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## **2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(A) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

### **Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.**

The focus of the year 2017 was on the rapid implementation of the program. **Three** meetings of the Monitoring Committee were held. In two of them, a total of **17 new projects** with a financial volume of **€ 22,089,373.36** were approved. This means a **total commitment of 47% ERDF funds at 39 projects**. The 3rd Monitoring Committee was dedicated to the strategic orientation of the program as well to the administrative steps which are necessary to implement the programme.

#### **Output indicators:**

These 17 projects belong to almost all investment priorities (IP) and through their approval an important contribution to the achievement of programme indicators could be made. It is necessary to note that this achievement affects only approved/allocated results and therefore tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects.

In concrete terms the contribution for 2017 breaks down as follows:

IP 1a: In OP1, 3 out of 5 mechanisms and in OP2, 4 out of 15 organisations were allocated;

IP 1b: In OP3, 1 out of 8 services and in OP4, 2 out of 8 enterprises were allocated;

IP 6c: In OP5 10 out of 8 elements; in OP6, 8 out of 12 mechanisms and in OP7, 4 out of 5 elements were allocated;

IP 6d: In OP8, 5 out of 4 elements and in OP9, 12 out of 10 mechanisms were allocated;

IP 11: In OP13, 313 out of 320 project partners were allocated.

Taking into account all projects approved so far (2016 + 2017) the output indicators of the IP 1a and IP 1b have been allocated fully. The target values of the OP6, OP7 and CO14 in the IP 6c still have not been met. The IP6d can be considered as fulfilled in terms of indicator values, whereas in the IP6f some indicators are still missing. Also the output indicators in the IP 10a still have not been met. Finally, the IP11 can be considered as fulfilled.

#### **Allocation of the ERDF funds:**

Considering the financial allocation of the projects approved so far (2016 + 2017) in the amount of € 45,822,490.39 IP1a is the best adopted investment priority, while IP1b lags behind. This may be due to the fact that the programme is not seen as a research programme for companies and, compared to other dedicated research programs, the application for private enterprises as project participants seems too complex. The same applies to the area of eco-innovation (IP6f). Again, on the basis of the current allocation, there is still plenty of scope for good projects. Previous submissions have lacked the necessary innovative power. In the current and future information events for applicants as well as in the relevant information channels (Internet, task force, Monitoring Committee) these IPs are therefore particularly advertised. The other investment priorities (6, 10, 11) are well on schedule, especially IP 6d - similar to IP1a - is already very well accepted.

In the year of 2017, total of € **226,804.64 ERDF** resources were paid to the beneficiaries.

In 2017 a total of **three** so called Task Forces (meetings of the programme partners), **five** unilateral FLC meetings and **one** bilateral FLC meeting were organized. These meetings are necessary to achieve good and result-oriented cooperation at the program level.

In order to inform the potential applicants and to present to them the program INTERREG V-A Austria-Czech Republic, a total of **eight** seminars were held for applicants during the year 2017. An equally important group addressed by the Program Authorities are the project partners. A total of **two** seminars were organized for project partners and carried out in the program area. The seminars dealt with administrative issues after approval of the projects by the monitoring committee, reporting in the eMS, eligibility of expenditures and public procurement. Other points were the publicity database iBox and publicity requirements.

On 8.9.2017 the programme's contribution to the Day of European Cooperation (**EC-Day**) took place in the area of Brno (Czech Republic). The goal of European Cooperation Day was to inform the public about successful cross-border cooperation in Europe. There was a program for adults and in addition a children's program. The adults were presented with successful projects from the last programme period and were able to participate in guided tours at the project implementation sites. Specifically, they were led through two workplaces of the Environmental Education Facility Lipka - in Jezírko and Rozmarýnek (Brno), where three best practice projects from the program period 2007-2013 were implemented.

In addition, program documents (various manuals) were revised or updated and new program-relevant documents were created.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Strengthening research, technological development and innovation	4 projects were approved in 2017, no significant problems were identified
2	Environment and Resources	9 projects were approved in 2017, no significant problems were identified
3	Human resources development	No projects were approved in 2017
4	Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation	4 projects were approved in 2017, no significant problems were identified
5	Technical assistance	No projects were approved in 2017

### 3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

#### Priority axes other than technical assistance

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1a**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	Mechanisms	5.00	0.00	3 mechanisms in 2017, 2 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 5 mechanisms have been selected but none of them reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	Mechanisms	5.00	5.00	3 mechanisms in 2017, 2 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 5 mechanisms have been selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
F	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	15.00	9.00	6 organisations in 2017 (ATCZ133, report 1.1), 3 organisations in 2016 (ATCZ14, report 1.1) --> in sum 9 organisations/ research institutions were reported as output indicator for the end of 2017; this indicator is seen as delivered once the research institutions start to cooperate (mostly reported already in reports 1.1, crucial is the duration of the monitoring period - not the date of the submission of the report)
S	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	15.00	22.00	10 organisations in 2017, 12 organisations in 2016 --> in sum 22 organisations have been selected as an indicator so far.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 1	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of R&I (studies, strategies etc.)	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	3.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	12.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1a - Enhancing research and innovation (R&I) infrastructure and capacities to develop R&I excellence, and promoting centres of competence, in particular those of European interest
Specific objective	1a - Improved and extended research and innovation capacities

**Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1a.1a**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
RI 1	Research quota - share of R&I on the GDP	%	2.70	2011	3.00	3.00		To be reported in 2020 (according to approved CP), following observations were made in report 2016, therefore the value for 2017 is expected to remain the same: The figure, filled in under "2016 Total", is the most recent figure available from Eurostat, from the year 2014. It can be assumed that the quota for 2016 is not lower. Austria's R&D spending is steadily increasing and is now more over three percent (2014 : 3,17% in the AT-programme area, 3.06% in whole Austria), thus distinctly higher than the EU-average of two percent. Austria has the third-highest R&D quota of all EU countries. Overall, R&D expenditures in the Czech Republic are growing and approaching the EU average in terms of spending as a share of GDP (2014 : 2,52 % in the CZ-programme area, 1,97 % in whole Czech Republic). European structural funds are the main driver of this growth.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 1	Research quota - share of R&I on the GDP	3.00		2.70		0.00	



Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1b**

(I)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	8.00	0.00	1 service in 2017, 1 service in 2016 --> in sum 2 services have been selected as an indicator however none of them reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	8.00	2.00	1 service in 2017, 1 service in 2016 --> in sum 2 services have been selected as an indicator so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
F	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Enterprises	6.00	0.00	2 enterprises in 2017, 20 services in 2016 --> in sum 22 enterprises have been selected but none of them reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Enterprises	6.00	22.00	2 enterprises in 2017, 20 services in 2016 --> in sum 22 enterprises have been selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects

(I)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 4	Number of enterprises participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	20.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies
Specific objective	1b - Fostering the involvement of enterprises (primarily SMEs) in the innovation system

**Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1b.1b**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
RI 2	R&I expenditure in the business sector in % of GDP	%	1.80	2011	2.20	1.93		To be reported in 2020 (according to the approved CP), following observations were made in report 2016 (the figure is expected to remain unchanged in 2017): The figure, filled in under "2016 Total", is the most recent figure available from Eurostat, from the year 2014. It can be assumed that the quota for 2016 is not lower. Austria: Approximately 70% of R&D spending is done by Austrian businesses. In the Austrian programme region it is 66%. The total spending in the programme region has increased since 2011 from 2,584 Million PPS (purchasing power standard) to 3,142 Million PPS in 2014. Czech Republic: Business R&D spending is relative low compared to other countries. It is evenly distributed among basic research, applied research and experimental development. Business enterprise research and development (BERD) represents the biggest share of R&D spending.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 2	R&I expenditure in the business sector in % of GDP	1.93		1.80		0.00	

