

Programme Committee 2021-2027

Meeting decisions

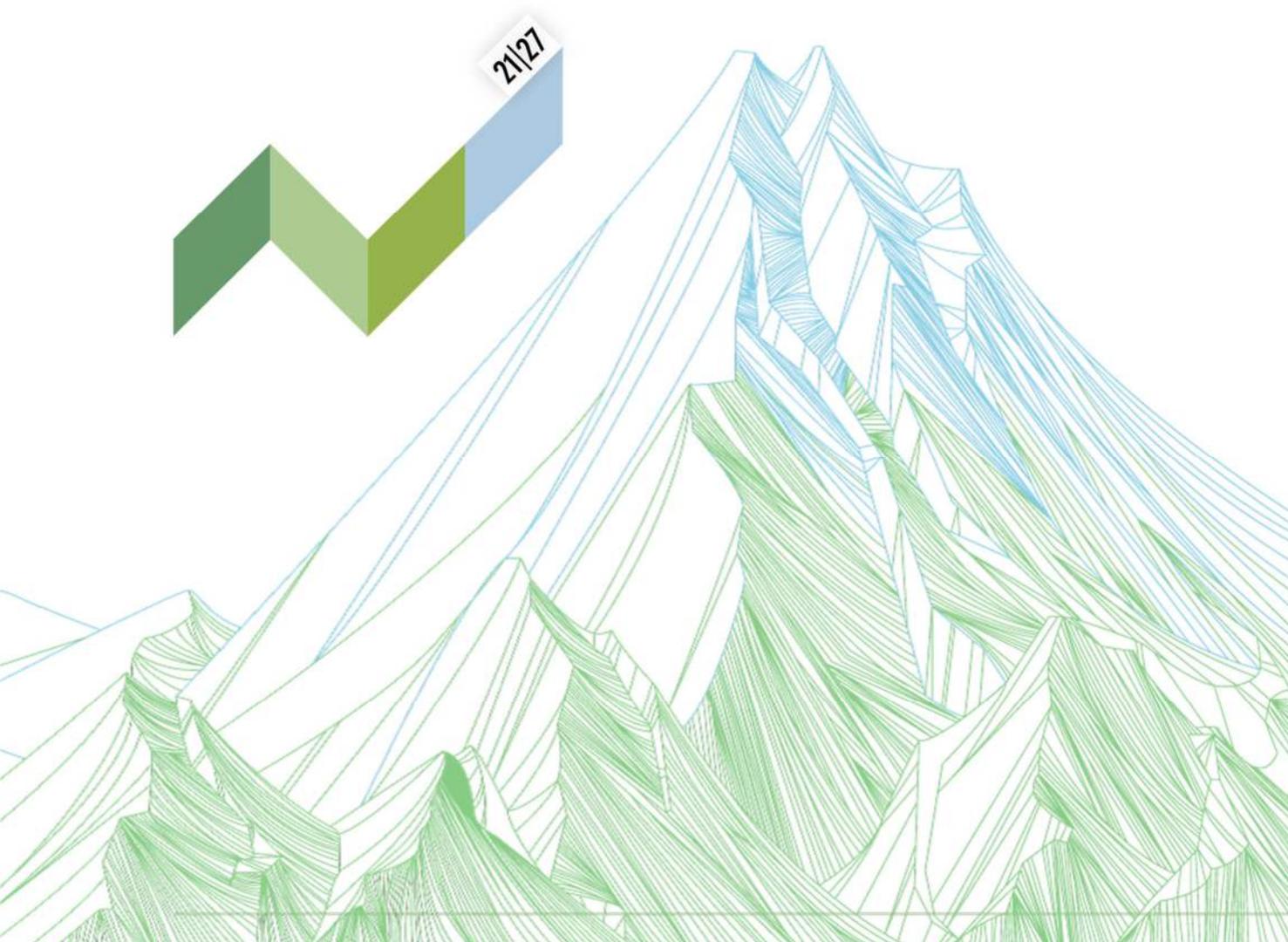




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PC01 (informal) Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

05-06 October 2021 | Online

Item 1: Rules of procedure

PC decision

The PC welcomes the AC as representative in the PC.

