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Rules of Procedure

of the Monitoring Committee

of the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Slovakia Programme

List of modifications

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4	23/03/2026	Monitoring Committee is authorized to carry out programming tasks for the 2028-2034 period (MC Decision No. 5MC/II/2)	23/03/2026
3	09/09/2024	Monitoring Committee decision was modified; decision types were extended	09/09/2024
2	29/02/2024	RDV EGTC and Via Carpathia EGTC are observers Membership of Ministry of Transport of the Slovak Republic are transferred to the Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Slovak Republic	29/02/2024
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Preamble

Based on

- Regulation (EU) 2021/1060 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 laying down common provisions on the European Regional Development Fund, the European Social Fund Plus, the Cohesion Fund, the Just Transition Fund and the European Maritime, Fisheries and Aquaculture Fund and financial rules for those and for the Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund, the Internal Security Fund and the Instrument for Financial Support for Border Management and Visa Policy (hereinafter referred to as CPR);
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1058 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on the European Regional Development Fund and on the Cohesion Fund;
- Regulation (EU) 2021/1059 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 24 June 2021 on specific provisions for the European territorial cooperation goal (Interreg) supported by the European Regional Development Fund and external financing instruments (hereinafter referred to as the Interreg Regulation);
- Commission Delegated Regulation (EU) No 240/2014 of 7 January 2014 on the European code of conduct on partnership in the framework of the European Structural and Investment Funds;
- nomination of the Hungarian national representatives by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade of Hungary;
- nomination of the Slovak national representatives by the Ministry of Investment, Regional Development and Informatization;
- the experiences / best practices gathered during the operation of the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary and Interreg VI-A Hungary-Slovakia Programme; and
- Proposal for a COUNCIL REGULATION laying down the multiannual financial framework for the years 2028 to 2034;
- Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Fund for economic, social and territorial cohesion, agriculture and rural, fisheries and maritime, prosperity and security for the period 2028-2034, and amending Regulation (EU) 2023/955 and Regulation (EU, Euratom) 2024/2509;
- Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing the European Fund for Regional Development including for European Territorial Cooperation (Interreg) and the Cohesion Fund as part of the Fund set out in Regulation (EU) […] [NRP] and establishing conditions for the implementation of the Union support to regional development from 2028 to 2034;
- Proposal for a REGULATION OF THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND OF THE COUNCIL establishing a budget expenditure tracking and performance framework and other horizontal rules for the Union programmes and activities.

as well as based on Chapter 7 of the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Slovakia Programme approved by the European Commission on 3 November 2022.

a Monitoring Committee (hereinafter referred to as MC) is established for the implementation of the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Slovakia Programme adopted by the decision of the Commission No C(2022)8025 (hereinafter referred to as the Programme) which shall be the main decision-making structure of the Programme.

Based on the authorizing decision of the MC of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Programme 2014-2020 made on 20/12/2022, the MC for 2021-2027 acts in matters for the implementation of the Interreg V-A Slovakia-Hungary Programme 2014-2020. Separate agenda, minutes and decisions shall be delivered to provide clear separation.

By adopting the amendment of the Rules of Procedure, the MC members and observers are authorized to participate in the work of the Programming Committee for the period 2028-2034 in order to keep the know-how, to rely on the experience, as well as to ensure the smooth transition, while at the same time to respect the multilevel partnership principle[1]. Their planning and programming duties will be valid when adopting the Rules of Procedure for the Programming Committee.

General provisions

(1) The MC of the Programme is a permanently acting body established in accordance with Article 28 of the Interreg Regulation.

(2) These Rules of Procedure are drawn up by the MC within the institutional, legal and financial framework of the Partner Countries and in compliance with the MC mandate set out by the Commission in accordance with Article 28 of the Interreg Regulation. They are unanimously adopted by the MC.

