**SUMMARY OF CONCLUSIONS**

Technical meeting MA-NA-SZPO\_JS on Programming process

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The following subjects were discussed at the meeting:

1. **Selection of the POs**
2. **Future weekly meetings agenda**

**OBJECTIVE OF THE MEETING:**

The Technical meeting was organised in the context of programming process, in order to reach consensus on different topics, in order to better prepare the future decisions of the Programming Committee.

The proposed subject to be discussed during the 2nd technical meeting was related to the strategy for selecting the Policy Objectives for the future programme.

**Aspects on selection of the Policy Objectives and Interreg Specific Objectives**

It is required to have a comprehensive territorial analysis, all proposed PO’s in the new regulations should be properly tackled. The methodology proposed by external experts, presented in the Inception Report, will be presented to Programming Committee members, so that the most suitable POs to be selected and financed under Interreg Programme between Romania and Hungary for the period 2021-2027.

Each PO has been briefly addressed, highlighting relevant aspects. It has been mentioned that the Trialogue is still ongoing, but, still far, PO 2 – a greener Europe - seems to be mandatory for all Interreg programmes. Moreover, the ISO 1 would be the best choice for the future Programme as compared to ISO2.

In order the future Programme to have a greater impact on the area, fewer Policy Objectives should be selected (present proposals recommend maximum 3 out of 5 Policy Objectives + ISO).

The Inception Report and the Methodology proposed by the external experts for drafting the Strategic Territorial Analysis, is to be consulted between the Member States, at the end of July- beginning of August, and consequently will be presented to PC members.

Concerning the PO1’s, our eligible area has a certain potential, a couple of higher education institutions being located in Timisoara, Szeged, Debrecen, Oradea, but investments in such domain could require high budgets. Connectivity-related activities, that could be financed within PO3, have been also implemented in previous programmes, yet, their impact was rather low. Taking into account the latest discussions in the Trialogue, under PO4 investments in tourism and culture are supported. Furthermore, having in mind that PO4 is dedicated to healthcare, and taking also into consideration the Covid-19 pandemic context, it is expected that this PO will be of great interest among potential applicants.

In what concerns the PO 5, since the starting point has to be a coherent territory (functional area) in which the needs and assets have to be included in a multi-sectoral integrated strategy, and identifying such areas and drafting the related integrated strategies are both time-consuming processes, the selection of PO 5 could generate certain delays in starting the future programme implementation. Furthermore, as tourism and culture can be implemented under PO4, too, the interest in PO 5 could decrease.

**Conclusion:** The methodology proposed by the externals experts will be submitted to PC members attention for consultation purposes.

Strategic Territorial Analysis should equally address all POs and ISOs and provide appropriate scenarios for their selection.

**B. Future meetings agenda**

- The next technical meeting will tackle the SCOs