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6c**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	10.00	0.00	No kilometres of reconstructed or upgraded roads were reported so far
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	10.00	0.00	No kilometres of reconstructed or upgraded roads were selected in 2017
F	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	8.00	0.00	10 elements with improved attractiveness were selected in 2017, no elements were reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	8.00	10.00	10 elements with improved attractiveness were selected in 2017, tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
F	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	Mechanisms	12.00	0.00	8 mechanisms in 2017, 1 mechanism in 2016 --> in sum 9 mechanisms have been selected, however no mechanisms reported so far - tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	Mechanisms	12.00	9.00	8 mechanisms in 2017, 1 mechanism in 2016 --> in sum 9 mechanisms have been selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
F	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	Elements	5.00	0.00	4 newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure were selected in 2017; no elements have been reported so far - tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	Elements	5.00	4.00	4 newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure were selected in 2017; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 6	Number of cross-border mechanisms to ensure joint management of common heritage	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 7	Number of newly built/improved elements of public touristic infrastructure	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	2a - Valorisation of the cultural and natural heritage of the common region in a sustainable way

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6c.2a**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
RI 3	Number of overnight stays in the region	Number	28,028,000.00	2013	31,500,000.00	31,861,315.00		To be reported again in 2020 (acc. to the approved CP), following observations were made in the report 2016 (the figure for 2017 is expected to remain the same as in 2016 or at least not lower): The tourism sectors are an important part of Austria's and Czech Republic's economies. In Austria, out of the Lands Lower, Upper Austria and Vienna, it was the capital, which recorded the highest increase of overnight stays in 2016 (14,962,438). In the Czech Republic, out of Vysočina, Jihomoravský kraj and Jihočeský kraj, it was the latter, which registered the highest number of overnight stays in 2016 (3,960,578).

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 3	Number of overnight stays in the region	31,861,315.00		2,802,800,000.00		0.00	

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6d**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	Elements	4.00	0.00	5 elements in 2017, 3 elements in 2016 --> in sum 8 elements have been selected however none of them reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	Elements	4.00	8.00	5 elements in 2017, 3 elements in 2016 --> in sum 8 elements were selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
F	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	10.00	0.00	12 mechanisms in 2017, 8 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 20 mechanisms were selected but none of them reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	10.00	20.00	12 mechanisms in 2017, 8 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 20 mechanisms were selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 8	Number of elements of green infrastructure realized	3.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	8.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure
Specific objective	2b - Increase of ecological stability and improvement of ecosystem services

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6d.2b**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
RI4	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the quality of environment and ecosystem services	%	38.40		45.00	38.99		To be reported again in 2020 (acc. to the approved CP), following observations were made in the report 2016 (the figure for 2017 is expected to remain the same as in 2016 or at least not lower): The survey (German, Czech) was prepared by the MA and submitted to 225 experts in April 2017. Target group were national and regional experts from the fields of environment, nature and landscape protection, climate change, disaster control, civil protection, energy, and waste and water sector. A slight increase of measuring the quality of environment and ecosystem services from 38.40 % (in 2015) to 38.99 % (in 2016) could be noted.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI4	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the quality of environment and ecosystem services	38.99		38.40		0.00	

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.6f**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	Eco-innovations	3.00	0.00	No eco-innovation in 2017, 1 eco-innovation in 2016 --> in sum 1 eco-innovation has been selected but not reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	Eco-innovations	3.00	1.00	No eco-innovation in 2017, 1 eco-innovation in 2016 --> in sum 1 eco-innovation has been selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
F	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	Mechanisms	3.00	0.00	No mechanism in 2017, 1 mechanism in 2016 --> in sum 1 mechanism has been selected but not reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	Mechanisms	3.00	1.00	No mechanism in 2017, 1 mechanism in 2016 --> in sum 1 mechanism has been selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 10	Number of eco-innovations introduced in the cross-border area	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 11	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of eco-innovations	1.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Investment priority	6f - Promoting innovative technologies to improve environmental protection and resource efficiency in the waste sector, water sector and with regard to soil, or to reduce air pollution
Specific objective	2c - Fostering the utilisation of eco-innovative potential of the region

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.6f.2c**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
RI5	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the level of eco-innovation activities	%	62.40	2015	75.00	63.90		To be reported again in 2020 (acc. to the approved CP), following observations were made in the report 2016 (the figure for 2017 is expected to remain the same as in 2016 or at least not lower): The survey (German, Czech) was prepared by the MA and submitted to 225 experts in April 2017. Target group were national and regional experts from the fields of environment, nature and landscape protection, climate change, disaster control, civil protection, energy, and waste and water sector. A slight increase of measuring the level of eco-innovation activities from 62.40 % (in 2015) to 63.90 % (in 2016) could be noted.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI5	Share of weighings for category 4 and 5 measuring the level of eco-innovation activities	63.90		62.40		0.00	