The MA will take on board the comments made by all delegations in a revised version of the rules of procedure, which will be sent out with the minutes (see annex 2). The representation of EUSALP shall be re-discussed as soon as the TSS is set.

Item 2: State of play on the IP submitted for assessment by the EC

As agreed at the last Task Force meeting (TF19), the MA took steps to submit the Interreg programme (IP) to the EC.

Item 3: First calls for project proposals

PC decision

A specific meeting (PC02) dedicated to small-scale projects is scheduled for 14 and 18 October, where the following documents will be tabled for discussion:

- A revised version of the terms of reference.
- A new chapter in the programme manual dedicated to the typology of projects.
- The application form and the selection criteria for classic and small-scale projects, highlighting in particular the foreseen simplifications for the latter type of projects.
- A revised version of the timeline.



The cluster on greening will be excluded from the selection criteria and the foreseen 5 points will be shifted to the cluster cooperation character, whose new weight will be 10 points. This change will lead to a rebalancing of the weighting in favour of the “strategic” criteria (60/100) compared to the “operational” criteria (40/100). Specific guidance on greening will be offered to project applicants and managers.

An updated version of the programme manual will be provided to the PC together with the minutes of the PC02 meeting.

Item 4: Communication

The JS introduced the communication strategy, which details the approach to communication and visibility set out in the IP.

Item 5: ASP-EUSALP and governance support

The MA presented the latest information about the selection procedure of the EUSALP technical support structure (TSS), following the call for proposals launched by the EC in July this year.

Item 6: AOB

No issues have been raised for discussion.



PC02 (informal) Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

14 October 2021 | Online

Item 1: Small-scale projects

PC decision

The MA/JS took note of the comments and remarks made by all delegations which will be considered as follows:

- Terms of reference
 - Further explanation on the ongoing application principle and the related assessment and selection procedure
 - Inclusion of a paragraph about the programme ambition to offer a new entry point to the programme for new target groups with small-scale projects
 - Adaption of the timeline as later on agreed under Item 4
- Programme manual
 - Integrating an introductory chapter

The support of EUSALP AG by small-scale projects implemented under priority 4 shall be discussed and further specified in due time.

Item 2: Application form & Item 3: Assessment criteria

PC decision

The PC decided to fix an ad-hoc working group meeting on 18 October from 10h to 13h so to find an agreement on the application form and its guidance both for small scale and classic projects, as well as the scoring system. The outcome of the meeting is provided in annex 3.



Item 4: Timeline

PC decision

The PC agreed with the revised version of the timeline. The terms of reference will be published on the programme website on 15 November with the view to launch the call for project proposals on 19 November once the application package will be complete and the JEMS system ready. The deadline for the submission of classic projects proposals (in step 1) is fixed to 10 January 2022.

Item 5: AoB

The chair invited all delegations to fill out the online poll with the view to identify the best date to hold the PC03 meeting.

PC03 (informal) Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

29 - 30 November | Online

Item 1: Interreg programme

The EC announced that the observation letter will most likely be sent by the end of the week. Generally, all DGs who took part in the consultation are pleased with the IP.

Item 2: Call for classic and small-scale project proposals

The latest information on Jems developments as well as an overview of next steps foreseen in terms of support to applicants were provided.

Item 3: Eligibility check and the role of ACPs

The rationale of the eligibility checks foreseen for the period 2021-2027 was presented (i.e. intention of applying a less time-consuming and more efficient approach in comparison with the current programme).

Item 4: Programme manual

PC decision

The chapter on the intervention logic (A.2) will be provided to the PC together with the draft minutes of PC03 meeting for approval. The same applies to the chapter on public procurement (D.2) and State aid (D.3) following the remarks voiced by the PC (annex 4). Once approved, both chapters will be added to the PM.



Item 5: ASP-EUSALP and governance support

The JS informed all delegations that the AlpGov2 project is more than half-way to completion, but after three reporting periods the ERDF budget exhaustion remains low at 25.1% compared to the initial estimation provided in the AF.