Rule 1 – Tasks of the MC

(1) The MC shall examine

a) the progress in programme implementation and in achieving the milestones and targets of the Programme;

b) any issues that affect the performance of the Programme and the measures taken to address these issues;

c) the progress made in carrying out evaluations, syntheses of evaluations and any follow-up given to findings;

d) the implementation of communication and visibility actions;

e) the progress in implementing Interreg operations of strategic importance and, where applicable, of large infrastructure projects; and

f) the progress in administrative capacity building for public institutions and beneficiaries, where relevant.

(2) Based on Article 22 of the Interreg Regulation the MC shall, in accordance with the Programme's strategy and objectives, select the Interreg operations that shall receive funding under the Programme. The MC may set up one or, in particular in the case of sub-programmes, more steering committees which act under its responsibility for the selection of operations.

[1] Implementing bodies, such as audit authority, bodies carrying out accounting function, SPF holders will not participate at the programming exercise.

(3) The selection of operations shall be transparent, justified on objective grounds and shall not give rise to a conflict of interests.

(4) For the selection of operations, the MC or, where applicable, the steering committee shall establish and apply criteria and procedures which are non-discriminatory and transparent, ensure accessibility to persons with disabilities, gender equality and take account of the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union and the principle of sustainable development and of the Union policy on the environment. The criteria and procedures shall ensure the prioritisation of operations to be selected with a view to maximising the contribution of Union funding to the achievement of the objectives of the Programme and to implementing the cooperation dimension of operations under the Programme as set out in Article 23(1) and (4) of the Interreg Regulation.

(5) In selecting operations, the MC shall

a) ensure that selected operations comply with the Programme and provide an effective contribution to the achievement of its specific objectives;

b) ensure that selected operations do not conflict with the corresponding strategies established pursuant to Article 10(1) of the Interreg Regulation or established for one or more of the external financing instruments of the Union;

c) ensure that selected operations present the best relationship between the amount of support, the activities undertaken and the achievement of objectives;

d) verify that the beneficiary has the necessary financial resources and mechanisms to cover operation and maintenance costs for operations comprising investment in infrastructure or productive investment, so as to ensure their financial sustainability;

e) ensure that selected operations which fall under the scope of Directive 2011/92/EU of the European Parliament and of the Council are subject to an environmental impact assessment or a screening procedure and that the assessment of alternative solutions has been taken in due account, on the basis of the requirements of that Directive;

f) verify that where the operations have started before the submission of an application for funding to the Managing Authority (hereinafter referred to as the MA), the applicable law has been complied with;

g) ensure that selected operations fall within the scope of the Interreg fund concerned and are attributed to a type of intervention;

h) ensure that operations do not include activities which were part of an operation subject to relocation within the meaning of point (27) of Article 2 of the CPR or which would constitute a transfer of a productive activity within the meaning of point (a) of Article 65(1) of that Regulation;

i) ensure that selected operations are not directly affected by a reasoned opinion by the Commission in respect of an infringement within the scope of Article 258 TFEU that puts at risk the legality and regularity of expenditure or the performance of operations; and

j) ensure that, for investments in infrastructure with an expected lifespan of at least five years, an assessment of expected impacts of climate change is carried out.

(6) The MC or, where applicable, the steering committee shall approve the methodology and criteria used for the selection of Interreg operations, including any changes thereto, after notifying the European Commission, where requested, pursuant to Article 22(2) of the Interreg Regulation, without prejudice to points (b), (c) and (d) of Article 33(3) of the CPR.

(7) During the project selection procedure, the MC has to pay special attention to avoid double financing of projects or project parts, therefore it is obliged to monitor and announce eventual projects that have similar content.

(8) In addition to its tasks concerning the selection of operations listed in Sections 5, 6 and 7 above, the MC shall approve

a) the evaluation plan and any amendment thereto;

b) any proposal by the MA for the amendment of the Programme including for a transfer in accordance with Article 19(5) of the Interreg Regulation; and

c) the final performance report.