Priority axis	3 - Human resources development
Investment priority	10a - Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.10a**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	700.00	334.00	13 persons have been reported as an indicator in 2016 (ATCZ5); 321 in 2017 (18 in ATCZ65; 303 in ATCZ35); it means 334 in total by the end of 2017. Crucial is here the duration of the monitoring period, not the date of the submission of the project report.
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	700.00	453.00	No persons in 2017, 453 in 2016 --> 453 persons have been selected as an indicator so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
F	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	6.00	0.00	No mechanisms in 2017, 5 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 5 mechanisms have been selected but not reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
S	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	6.00	5.00	No mechanisms in 2017, 5 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 5 mechanisms have been selected so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	13.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	453.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	5.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	3 - Human resources development
Investment priority	10a - Investing in education, training and vocational training for skills and lifelong learning by developing education and training infrastructure
Specific objective	3a - Extension of common supply of education and qualification activities in order to utilize human resources potential in cross-border region

**Table 1: Result indicators - 3.10a.3a**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
RI6	Joint education activities and qualification supply	number	75.00	2015	100.00	29.00		To be reported again in 2020 (acc. to the approved CP), following observations were made in the report 2016 ((the figure for 2017 is expected to remain the same as in 2016 or at least not lower): In the year 2016, only 29 joint educational activities and qualification supplies could be reported. This rather low number is due to the fact that no cross border projects have been implemented so far. The respondent institutions pointed out planned activities for the year 2017 considering the already approved projects in the investment priority 10a.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI6	Joint education activities and qualification supply	29.00		75.00		0.00	

Priority axis	4 - Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation
Investment priority	11a - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.11a**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	320.00	16.00	14 project partners were reported as an indicator in 2016 (6 at ATCZ1 report 2.1; 5 at ATCZ49 report 1.1; 3 at ATCZ22 report 1.1), 2 in 2017 (2 at ATCZ100 report 1.1)
S	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	320.00	322.00	313 in 2017, 9 in 2016 --> in sum 322 project partners have been selected as an indicator so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	14.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	9.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	4 - Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation
Investment priority	11a - Enhancing institutional capacity of public authorities and stakeholders and efficient public administration through actions to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administrations and public services related to the implementation of the ERDF, and in support of actions under the ESF to strengthen the institutional capacity and the efficiency of public administration
Specific objective	4a - Fostering cross-border cooperation of communities and institutions in joint regions

**Table 1: Result indicators - 4.11a.4a**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative	Observations
RI 7	Share of weighings for categories 4 (above average) and 5 (intensive) measuring the level of cooperation/ integration	%	22.00	2014	30.00	20.77		To be reported again in 2020 (acc. to the approved CP), following observations were made in the report 2016 ((the figure for 2017 is expected to remain the same as in 2016 or at least not lower): The survey (German, Czech) was prepared by the MA and submitted to 578 experts in April 2017. The survey contained questions concerning experiences with ETC programmes and the intensity and quality of cross border cooperation. Target group were persons from public administration, municipalities, enterprises, research, schools, fire departments, culture, tourism, transport and infrastructure and others. A slight decrease of measuring the level of cooperation/ integration from 22.00 % (in 2014) to 20.77 % (in 2016) could be noted. This decrease could be explained through the fact that no cross border projects have been implemented so far.

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
RI 7	Share of weighings for categories 4 (above average) and 5 (intensive) measuring the level of cooperation/ integration	20.77		22.00		0.00	

## Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	5 - Technical assistance
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**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 5.Technical assistance**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2017	Observations
F	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	Number	12.00	4.00	4 events were organised in 2017
S	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	Number	12.00	12.00	No events in 2017, 12 in 2016 --> in sum 12 events have been selected as an indicator so far
F	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	Number	200.00	0.00	No projects were committed and successfully closed either in 2017 or 2016
S	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	Number	200.00	200.00	No more projects were selected as an indicator in 2017
F	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	Numbers	2.00	1.00	No major publicity events were organised in 2017, 1 event was organised in 2016
S	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	Numbers	2.00	2.00	No in 2017, 2 in 2016 --> 2 major publicity events have been selected as an output indicator so far
F	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	Full time equivalents	15.00	12.25	12.25 FTE in 2016 and also in 2017
S	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	Full time equivalents	15.00	12.25	No more in 2017, 12.25 in 2016 --> so far 12.25 full time equivalents have been selected so far

(1)	ID	Indicator	2016	2015	2014
F	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	O 17	Number of compulsory information events for beneficiaries at project	12.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 15	No of projects committed and successfully closed (P)	200.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	OP 16	Number of major publicity events (P)	2.00	0.00	0.00
F	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	12.25	0.00	0.00
S	OP 18	Number of employees (full-time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by technical assistance "	12.25	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

### 3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2017	Observations
1	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	1791939	14,685,060.00	100,056.00	
1	O	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	2	15.00	9.00	6 organisations in 2017 (ATCZ133, report 1.1), 3 organisations in 2016 (ATCZ14, report 1.1) --> in sum 9 organisations/ research institutions were reported as output indicator for the end of 2017; this indicator is seen as delivered once the research institutions start to cooperate (mostly reported already in reports 1.1, crucial is the duration of the monitoring period - not the date of the submission of the report)
1	O	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	1	8.00	0.00	1 service in 2017, 1 service in 2016 --> in sum 2 services have been selected as an indicator however none of them reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
2	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	2	10.00	0.00	No kilometres of reconstructed or upgraded roads were reported so far
2	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	6 520 356	53,434,764.00	117,921.00	
2	O	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	1	8.00	0.00	10 elements with improved attractiveness were selected in 2017, no elements were reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
2	O	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	2	10.00	0.00	12 mechanisms in 2017, 8 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 20 mechanisms were selected but none of them reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
3	O	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	100	700.00	334.00	13 persons have been reported as an indicator in 2016 (ATCZ5); 321 in 2017 (18 in ATCZ65; 303 in ATCZ35); it means 334 in total by the end of 2017. Crucial is here the duration of the monitoring period, not the date of the submission of the project report.
3	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	1 963 177	16,088,368.00	15,000.00	
3	O	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	1	6.00	0.00	No mechanisms in 2017, 5 mechanisms in 2016 --> in sum 5 mechanisms have been selected but not reported so far; tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of these projects
4	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	2,924,151	23,963,618.00	33,851.00	
4	O	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	40	320.00	16.00	14 project partners were reported as an indicator in 2016 (6 at ATCZ1 report 2.1; 5 at ATCZ49 report 1.1; 3 at ATCZ22 report 1.1), 2 in 2017 (2 at ATCZ100 report 1.1)

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
1	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2016	2015	2014
1	O	OP 2	Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	3.00	0.00	0.00
1	O	OP 3	Number of services to support enterprises' innovative capacity introduced or improved	Services	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	CO14	Roads: Total length of reconstructed or upgraded roads	km	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	OP 5	Number of cultural/natural heritage elements with improved attractiveness	Elements	0.00	0.00	0.00
2	O	OP 9	Number of cross-border mechanisms in the field of nature, landscape and biological species management	Mechanisms	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	O	CO46	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in joint education and training schemes to support youth employment, educational opportunities and higher and vocational education across borders	Persons	13.00	0.00	0.00
3	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
3	O	OP 12	Number of cross-border mechanisms to promote joint training and education	Mechanisms	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	F	FI1	Eligible expenditures certified	EUR	0.00	0.00	0.00
4	O	OP12	(Project)Partners responsible in form and content involved in cross-border activities	Partners	14.00	0.00	0.00

### 3.4. Financial data

**Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level**

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	Total	14,698,659.00	84.92	9,920,381.65	67.49%	9,740,556.93	187,227.61	1.27%	9
2	ERDF	Total	53,468,697.00	84.95	24,224,457.81	45.31%	23,773,284.65	117,891.16	0.22%	13
3	ERDF	Total	16,091,716.00	84.98	7,151,737.02	44.44%	7,030,602.11	211,539.62	1.31%	4
4	ERDF	Total	23,970,491.00	84.98	9,194,438.20	38.36%	9,186,652.20	53,751.35	0.22%	6
5	ERDF	Total	6,905,321.00	84.99	5,467,115.10	79.17%	5,467,115.10	79,522.70	1.15%	7
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>		<b>115,134,884.00</b>	<b>84.96</b>	<b>55,958,129.78</b>	<b>48.60%</b>	<b>55,198,210.99</b>	<b>649,932.44</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>39</b>
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>115,134,884.00</b>	<b>84.96</b>	<b>55,958,129.78</b>	<b>48.60%</b>	<b>55,198,210.99</b>	<b>649,932.44</b>	<b>0.56%</b>	<b>39</b>



**Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)**

**Not applicable**

**Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area**

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
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(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

#### 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

The evaluations of the result/output indicators proceeded without any significant problems. It is necessary to note that this achievement affects only approved/allocated results and therefore tangible outputs can be monitored only through implementation/after finalisation of the approved projects. In 2017 no evaluations were made. **Details see chapter 10.1.**

## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

### **(a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken**

1) As indicated in the report 2016, there was a lack of staff in the JS in Brno, which meant that the MA had to support JS's work. This led to the fact that, although the description of the DCMS could be started, some delays had to be accepted. Additionally a staff-change in the Audit Authority has led to further delays in the designation process.

Overview of all actions undertaken by the Managing Authority in the preparation of the designation process:

- The description of the management and control system started already in June 2016, but due to the exceptional workload caused by the programme 07-13 closure process and lack of Joint Secretariat staff in the Czech Republic, the work on the DMCS was delayed.
- All necessary documents have been prepared so far, it has been agreed, that the relevant documents which are only available in Czech language, concerning only Czech program partners like controllers, can be checked by the Czech finance ministry as a member of the Group of Auditors (GoA).
- The first version of the DMCS was submitted to the Audit Authority (AA) on 14th of August 2017.
- The AA started immediately with the completeness check, the result of this check was submitted to the MA on 11th of September 2017. In the meantime there was a meeting with the AA and the MA held on 6th of September 2017 to discuss the open issues.
- Afterwards the amended version of the DMCS with updated/completed reference-documents was handed over to the AA on 19th of October 2017.
- The AA informed the MA that, due to lack of staff in the Audit Authority, as the next step external experts will carry out the designation audit. In the meantime we have got the information, that nevertheless the audit will be done internal.

Outstanding issues fixed by the end of 2017:

- Separation of functions MA – CA (Certifying Authority): The Office of the Lower Austrian Government is also hosting the CA in the same department as the MA. This has been criticized by the AA. An internal re-organisation process has fixed this issue by 1st of December 2017. The MA is now situated in the new “Department for International and European Affairs” and the CA still remains in the Department for Spatial Planning and Regional Policy.
- After the Austrian governmental elections the AA moved to the Ministry for Sustainability and Tourism in Dec. 2017.

Current Timetable:

- Start of the DMCS-check/designation audit: Dec. 2017.
- The Group of Auditors has been constituted at 23rd of March 2018, this can be

assumed as the “official” start of the designation process.

- According to the latest Information of the AA the designation audit should be finished in late summer 2018.

2) The program closure for the period 07-13, too, was a challenge, which was finally mastered by the end of March 2017.

3) In recent years, there have also been macroeconomic and political challenges in Europe that could have an influence on the performance of our programme, e. g. the refugee crisis. But those issues are not really addressed by the INTERREG V-A AT-CZ programme, respectively are tackled on a higher political level, thus the programme has not been affected actually.

4) Last but not least, the governmental elections in both involved Member states (CZ, AT) and the not finished government formation in CZ has not affected the programme so far.

**(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.**

Not relevant

## **6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

**7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS  
(ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**



## 8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)

### 8.1. Major projects

**Table 7: Major projects**

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

#### Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them

Not relevant

#### Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme

Not relevant

## 8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

**Not relevant**

**Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)**

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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**Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them**

**Not relevant**

**9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Priority axis	1 - Strengthening research, technological development and innovation
Priority axis	2 - Environment and Resources
Priority axis	3 - Human resources development
Priority axis	4 - Sustainable networks and institutional cooperation
Priority axis	5 - Technical assistance

**9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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**9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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**9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)</b>	<b>Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)</b>
2	7,749,746.72	17.06%
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,749,746.72</b>	<b>7.92%</b>

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**9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

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**10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013**

**10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations**

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**10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy**

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**11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme**

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**11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF**

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### 11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

The applicants have to indicate in the application form whether the project contributes to a macro-regional strategy and, if so, how. All of the approved projects have stated to contribute to the EU Strategy for the Danube Region. These projects can be assigned to the priorities of the EUSDR as follows:

#### **PA3 – To promote culture and tourism, people to people contacts:**

ATCZ143 Designinnovationen von der Moderne um 1900 zur digitalen Moderne

ATCZ31 Verbesserung des Zutritts und der Bewerbung des Kulturerbes in Regionen Südböhmens-Vysočina-Waldviertel-Mühlviertel

ATCZ41 Borderless cycling along the Green Belt of Europe

ATCZ59 Internationale Kulturplattform

ATCZ71 Inwertsetzung von Grünräumen

ATCZ74 Kultur und Natur am Grünen Band

ATCZ91 Nature and culture experience on the castles and palaces path

#### **PA 5 – To manage environmental risks:**

ATCZ28 Sediments, ecosystem services and interrelation with floods and droughts in the AT-CZ border region

#### **PA 6 – To preserve biodiversity, landscapes and the quality of air and soils:**

ATCZ21 Mechanischer Aufschluss von Laubholz

ATCZ142 Anpassung der Grünen Infrastruktur an den Klimawandel

ATCZ37 Förderung der natürlichen Umwelt und des Vorkommens der Flussperlmuschel (Margaritifera margaritifera) im Malsch-Einzugsgebiet

ATCZ45 Crossborder Habitat Network and Management - Connecting Nature AT-CZ

ATCZ7 THAYA 2020

ATCZ42 Innovation der Technologien bei Kompostierung, Kompostanwendung und Bodenschutz

**PA 7 – To develop the knowledge society through research, education and information technologies:**

ATCZ133 Competence Center Mechano-Biology in Regenerative Medicine

ATCZ14 Czech-Austrian Center for Supracellular Medical Research

ATCZ15 Joint Czech-Austrian Center for Algae Biotechnology

ATCZ38 Competence Center for High-Resolution 3D X-ray Imaging

ATCZ40 Innovationsförderung in der Grenzregion Österreich – Tschechische Republik durch die Schaffung von Synergien im Bereich der Forschungsinfrastruktur

ATCZ52 Infrastruktur für Metabolomik-Forschung und medizinische Chemie

ATCZ175 Interoperabilität heterogener Funkssysteme

**PA8 – To support the competitiveness of enterprises, including cluster development:**

ATCZ16 Service Innovation Process for Small and Medium Enterprises

**PA 9 – To invest in people and skills:**

ATCZ35 Durch den mathematischen Weg zur Technik

ATCZ5 Educational Cooperation in the Border Region

ATCZ62 Methodisches Konzept zur effektiven Unterstützung von Schlüsselkompetenzen in einer Fremdsprache

ATCZ65 Educational Framework for Garden-Pedagogy

ATCZ68 Schulung, Coaching & Integrationsmodelle für Berater/innen für arbeitslose Menschen über 50 Jahre in Südböhmen und Oberösterreich

**PA 10 – Institutional Capacity & Cooperation:**

ATCZ1 Connecting Regions AT-CZ

ATCZ100 Unterstützung der grenzüberschreitenden Zusammenarbeit im Bereich der nachhaltigen Entwicklung LA21/G25

ATCZ125 Grenzüberschreitende Gesundheitsversorgung Niederösterreich - Südböhmen

ATCZ22 Gemeinsame grenzüberschreitende Gesundheitsversorgung Niederösterreich – Südmähren – Südböhmen

ATCZ49 Kleinprojektefonds im Kooperationsprogramm INTERREG V-A Österreich-Tschechische Republik

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)



**The pillar(s) and priority area(s) that the programme is relevant to:**

	<b>Pillar</b>	<b>Priority area</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.1 - Mobility - waterways
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.2 - Mobility - rail, road & air
<input type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.3 - Energy
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	1 - Connecting the Danube region	1.4 - Culture and tourism
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.1 - Water quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.2 - Environmental risks
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2 - Protecting the environment in the Danube region	2.3 - Biodiversity, landscapes, air and soil quality
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.1 - Knowledge society
<input type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.2 - Competitiveness
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	3 - Building prosperity in the Danube region	3.3 - People & skills
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.1 - Institutional capacity & cooperation
<input type="checkbox"/>	4 - Strengthening the Danube region	4.2 - Security

**Actions or mechanisms used to better link the programme with the EUSDR**

**A. Are macro-regional coordinators (mainly National Coordinators, Priority Area Coordinators or Steering Group members) participating in the Monitoring Committee of the programme?**

Yes  No

**B. In selection criteria, have extra points been attributed to specific measures supporting the EUSDR?**

Yes  No

**a) Are targeted calls for proposals planned in relation to EUSDR**

Yes  No

**b) How many macro-regional projects/actions are already supported by the programme? (Number)**

**c) Were extra points/bonus given to a project/action with high macro-regional significance or impact? If yes, please elaborate (1 specific sentence)**

**d) Other actions (e.g. planned strategic projects). Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)**

**C. Has the programme invested EU funds in the EUSDR?**

Yes  No

Does your programme plan to invest in the EUSDR in the future? Please elaborate (1 specific sentence)

**D. Obtained results in relation to the EUSDR (n.a. for 2016)**

**E. Does the programme contribute to the targets as validated by the national coordinators and priority area coordinators in 2016 (uploaded on the EUSDR website)? (Please specify the target(s))**

#### **11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation**

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### 13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN — PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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## Documents

Document title	Document type	Document date	Local reference	Commission reference	Files	Sent date	Sent By
ATCZ_citizens_summary_2017	Citizens' summary	17-May-2018		Ares(2018)2681210	ATCZ_Bürgerinformation 2017	24-May-2018	nweissbh
ATCZ_citizens_summary_CZ 2017	Citizens' summary	17-May-2018		Ares(2018)2681210	ATCZ_citizens_summary_CZ 2017	24-May-2018	nweissbh

## Latest validation results

Severity	Code	Message
Info		Implementation report version has been validated
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, specific objective: 1a, indicator: RI 1, year: 2014 (0.00 < 2.70). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, specific objective: 1b, indicator: RI 2, year: 2014 (0.00 < 1.80). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2014 (0.00 < 28,028,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, specific objective: 2b, indicator: RI4, year: 2014 (0.00 < 38.40). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6f, specific objective: 2c, indicator: RI5, year: 2014 (0.00 < 62.40). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2014 (0.00 < 75.00). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2016 (29.00 < 75.00). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 3, investment priority: 10a, specific objective: 3a, indicator: RI6, year: 2017 (29.00 < 75.00). Please check.

<b>Severity</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Message</b>
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, specific objective: 4a, indicator: RI 7, year: 2014 (0.00 < 22.00). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, specific objective: 4a, indicator: RI 7, year: 2016 (20.77 < 22.00). Please check.
Warning	2.48.1	Annual value entered in table 1 is below the baseline value and moving away from the target for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, specific objective: 4a, indicator: RI 7, year: 2017 (20.77 < 22.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2015 (2,802,800,000.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2016 (31,861,315.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.49.1	Annual value entered in table 1 exceeds the target value for priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, specific objective: 2a, indicator: RI 3, year: 2017 (31,861,315.00 > 31,500,000.00). Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 100.63% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 125.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6c, indicator: OP 5, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 146.67% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1a, indicator: OP 2, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 8,



<b>Severity</b>	<b>Code</b>	<b>Message</b>
		year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 200.00% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 2, investment priority: 6d, indicator: OP 9, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 333.33% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2016. Please check.
Warning	2.52.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered is 366.67% of the total target value for "S", priority axis: 1, investment priority: 1b, indicator: OP 4, year: 2017. Please check.
Warning	2.54.1	In table 2, the annual total value entered for "F" (implemented) is 155.56% of the annual total value entered for "S" (forecast from selected) for priority axis: 4, investment priority: 11a, indicator: OP12, year: 2016. Please check.