Item 6: Financial control systems in Partner States

The MA gave a brief introduction to the main features of the management and control system, as described in the common provisions regulation. The same applies to the time schedule for implementation.

Item 7: AoB

The chair announced that it will exchange together with the MA with the French delegation around mid-December to ensure a smooth and timely hand over of the PC presidency in view of the milestones to be achieved in 2022.



PC04 (informal) Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

19 January 2022 | Online

Item 1: Interreg programme (IP)

PC decision

The PC approved the changes made to the IP and its methodological paper (annex 3 and 4). The MA/JS are mandated to re-submit the IP to the EC via the SFC portal, including all pre-agreements, which is a pre-condition for adoption.

Item 2: Programme manual

PC decision

The PC approved the changes made to the three new chapters of the PM (annex 5). These new chapters will be added to the PM and uploaded on the programme website after approval of the PC04 minutes.

Item 3: Classic and small-scale project proposals

PC conclusion

The PC approved the presented scenarios. As soon as the number of project proposals is known (on 28 February 2022), the relevant scenario will be applied and communicated internally and externally.



Item 4: ASP-EUSALP and governance support

PC conclusion

At the EB meeting on 25 January 2022, the MA will recall the frame offered in the priority 4 of the Interreg Alpine Space programme to support EUSALP governance and explain the different available options.

Item 5: Work plan 2022

PC conclusion

The PC acknowledged the 2022 work plan and mandated the MA/JS to implement it.

Item 6: AoB

The chair announced that the PC05 (informal) meeting will take place on Monday 21 March 2022, as this is the preferred date by all delegations.

PC05 (informal) Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

21 March 2022 | Online

Item 1: IP approval and implementation

PC decision

The PC decided that the relevant scenario for the assessment and selection of small-scale projects will be applied as soon as the number of received AF is known. It will be communicated internally and to applicants by MA/JS.

Item 2: Programme manual

PC decision

The PC generally welcomed the proposal of additions to chapter A.4 Promoting the project's environmental achievements and asked the JS to review the current proposal, considering AT and CH comments. The revised text will be circulated for approval together with the minutes of the meeting (Annex 3).

The PC mandated the MA/JS to further develop the drafting of the chapter on reporting, which will be tabled for discussion at the PC06 meeting.

The PC welcomed the proposed text for the chapter on joint cross-border procurement and controls, and asked MA/JS to include a reference to the partnership agreement. The PC agrees on the updated chapter on green public procurement.

Item 3: ASP-EUSALP and governance support

PC conclusion

Having in mind the ambition to find a solution for financing this year's EUSALP annual forum that is legally justifiable, un-bureaucratic and allows ERDF payments as quickly as possible neither the



option of embedding such funding in the upcoming TSS project nor the option of having a dedicated small-scale project seems appropriate.

As a result, the PC mandates the MA/JS to verify, in collaboration with the AlpGov2 LP as well as the other project partners, the conditions for a six-month prolongation from 1 July to 31 December 2022 and, in case of agreement, to support the LP in setting it up swiftly.

The PC of the 2014-2020 programme is kindly asked to endorse this request and take a favourable decision, which in light of the urgency would need to be tabled for discussion via written procedure.

Item 4: Technical assistance manual

PC conclusion

The programme committee approves the technical assistance manual and mandates the managing authority to implement the centralised TA activities in line with the defined framework.

Item 5: AoB

The JS took the opportunity to inform about the steps required to put in place the evaluation plan, which will have to be submitted to the PC no later than one year after the approval of the IP.



PC06 (informal) Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

03-04 May 2022 | Online

Item 1: IP approval and implementation

PC conclusion

The PC asked the JS to include the constitution of the PC in the PC07 meeting agenda, which will take place in Lyon on 12-13 July 2022, and to take action to activate newcomers and experienced organisations to hand project proposals at the next occasions.

Item 2: Selection of project proposals in step 1 of call 1

PC decision

The PC decided to invite 29 applications to the second step of the application procedure. The JS was asked to inform all lead applicants about the decision and the next steps by 6 May, including the invitation to the lead applicant seminar on 23-24 May.

The PC asked the JS to create a meeting poll to select the date or dates of PC08 meeting in October.

