based on the contract will be made within 15 days from the date of signing the contract.
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	



	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MAJS:	No
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MAJS:	No
11	If <u>only NO is selected</u> in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	The payment of funds based on the contract will be made within 15 days from the date of signing the grant contract.



Partner State: ROMANIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Romania?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>Romania has set up a centralised control system.</p> <p>The Directorate for First Level Control within the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration is in charge with the control activity. The director coordinates the FLC activity and approves the validation of the expenditures, whilst the Head of the Unit for EDRF & IPA Expenditure Verification checks the activity of the controllers (civil servants employed, according to national law, through open competition) and endorses the validation of the expenditures. The controllers performing within the Unit for EDRF & IPA Expenditure Verification are responsible for the administrative, technical and financial verification of the expenditures, as well as on-the-spot check of delivery of products and services sub-contracted by the Romanian partners during the lifetime of the projects. The aim of this verification is to ensure an efficient utilisation of the Community and the state budget co-financing funds, in accordance with the subsidy contract, final application, EU-regulations and with the Romanian legislation in force.</p>



CONTROL COSTS
Currently, the expenditures generated by the first level control activity (salaries, site visits, administrative expenses, training, all expenses) for Romanian beneficiaries are covered by the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration.

Is there a national co-financing system for <u>state contribution</u> established in Romania?	YES
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Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
After the approval of the projects and signature of the subsidy contract, providing also a copy of the signed Partnership Agreement, the Romanian Partners have the possibility to sign a co-financing contract with the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration. Based on this contract, the state budget national co-financing can be received by the Romanian PP in two instalments:



- an advance payment of maximum 40% of the state budget co-financing (if requested) and
- a final payment after receiving the last ERDF payment.

Both co-financing reimbursement claims are to be addressed to the National Authorities for European Programmes Unit within MDPWA, as indicated in the contract.

The final payment request will be made for the outstanding amounts of national co-financing following the advance payment received (if requested) and calculated based on the ERDF payments made to the Romanian PP. This claim, together with the supporting documents, are analysed according to a checklist and forwarded to the Projects Authorizing Unit. After the co-financing reimbursement claim (for the Romanian PPs) is authorized by the Projects Authorizing Unit, an Authorisation of Payment is drawn up by the Programmes Accounting Unit and is approved by the internal financial preventive controllers. The Project Payment and Accounting Department prepares the payment orders and all the documents corresponding to the payments so that the state contribution is paid to the Romanian PPs.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM

1.	The national co-financing will be provided automatically for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
2	The national co-financing will be provided only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No



3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	After the approval of the projects and signature of the Subsidy Contract, providing also a copy of the signed Partnership Agreement, the Romanian Partners have the possibility to sign a co-financing contract with the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration.
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	18%
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	YES , the state contribution rate is the same for each PP.
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	Maximum 18%
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount	YES After the approval of the projects and signature of the Subsidy Contract, providing also a copy of the signed Partnership Agreement, the Romanian Partners have the possibility to sign



	<p>compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?</p>	<p>a co-financing contract with the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration. Based on this contract, the state budget national co-financing can be received by the Romanian PP in two instalments:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - an advance payment of maximum 40% of the state budget co-financing (if requested) and - a final payment after receiving the last ERDF payment.
10	<p>At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?</p>	
	<p>Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MAJS:</p>	<p>YES, for the advance payment.</p>
	<p>Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MAJS:</p>	<p>YES, for the final payment.</p>
11	<p>If <u>only NO is selected</u> in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:</p>	<p>Not Applicable</p>



Partner State: SERBIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Serbia?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Finance – Republic of Serbia, Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programmes (CFCU), Division for First Level Control of IPA Projects (FLC)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>Republic of Serbia set up a centralised control system.</p> <p>In Serbia Division for First Level Control of IPA Projects (FLC) under the Department for Contracting and Financing of EU Funded Programs (referred to as the CFCU) in the Ministry of Finance's (MoF's) is appointed as a Control Body by the Government Conclusion 05 No. 337-9895/2017 of 12 October 2017. In the context of IPA II, the Serbian Control Body is responsible for verifying expenditure for CBC and TNC programmes.</p>



Formal duties of the Division for FLC of IPA Projects are described in the document “National level procedures for First Level Control for the Serbian Interreg-IPA Cross-Border Cooperation and Transnational Cooperation Programmes under shared management – FLC Manual”.

The main objective of the Division for FLC of IPA Projects is to guarantee that the costs reported under the Interreg IPA CBC and TNC programmes are justified and that payments claimed by the Serbian Project Partners are in accordance with the legal and financial clauses of the subsidy contract and the rules governing the IPA programmes, the European Community regulations and the respective national legislation. Checks need to be sufficient to confirm all aspects of the eligibility, regularity and legality of the expenditure in question. Therefore they should cover all points of correctness and compliance mentioned in the EC guidance note on management verifications including eligibility, compliance with public procurement rules and reference to the project’s expenditure as originally approved.

CONTROL COSTS

Control activities provided by First Level Control officers will be **free of charge** for the Serbian project partners.

The salaries of the First Level Control officers for Serbian partners are financed from the state budget. The First Level Control officers responsible for verification of costs of Serbian partners under Danube Region Programme are employed as civil servants with the Ministry of Finance of the Republic of Serbia.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Serbia?

NO

National Contact Point:

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
SERBIA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION Serbian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable



Partner State: SLOVAKIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Slovakia?	Centralised control system
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Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic (MIRDI SR) Operational Programme Technical Assistance and Other Financial Mechanisms Section Multinational Cooperation Programmes Department
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>The first level control of expenditure of Slovak project partners will be carried out by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic/ Operational Programme Technical Assistance and Other Financial Mechanisms Section/ Multinational Cooperation Programmes Department. The first level control of expenditure of technical assistance projects will be carried out by the Operational Programme Technical Assistance and Other Financial Mechanisms Section/ Project Implementation Department of the Operational Program Technical Assistance. The Section of Control/ Public Procurement Control Department/ Public Procurement Control Unit No. 3, which will carry out the control of public procurement in</p>



the case of PP contracts over 10,000 EUR.

There are 10 controllers. 5 of them are from the “Multinational Cooperation Programmes Department (50 % of working time for Interreg DRP and 50% for Interreg CE)” – (in organisational chart of MIRDI of the Slovak Republic direct under director of the department). 2 persons (part-time equivalents) which will be carried out control of technical assistance projects (in organisational chart of MIRDI of the Slovak Republic direct under director of the Project Implementation Department of the Operational Program Technical Assistance). These controllers are organizationally and functionally separated from National Contact Point of Interreg DRP in Slovak Republic. 3 controllers (part-time equivalent) in relation to the control of public procurement, are from the Section of Control/ Public Procurement Control Department/ Public Procurement Control Unit No. 3, under head of this unit. All controllers are organizationally and functionally separated from Project partners of Interreg DRP projects in Slovak Republic.

Designated controllers participate at the elaboration of the Eligibility rules of expenditure for Slovak beneficiaries (version 1.0) which will be issued by MIRDI SR until the end of 2022 and will be available at the web page <http://www.danube.vlada.gov.sk/kontrola-projektov/>. The information for beneficiaries will be periodically updated on about mentioned webpage. Additional measures will be provided to the beneficiaries through e-mails.

Beneficiaries will submit the Request for verification of expenditures to controllers on a six monthly basis in according the schedule at the subsidy contract. This request should be submitted within 15 calendar days after reporting period has been finished. Slovak project partners will submit the Request for verification of expenditure through monitoring system “Jems” including supporting documentation. In addition, the PP submits a signed Request for Validation of Expenditures electronically by eDesk UPVS to the national controller address. In this context the day of Jems submission is considered as day of submission Request for verification of expenditure (but Request for Validation of Expenditures have to be submitted in the same day too).

In compliance with Art. 46 of ETC (1059/2021) regulation an expenditure of beneficiaries will be verified within a period of three months of the submission of the documents by the beneficiary concerned.

The certification time per financial report for controllers is generally 30 working days.

Controller may ask the beneficiary to supplement request/ explanation of submitted documentation. The period for explanation or submitting supplementary documents should be not less than 5 working days and not more than 10 working days.

If the controller has not reveal any deficiency in the request for verification of expenditure or in supporting documents the control is considered as finished by issuing of Certificate of expenditure, Control report and Control checklist in Jems and by sending the Administrative financial control report (this document in Slovak language) and Certificate of expenditures to beneficiary.

If the controller has reveal deficiency in the request for verification of expenditure or in supporting documents, firstly he has to send the Draft of Administrative financial control report



(document in Slovak language) to beneficiary. The beneficiary can submit his objection to the Draft within period of at least 5 working days. Controller should evaluate these possible objections and when appropriate he/she takes them into account fully or partially. After that the controller issues Certificate of expenditure, Control report and Control checklist in Jems and sends the final version of the Administrative financial control report and Certificate of expenditure to beneficiary.

CONTROL COSTS

Control activities are **free of charge** for the Slovak project partners.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Slovakia?

YES

Responsible national institution for state contribution:

Name of the institution:

Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic (MIRDI SR)

Operational Programme Technical Assistance and Other Financial Mechanisms Section

Multinational Cooperation Programmes Department

National contact point (NCP)

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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS

The national co-financing system to the projects will be provided by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic/ Operational Programme Technical Assistance and Other Financial Mechanisms Section/ Multinational Cooperation Programmes Department.

National co-financing will be provided based on the contract on national co-financing.

The contract on national co-financing is optional, therefore slovak projects partners could implement projects without national co-financing based on their free decision.

The contract of national co-financing will be signed between MIRD SR and slovak project partner, who's project was approved by monitoring committee of the Danube regional programme. The national co-financing will be paid out by the Fund financing section of the MIRD SR based on project controller request connected to request for verification of expenses submitted by slovak project partner.

Three persons are responsible for fulfilling tasks of national contact point, e.g. for contract on national co-financing. Moreover there are 5 controllers from the "Multinational Cooperation Programmes Department, which are working 50 % of time for Interreg DRP and 50% for Interreg CE (in organisational chart of MIRD SR of the Slovak Republic direct under director of the department). They are responsible for issuing payment request for national co-financing for slovak project partners towards Fund financing section.

The contract of national co-financing will be signed only with slovak project partners, which:

1. projects were approved by the monitoring committee decision;



2. subsidiary contract has been signed between MA/JS and LP, which is located in Slovakia;

3. partnership agreement has been signed between LP and PP, which is located in Slovakia;

4. LP or PP located in Slovakia has submitted request to SK NCP for national co-financing;

SK NCP manage process for signing the contract of national co-financing. Request for national co-financing have to be delivered by eDesk UPVS, format on letter to official postal MIRDİ address or email to SK NCP contacts. Whichever date delivery occurs first is the start date for 30 days period to approved and sign the national co-financing contract between MIRDİ SR and PP of DRP. Every approved and signed contract of national co-financing will be published on <https://www.crz.gov.sk/> website according to slovak national legal act no. 211/2000 Coll. on free access to information (article §2).

Beneficiaries will submit the Request for verification of expenditures to controllers on a six monthly basis in according the schedule at the subsidy contract. This request should be submitted within 15 calendar days after reporting period has been finished. Slovak project partners will submit the Request for verification of expenditure through monitoring system "Jems" including supporting documentation. In addition, the PP submits a signed Request for Validation of Expenditures electronically by eDesk UPVS to the national controller address. In this context the day of Jems submission is considered as day of submission Request for verification of expenditure (but Request for Validation of Expenditures have to be submitted in the same day too).

In compliance with Art. 46 of ETC (1059/2021) regulation an expenditure of beneficiaries will be verified within a period of three months of the submission of the documents by the beneficiary concerned.

The certification time per financial report for controllers is generally 30 working days.

Together with the issuing certificate of expenditure the controller will issue a payment request for national co-financing. The amount of national co-financing payment will be calculated based on issued certificate of expenditure and legal status of project partner, which determine the percentage of received national co-financing (resolution of the Slovak government num. 267 from



12.04.2022 Financing strategies of the European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund Plus, Cohesion Fund, Fund for a fair transformation and European maritime, fisheries and aquaculture fund for the 2021-2027 program period).

The calculated amount of national co-financing will be paid by the Fund financing section / Program Financing Department within 30 days period after receiving payment request from the controller.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM

1.	The national co-financing will be provided automatically for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
2	The national co-financing will be provided only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	The national co-financing will not be providing automatically for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee. Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State



		<p>participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee will have to submit Request for national co-financing to MIRD SR. MIRD SR (e.g. SK NCP) will manage whole process for approval and signing the contract for national co-financing. Every approved contract for national co-financing will be published. The final condition to reimburse national co-financing (of every Partner Report) to project partner will be certifying of Partner Report costs, approval Application for Reimbursement by the MA/JS and payment of appropriate ERDF amount to Project Partner. After it PP sends the bank confirmation of receiving of relevant ERDF amount to NC. After receiving this confirmation of payment, will MIRD send the co-financed amount to Project Partner.</p>
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	N/A
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution	20%



	compared to the PP budget (%):	
7	<p>Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP?</p> <p>If NOT, it is different in following cases:</p>	<p>No</p> <p>The amount of % for national co-financing is calculated based on legal status of project partner. The amount of % is determine by resolution of the Slovak government num. 267 from 12.04.2022 Financing strategies of the European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund Plus, Cohesion Fund, Fund for a fair transformation and European maritime, fisheries and aquaculture fund for the 2021-2027 program period.</p>
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	20% compared to the PP budget
9	<p>Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract?</p> <p>If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?</p>	No
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to	The state contribution will be reimbursed to the PP in parts, after every certificate of expenditure issued by the controller in every reporting period. The final condition to



	the PPs?	reimburse national co-financing to LP/PP will be approved Application for Reimbursement by the MA/JS at project level and confirmation of the payment made from MA/JS to Project Partner.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MA/JS:	No
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MA/JS:	Yes
11	If <u>only NO is selected</u> in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	N/a



Partner State: SLOVENIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Slovenia?	Centralised control system
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
The Slovene control system is centralised. The control activity is carried out at national level by a public body (GODC) which is the Slovenian national authority for the transnational programmes.
CONTROL COSTS
Control costs are free of charge for Slovenian project partners.



Is there a national co-financing system for <u>state contribution</u> established in Slovenia?	NO
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
<p>No national co-financing (state contribution) for project partners in Slovenia.</p> <p>Slovenian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).</p>

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable



Partner State: UKRAINE

Which model of Control System is set up by Ukraine?	Centralised control system
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
<p>In Ukraine, there is a centralized management and control system in accordance with paragraph 2 of the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of 20.11.2019 no. 1038 "On the introduction of management and control over the implementation of the State Transnational Program".</p> <p>Clause 4.4 of the Regulations on the State Audit Service of Ukraine approved by the Decree of the Cabinet of Ministers of February 3, 2016 no. 43 (as amended on September, 9, 2020 № 795) provides that the State Audit Service monitors the legality of expenditures of beneficiaries (partners) within operational programs of cross-border cooperation (ENI).</p>



CONTROL COSTS
Control costs will be free of charge for Ukrainian project partners. In accordance with Article 6 of the Law of Ukraine "On Basic Principles of Public Financial Control in Ukraine" provides that financial support for the activities of public financial control is provided by the State Budget.

Is there a national co-financing system for <u>state contribution</u> established in Ukraine?	NO
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS

Ukrainian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM

Not Applicable