(9) Related to rules on the eligibility of expenditure under the Programme, the MC shall exercise its rights in line with the provisions of Article 37 and Article 38 of the Interreg Regulation.

(10) For the period 2014-2020, the MC is authorised to carry out any programme related tasks.

(11) For the period 2028-2034, the MC is authorised to carry out planning and programming tasks.

Rule 2 – Setting up the Monitoring Committee

(1) The MC is a collective body which shall consist of Members and Observers ensuring balanced representation from Hungary and Slovak Republic in line with Article 29 of the Interreg Regulation. It shall be set up within three months after the date of notification of the Commission decision approving the Programme.

(2) The competencies of the MC concern the Programme for the programming period between 2021 and 2027 and will expire with the closure of the programme.

(3) The MC shall meet at least once a year and shall review all issues that affect the Programme's progress towards achieving its objectives.

(4) The MC shall unanimously approve its own rules of procedure.

(5) The Members and Observers of the MC, appointed by the Partner Countries, shall represent, in a balanced and effective manner, the relevant national, regional and local authorities and other relevant bodies reflecting the programme area.

(6) The Chair or the members in agreement with the Chair can invite additional advisors to the meetings of the Committee with an observatory status for ad hoc case.

(7) In line with Article 29(2) of the Interreg Regulation, the list of the Members and Observers of the MC shall be published on the official website of the Programme, along with the rules of procedure and a summary of the main decisions of the MC.

Rule 3 – Membership

(1) In agreement between the two Partner Countries and the MA, and in accordance with Article 29 of the Interreg Regulation, the MC is composed of the representatives of the organisations listed in Annex I of these Rules of Procedure.

(2) Membership in the MC is an honorary office; any expenditure incurred on behalf of a Member or Observer in relation to his/her participation in the work of the MC shall be borne by the delegating institution.

(3) The assignment of an MC Member or Observer shall commence simultaneously with the official establishment of the MC and shall be terminated by resignation or at the end of the operation period of the MC. The Members and Observers shall be designated by their respective authorities. A formal letter of assignment shall be issued by the delegating institution to the MA and to the Joint Secretariat (hereinafter referred to as JS) in written format.

(4) If any of the institutions nominating an MC Member / deputy Member or Observer / deputy Observer should cease to exist, the legal successor of the institution shall designate a Member or Observer and a deputy Member or deputy Observer by sending an official letter of assignment to the MA and to the JS in written format.

(5) Subject to prior notification to the MA/JS, as a general rule at least 7 working days before the upcoming MC meeting and subject to approval of the Chairperson in writing, Members and Observers can be accompanied by one expert each. Any expert who accompanies a Member or Observer shall not be entitled to participate in the decision-making of the MC, although, with the agreement of the Chairperson, they may participate in the discussion and may offer advice to the MC.

(6) The Members and Observers of the MC shall participate in person in the meetings of the MC. Exceptionally, in cases where a Member or Observer is not in the position to participate in a meeting of the MC, he/she may be replaced by his/her acting representative.

(7) If a Member cannot attend an MC meeting, the delegating institution is responsible for providing for his/her substitution by the way of a formal letter of nomination. If any Member fails to attend the meetings on three consecutive occasions, s/he will be invited to resign from the MC, and the MA will invite the relevant institution to replace the Member.

(8) Representatives of the Commission shall participate in the work of the MC in an advisory capacity, and representatives of the JS shall participate at the MC meetings with a supportive function.

(9) Rule 3 (7) does not apply to the Observers and experts participating in the work of the MC, nor to the Commission, the MA and the Slovak NA, and the JS.

Rule 4 – Steering committees, working groups

(1) Based on Article 22 of the Interreg Regulation, the MC may set up one or, in particular in the case of sub-programmes, more steering committees which act under its responsibility for the selection of operations. Steering committees shall apply the partnership principle as set out in Article 8 of the CPR.

(2) The MC may also create working groups, chaired by the Chairperson, to exam particular issues. The working groups report to the MC; to this purpose, they may appoint a reporter.

Rule 5 – Chairperson

(1) The Chairperson of the MC is the Head of the MA or in his/her absence the Head of JS who can further delegate this function. The Chairperson shall be responsible for the proper functioning of the MC, preside over its meetings, provide for its representation, and draw up – in collaboration with the JS – the provisional agenda of the meetings.

(2) The Chairperson, with the involvement of the JS, convenes the MC as frequently as deemed necessary for the proper implementation of the Programme, but at least once per year.

(3) The MC can also be convened at the written and substantial request of one or more Member(s) of the MC. The request has to be addressed to the Chairperson who has 5 working days to examine it. If the Chairperson deems it necessary to convene the MC s/he calls upon the JS to organise the meeting. In case the Chairperson does not deem it necessary to convene the MC (because e.g. the matter on hand is not urgent or can be handled via a written decision-making procedure), s/he informs the requesting Member(s), as well as the entire MC about the decision.

Rule 6 – Secretariat

(1) The JS of the Programme shall provide assistance and secretarial support to the MC in carrying out its tasks, including tasks related to the organisation of the MC meetings and to the communication towards the MC Members and Observers. Acting in this role, the JS shall, inter alia, perform all duties necessary for the proper conduct of the work of the MC, and in particular shall:

a) provide the MC with background documentation and reports on the implementation of the Programme;

b) provide assistance and technical co-ordination in the elaboration of documents to be prepared for the Commission;

c) collect and/or elaborate and distribute to all Members and Observers of MC the documents and materials (reports, analyses, proposals etc.) needed for their work in the MC;

d) co-ordinate the process of project assessment, contracting external experts on a case-by-case basis;

e) based on the results of Point d) submit proposals for decision-making to the MC;

f) organise and carry out the preparation of the MC meetings and assist the activities of the MC;

g) implement operational decisions of the MC, including the managing of written decision-making procedures;

h) prepare the minutes of the meetings of the MC and keep all documentation of the MC;

i) ensure visibility and publicity, as appropriate, concerning the work of the MC.

(2) The JS shall be the contact point of the MC and all correspondence concerning the activities of the MC shall be addressed to it:

Hungary-Slovakia Joint Secretariat,
hosted by
Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc.
H-1053 Budapest, Szép u. 2, 4th floor
Hungary

E-mail: info@interreghusk.eu

Rule 7 – Working language, communication, information flow

(1) Aiming at ensuring efficient and rapid communication among the Members and Observers of the MC the English language is adopted as official working language. Thus, any documents have to be submitted and will be circulated in English.

(2) Communication, including the circulation of working documents, among the Members and Observers of the MC and the JS shall be managed electronically. The JS shall establish a register of documents on the programme website ('back office' function) and the internal rules governing access to it by the Members and Observers of the MC.

(3) After the approval of the minutes of an MC meeting, in line with Article 28(4) of the Interreg Regulation, the final agenda and a summary of the main decisions taken by the MC shall be published on the official website of the Programme.

(4) Relations with the media shall fall within the responsibility of the Chairperson. Any statement made by any other Member or Observer of the MC shall not be considered as an official position of the MC, unless otherwise agreed.

Rule 8 – Organising of the meetings

(1) The MC shall meet at least once a year at the initiative of the Partner Countries or the MA, and shall review implementation of the Programme and progress made towards achieving its objectives.

(2) As a general rule the meeting of the MC shall be held with personal attendance of all its Members and Observers. However, if the situation at the time of a meeting does not make this possible (e.g. due to public health restrictions, strict border crossing rules, urgent issues, cost-saving solutions, etc.), it may also be held online. All provisions of the present Rules of Procedure (e.g. regarding the quorum, the voting procedures, the sending of the agenda and materials, as well of the minutes) remain valid in case of online MC meetings as well.

(3) The JS, on behalf of the Chairperson, convenes the MC in a written communication indicating the place, date and time of the meeting, and enclosing a draft agenda. Invitations to the upcoming meeting shall be sent out at least 21 calendar days before the meeting or, in exceptional cases and in agreement with the MA, even within a shorter period. The JS may circulate working documents among the Members and Observers no later than 14 calendar days prior to the meeting.

(4) The agenda shall make a distinction between proposed measures about which the MC should decide, is asked to give an opinion on or other issues to be put to the MC for information or for a simple exchange of views.

(5) Requests made by Members or Observers of the MC concerning the amendment of the draft agenda must be communicated in a written form to the JS at least 7 calendar days before the meeting. The updated agenda shall be communicated towards the MC by the JS. Any amendments of the agenda after this deadline can be made only with a consensus among the MC Members. If there is evidence of urgency or in exceptional cases, the Members and Observers may propose new items to be put on the agenda at the beginning of the meeting, which are subject to approval by all the Members.

(6) In case of selection of projects, MC Members and Observers can communicate their comments, objections, proposals if any to the JS concerning the recommendation sent to MC by the JS in written form no later than 7 calendar days prior the meeting. Any comments, objections or proposals regarding the selection of projects can also be communicated verbally during the MC meeting.

(7) The MC shall adopt its agenda at the beginning of each meeting.

(8) Meetings of the MC shall be organised on the Hungarian or Slovak side of the programme area, as a general rule on a rotation basis. Any necessary practical arrangements will be taken by the programme bodies in the host country of the meeting, with the support of the JS.

Rule 9 – Decision-making

(1) An MC meeting meets the quorum if at least 2/3 of the Members from each Partner Country, the representative of the NA as well as the MA are present. Members that are central public administration bodies can delegate their vote to the NA of their respective country and be absent from the MC meeting; in case of such a delegation the quorum shall also be considered as met.

(2) Decisions of the MC shall be taken by consensus of its Members. In an event of disagreement, the Chairperson shall use all appropriate channels to seek to resolve any differences arising between the participants.

(3) If an objection to the procedure or to the draft decision is raised and cannot be resolved according to (2) – except for the selection of projects –, the matter shall be placed on the agenda of the next meeting of the MC. An objection can be withdrawn at any time. If no objection to the procedure or to the draft decision has been received by the specified time, the decision is deemed to be taken by the MC.

(4) The MC decides about projects as:

a) approved,

b) approved with conditions,

c) placed on the reserve list,

d) proposed to be rejected due to insufficient funds,

e) proposed to be rejected due to not reaching the minimum threshold of scores.

(5) If consensus *concerning exclusively the selection of projects* cannot be reached, the following rules apply: the one-one vote of each national delegation is composed of the votes of its Members. Every Member of the MC shall express his/her opinion or agreement/disagreement on the proposal or his/her intention to abstain from decision-making. No objections will be considered as agreement with the proposal.

The opinion of the national delegation is expressed through the simple majority of votes. If the number of votes equal, a final decision is made by the chair of the national delegation.

(6) If the MA has any reservation concerning efficiency and/or correctness of management, regularity of financial and control operations, compliance with EU policies and national rules, procurement procedures or information and publicity requirements, they can either suspend the decision until these aspects are fully clarified with the Commission or the irregularities are removed, or they can ask for a new decision in case the issue cannot be clarified.

(7) In case the MA has doubts concerning the legality/legitimacy of a decision taken by the MC, the decision shall be taken with reservation until the issue is clarified. The MA may seek support from partners and the Commission in clarifying the issue. In case that no compliance could be asserted or no clarification could be obtained, the respective decision will not come into force. Otherwise, the MC decision shall be deemed valid, and the MA shall inform the MC through the JS.

Rule 10 – Written decision-making

(1) In general, related to the tasks of the MC which can be derived from the regulations (and which can therefore be predicted) regular MC meetings shall be held instead of MC written procedures. However, if the circumstances justify so (as stipulated in Rule 8 (2)), a written decision-making procedure can be initiated.

(2) The written procedure is launched on behalf of the Chairperson and is managed by the JS via e-mail. Members of the MC have to express their position on any proposal in a written form not later than 14 calendar days from the date on which they received the written communication from the JS. Members shall use the 'reply to all' function of their mailing programme so that all Members and Observers of the MC are directly informed about their standpoint on the matter concerned. Any MC Member who, before the deadline, did not express his/her opposition or the intention to abstain is considered to have granted his/her tacit approval to the proposal.

(3) In exceptional and urgent cases, when the Chairperson decides so, 7 calendar days are provided for the MC to send its position on the proposal.

(4) The result of the written procedure can be one of the following:

a) Only technical types of comments are sent by the MC in connection to the document(s) subject of the written procedure. In this case the JS incorporates the remarks into the document(s) which are deemed to be approved with those minor modifications.

b) The proposal submitted to the MC for adoption has, in the absence of any written objection expressed within the deadline, been deemed agreed.

c) Written objections are registered from any Member of the MC to a proposal.

(5) Where written objections or observations from any of the Members have been received by the JS within the deadline, the Chairperson will determine whether:

a) the proposal shall be deemed agreed;

b) discussion should take place with the relevant Members concerning their objections; or

c) the proposal should be referred back to the MC for further consideration.

(6) The JS shall inform the MC within 10 calendar days following the deadline about the result of the written procedure, and – if no objections have been expressed by the MC – the JS shall send the final version of the document(s) to all Members and Observers.

(7) In urgent cases, when the Chairperson decides so, 5 calendar days are provided for the JS to inform the MC about the result of the written procedure.

Rule 11 – Recording of the meetings

(1) The JS shall draft minutes of each meeting of the MC. The minutes shall contain the agenda of the meeting, the list of participants, the summaries of the discussions and the decisions adopted during the meeting.

(2) The draft minutes shall be submitted to the Members and Observers of the MC for comments or corrections within 14 calendar days following the meeting. The Members and Observers of the MC may formulate their observations, proposals or amendments no later than 14 calendar days following the receipt of the draft minutes. If no observations are made within this period, the minutes are deemed to be approved. If observations are made, the JS amends the minutes accordingly. In an event of objection / disagreement, the JS shall finalise the minutes according to the transcription recorded at the meeting and shall forward the minutes to the MC within further 7 calendar days.

Rule 12 – Code of Conduct

(1) Every Member and Observer of the MC shall participate in establishing, maintaining and enforcing high standards of conduct of the MC and shall personally observe those standards so that the integrity of the MC is preserved.

(2) The Members and Observers of the MC shall not be dependent on persons that could affect their impartiality in exercising their functions as Member/Observer of the MC.

(3) The Members and Observers of the MC shall not use their participation in the MC to acquire any benefit or privilege for themselves or for others.

(4) The meetings of the MC are of confidential nature. It shall be ensured that any assessment and/or decision of the MC be free from bias and be uninfluenced by partial interest of any of the individual Members or Observers of the MC. The Members and Observers are sworn to secrecy by signing a declaration of impartiality and confidentiality, in accordance with Sections (1), (2) and (3) above. The declaration constitutes Annex II of the present Rules of Procedure.

(5) In addition to the above-mentioned declaration, in case of any conflict of interest the respective Member, Observer or expert is obliged to declare it and to inform the Chairperson if possible before the MC meeting, before the discussion on the particular agenda item begins or – the latest – before the decision-making. The representative will be excluded from the discussion and decision-making on the item(s) concerned. If there is any doubt whether a conflict of interest arises, the advice of the Chairperson must be sought.

Rule 13 – Expenses

(1) Costs arising in connection to the participation of representatives in the MC meetings, including travel, accommodation and subsistence, shall be covered by the institutions delegating the MC Members and Observers. Expenses of the participation of the MA, NA and JS can be covered by JS Technical Assistance sources.

Rule 14 – Revision

(1) These Rules of Procedure of the MC may be amended by consensus of its Members.

(2) Changes to the Annexes of this document (e.g. changes in the list of Members and Observers) do not require an amendment of the Rules of Procedure.

Rule 15 – Entry into force

The MC approved these Rules of Procedure on its 1st meeting, on 24 January 2023. They shall remain valid until acceptance of the programme closure documents by the European Commission.

Annex I – List of Members and Observers of the Monitoring Committee

a) MC Members:

	Member
	HUNGARY
1.	Szabolcs-Szatmár-Bereg County Council
2.	Borsod-Abaúj-Zemplén County Council
3.	Heves County Council
4.	Nógrád County Council
5.	Pest County Council
6.	Komárom-Esztergom County Council
7.	Győr-Moson-Sopron County Council
8.	Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade, Member State as National Authority of Hungary
9.	Ministry of Interior
10.	Ministry of Culture and Innovation
	SLOVAK REPUBLIC
11.	HTU (VÚC) Košice
12.	HTU (VÚC) Banská Bystrica
13.	HTU (VÚC) Nitra
14.	HTU (VÚC) Trnava
15.	HTU (VÚC) Bratislava
16.	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic, Member State as National Authority of Slovak Republic
17.	Ministry of Culture of the Slovak Republic
18.	Ministry of Environment of the Slovak Republic
19.	Ministry of Sports and Tourism of the Slovak Republic
20.	Association of Cities and Municipalities of the Slovak Republic

b) Observers:

Hungary

- National Development Centre – EU Council Unit
- Ministry of Energy
- Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade - Deputy State Secretariat for the Development of Foreign Trade – National co-ordinator of Danube Strategy
- Hungarian Association for Ornithology
- Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit LLc.
- Directorate General for Audit of European Funds, Audit Authority
- Hungarian State Treasury, Certifying Authority
- RDV European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

Slovak Republic

- Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs of the Slovak Republic
- Ministry of Finance, Slovak member of the Group of Auditors
- Integrated Network of Regional Agencies
- Via Carpathia European Grouping of Territorial Cooperation

c) Organisations participating in an advisory capacity:

- European Commission

d) Organisations participating in a supporting function:

- Joint Secretariat

If deemed necessary, the Chairperson can also invite other organisations / experts (from civil society as well as representatives of concerned authorities) to attend a meeting in advisory capacity. Moreover, the Member States reserve the right to form national coordination board to carry out consultation via national platform.

Annex II – Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality

Declaration of Impartiality and Confidentiality
for the Participants of the Monitoring Committee meeting
of the Interreg VI-A Hungary-Slovakia Programme

I, the undersigned, hereby declare that I agree to participate in the Monitoring Committee. By making this declaration, I confirm that I have familiarised myself with the information available to date concerning the Programme.

I shall execute my responsibilities impartially and objectively and in accordance with the Programme and other programming documents as well as with the Rules of Procedure of this Monitoring Committee.

I hereby declare that I am independent of all parties which stand to gain from the outcome of the Monitoring Committee. To the best of my knowledge and belief, there are no facts or circumstances, past or present, or that could arise in the foreseeable future, which might call into question my independence in the eyes of any party; and, if I discover or should it become apparent during the course of the decision-making process that such a relationship exists or has been established, I will declare it immediately to the Chairperson and abstain from the work of the MC in connection with the item concerned.

I further declare that to the best of my knowledge, I am not in a situation that could cast doubt on my ability to participate in the Monitoring Committee.

I agree to hold in trust and confidence any information or documents ('confidential information') disclosed to me, discovered by me or prepared by me in the course of or as a result of the Monitoring Committee membership, and I agree that it shall be used only for the purposes of the Monitoring Committee and shall not be disclosed to any third party. I also agree not to retain copies of any written information or prototypes supplied.

Name	
Status	*Member / Observer / Expert / Participant in advisory capacity or with supportive function*
Organisation	
Signature	

[Place, date]