Item 3: Update on new chapters of the PM

PC decision

The PC welcomed the proposal made by the MA/JS to chapters D.1, D.4 and D.7 of the programme manual.

The chapter on eligibility rules (B.3) will be marginally revised so that applicants and beneficiaries better understand the calculation method for assignments under staff costs, and provided for

approval together with the meeting minutes. The same applies to the guidance to applicants (Annex 3).

The PC mandated the MA to consult the FLCC on the draft chapter on audit and control (D1) prior to its publication.

The new chapters will be included in an updated version of the PM to be published online once the minutes are approved, and respectively after the FLCC consultation.

Item 4: ASP & EUSALP support

The MA shared the outcome of the last EUSALP EB meeting with regard to the application for an ASP project that is meant to finance TSS, AG and annual for a.

Item 5: AoB

The Chair confirmed that the PC07 meeting will take place in Lyon on 12 and 13 July 2022. The first day will run in the morning and afternoon while the second only in the morning.

PC07 Constituent Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

12-13 July 2022 | Lyon, France

Item 1: Constitution of the programme committee

PC conclusion

The PC confirmed all decisions taken by the informal PC. The PC furthermore approved the proposed changes to the rules of procedure (rule 3 (2)). The PC took note of the fact that all PC decisions marked as such in the minutes will be published on the programme's website according to the requirements of the EU regulations.

Item 2: Selection of small-scale project proposals

PC decision

The PC approved 5 (out of 62) eligible small-scale projects, namely Alps4GreenC, CERVINO, Cool*Alps, AlpSatellites and I-SWAMP. The JS was asked to inform lead applicants about the decision and the next steps, attaching a letter with requests for technical corrections in the application form, the subsidy contract and the invitation to the "Get started!" seminar on 26 July.

The PC mandated MA/JS/ACP to develop a proposal for improvement of the framework for small-scale projects and to table it for discussion/decision at PC08 meeting on 18-19 October 2022. A first round of discussions with ACPs will be organised around mid-September.

Item 3: ASP-EUSALP governance support

PC decision

The PC approved the Terms of Reference (ToR) for the EUSALP governance project with the changes as agreed in the meeting and asks MA/JS to publish them on the website and to inform the Technical Support Structure (TSS) hosting regions correspondingly. The PC welcomes the proposal of the



programme organising a workshop at the EUSALP annual forum that will focus on climate change and CO2 reduction and foster synergies between the approved projects and EUSALP AGs. The PC mandates MA/JS to organise the workshop along these lines in coordination with the EUSALP presidency.

Item 4: Timelines for next calls

PC decision

The PC approved the timeline for both small-scale and classic projects and mandated the MA/JS to proceed with the preparation and implementation of the calls.

PC08 Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

18-19 October 2022 | Strasbourg, France

Item 1: Latest developments in programme implementation

PC conclusion

The PC endorses the communication strategy 2021-2027 with the recommendation to transfer as much information of the project websites 2014-2020 to the new pages as possible.

Item 2: Framework improvement for small-scale projects

PC decision

The PC approved the amended ToR and mandated the MA/JS to publish them on the programme website, together with the improved AF guidance and selection criteria for SSP and the revised section A.3 of the programme manual. The PC mandated the JS/MA to promote the revised frame for the second cut-off date with no delay.

Item 3: Update of chapters in the programme manual

PC decision

The PC approved the amendments made to sections A.2, C.1 and Annexes III and IV to section C.1 of the programme manual, and mandated the MA/JS to update it and upload it on the programme



website (NB: For the sake of consistency of partnership agreement and subsidy contract, and based on this decision of the PC, the MA reworded the first sentence of article 7 (12) from “All products (material and intellectual) that derive from the project will be the joint property of all project participants to “All jointly produced products (material and intellectual) that derive from the project will be the joint property of the project participants“.

Item 4: selection of classic project proposals

PC decision

The PC approved 14 (out of 29) projects proposals submitted in step 2 of the first call for classic projects. The JS was asked to inform lead applicants about the decision and the next steps, providing the assessment report, a letter with requests for technical corrections in the application form, the subsidy contract and the invitation to the “Get started!” seminar in Salzburg on 16 November 2022.

PC09 Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

05 December 2022 | Online

Item 1: EUSALP support project proposal

PC decision

The PC approves the “Support EUSALP” project proposal. The PC recommendation on the revised EUSALP action plan will be skipped. The PC approves the proposed monitoring measures.

Item 2: Workplan 2023

PC decision

The PC endorses the MA/JS workplan 2023 and agrees with the proposed call timelines for SSP & classic projects for 2023. The timeline which will apply for the second cut-off date will be communicated by the JS, as soon as the call will be closed on 16. December.

Item 3: Chairpersonship 2023

DE presented the focus of the PC chair for 2023, which will address the framework and expectations for small-scale projects as well as the programme’s contribution to EUSALP. The PC meetings will take place in spring and autumn in Munich and Berlin, respectively.

Item 4: AoB

The PC gives mandate to MA/JS to perform minor textual precisions in the PM, as required. The MA/JS will document all changes and inform the PC as soon as a new version of the PM is published on the programme website.

PC10 Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

14-15 March 2023 | Munich

Item 1: Latest developments in programme implementation

PC decision

The PC asked the MA/JS to upload the first draft of the evaluation plan on the programme intranet by 31 March in view of the PC meeting scheduled to take place online on 17 April from 9 to 11h. The sole item on the agenda for decision is the evaluation plan.

Item 2: Selection of small-scale project proposals

PC decision

The PC confirmed the results of the eligibility check (ineligibility) for the SUMOBIL-Alps project proposal as the ERDF lead partner is a private organisation.

The PC approved two (out of 26 eligible) SSPs; whereby the total approved ERDF amount corresponds to EUR 724.886,99.

ID	Acronym	Specific Objective	Lead Partner	ERDF
ASP0400273	FRACTAL	1.2	IT	334.339,50
ASP0400287	INNOBIOVC	2.2	DE	390.547,49

It was furthermore agreed that the PC delegations can comment on the proposed reasons for rejection for the other 24 projects by 21 March 2023.

The JS was asked to inform lead applicants about the decision and explain the next steps, including the invitation to the “Get started!” online seminar on 18 April 2023 and the letter with requests for technical corrections in the application form. The same communication should provide a copy of the assessment report and the subsidy contract template. When publishing the result of the call, the JS shall underline that the PC decided to go for high quality projects responding to the ToR only and, that after two decision rounds on SSP, a strategic reflection on this type of projects will be engaged this spring.

Item 3: Update timeline of calls and programme activities in 2023

PC decision

The PC approved the fourth timeline option for the second call for classic project proposals whose terms of reference will be published in the programme website in July following approval of the document by the PC on 27 June 2023. The decision on upcoming small-scale decision rounds will be taken in spring, considering the outcomes of the workshop in May.

Item 4: AoB

The following dates were agreed:

- 17 April 2023, from 9 to 11h, PC meeting (online) on the evaluation plan
- 23-24 May 2023, stakeholder workshop in Stuttgart
- 27 June 2023, from 9 to 12h, PC meeting (online) on the terms of reference call 2 classic projects.

PC11 Meeting

Programme Committee Meeting

17 April 2023 | Online

Item 1: Evaluation plan

PC decision

The PC asked the MA/JS to take into consideration the comments and remarks made by delegations in a revised version of the evaluation plan, which will be tabled for decision in a written procedure to launch in CW18 (2-5 May 2023). Once approved, the MA/JS will inform the EC via the SFC2021 portal and publish it on the programme website.

Item 2: AoB

The MA provided a short update on the reflection workshop, which will take place onsite on 23-24 May in Stuttgart. The MA noted that the preparatory work with the experts is progressing well in accordance with the timetable. The interviews with programme stakeholders are underway, and soon both successful and unsuccessful applicants to calls for SSP proposals will be surveyed by the experts. The MA also confirmed that 70+ stakeholders are expected to join the second day of the workshop. The EUSALP TSS has been contacted in agreement with the EUSALP presidency and was asked to elaborate a good mix of representations of the action groups together with the AG leaders. CH welcomed the update and requested the final list of participants for coordination purposes.