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DECISION no. *17*
of *2nd* of May 2018

Regarding the complaints lodged against the Monitoring Committee Decision no. 72 of 22nd of March 2018, approving the List of approved and rejected projects submitted under the third call for proposals for the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme - deadline 23rd of October 2017

Having regard to the following:

- Monitoring Committee Decision no. 51 of 2nd of August 2017 approving the Complaint Panel for the Eols and full applications submitted under the 3rd call for proposals, priority axes 1-3, Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, step 1 and 2,
- The Complaint Procedure of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria,

the Complaint Panel of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme has adopted this:

DECISION

Article 1. The present document rejects the complaint lodged by the Teleorman County Council, lead beneficiary of the project "Down the heritage road of lower Danube green corridor" - code 308, and registered by CBC ROC with the number 6602/03.04.2018, appealing the score received at technical and financial evaluation.

Article 2. The applicant considers higher scores should have been granted and requests the reevaluation of the project:

- a) Q 7 - 2 points (maximum) in self-assessment vs. 0 points granted. 2 points were to be granted for strong cross border impact (a wider joint problem tackled with a joint solution which brings benefit to the border area). Analyzing both the information from the Application form and the one from the complaint lodged, the Complaint Panel rejects the complaint for this criterion.
- b) Q 9 - 1 points (maximum) in self-assessment vs. 0 points granted. The score is maintained, 1 point was to be granted for a specific measure proposed

and not for observing the legislation in force. Since no specific measure was proposed, the Complaint panel rejects the complaint.

- c) Q 10 - 1 points (maximum) in self-assessment vs. 0 points granted. No specific measure was proposed, only general remarks on how the project is promoting the sustainable development. The complaint Panel rejects the complaint for this criterion.
- d) On Operational capacity/Project Maturity the project received 29 points from 62 available. From analyzing the Application form, the Assessor's Guide and the Applicant's Pack, the opinion of external experts (which considered the activities as not realistic and not achievable) as well as the complaint lodged, the Complaint Panel considers the granted score justified and maintains it.
- e) On Value for Money the project received 7 points out of 15, for budgetary reductions of 1.86%. Analyzing the application form as well as the Programme rules, the score granted is in line with the Programme rules (Applicant's Pack and Assessor's Guide) and is maintained.

Article 3. The decision of the Complaint Panel is final, binding to all parties and not subject of any further complaint proceedings within the Programme.

Signed by

Members of the Complaint Panel

Signature



Member 1 - Managing Authority representative, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania

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Member 2 - National Authority representative, Ministry of Regional Administration and Public Works, Bulgaria



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Member 3 - External Expert (from the Evaluation Unit), Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania

