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Information on the control systems and national co-financing systems in the partner states

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Introduction

This document summarises the most important information regarding the control systems and national co-financing systems in the partner states of the Danube Region Programme.

Applicants and project partners can gain basic understanding of control system in relevant partner state, including the information on source of financing of the control costs and contact details of relevant control body. Furthermore, applicants and project partners can learn about national co-financing system in the relevant partner state, including the information related to state contribution (if the country provides it or not) and contact details of the national contact point.

For more detailed information on control systems, national co-financing systems and rules applied at national level, the relevant contact person provided in the document shall be contacted.

Control procedure in the Danube Region Programme

1) Each project partner as well as the lead partner (in this case the lead partner is also considered as project partner) has to submit a partner report to declare its expenditure relevant for a reporting period for validation to the responsible Controller through the electronic data exchange system (Jems) of the Programme. **Each project partner as well as the lead partner is responsible separately for having its expenditure verified by the responsible Controller in its partner state.** The lead partner is not requested to appoint a controller for checking the expenditure declared by the project partners, thus the controller of the lead partner does not issue a Control certificate covering the entire verified expenditure of the whole partnership.

2) **The controller verifies the expenditure** declared by the project partner/lead partner in the Jems system, on the basis of the invoices or accounting documents of equivalent probative value, verifies the delivery of the products and services co-financed, the soundness of the expenditure declared, and the compliance of such expenditure with EU rules and relevant national rules.

3) After verification, **the controller issues the control certificate** generated by the Jems system.

4) After the verification is finalised by the controller in the system, **partner report and the control certificate are available to the lead partner** through the system.

5) **The lead partner based on the partner reports submitted prepares the progress report in the system**. The lead partner also prepares the **application for reimbursement**; the expenditure verified by the controllers (i.e. financial data of the control certificate) is automatically aggregated to project level providing the data of the application for reimbursement.

6) The lead partner has to submit the **progress report and the application for reimbursement** to the MA/JS **within a period of 3 months from the end of each reporting period** through the system.

Control systems in the partner states

According to Article 46(3) of the Interreg Regulation each partner state shall set up a control system to validate the expenditure at national level. Controllers will be designated by each partner state to ensure that management verifications referred to in point (a) of Article 74(1) of the CPR. Controller shall be responsible for verifying the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared by each project partner participating in the project.

The control system is **centralised in 11 Partner States** of the Danube Region Programme, including **Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, Czech Republic, Hungary, Montenegro, Romania, Serbia, Slovakia, Slovenia and Ukraine**, and a **decentralised control system** is set up in 3 Partner States including **Austria, Germany and Moldova**.

The control costs are financed by national public sources in case of centralised control systems, therefore the verification of expenditure is ensured free for the project partners coming from these partner states. In case of the decentralised systems, the control costs are planned to be paid by the project partners from their project budget.

Overview of national co-financing systems

Under the Danube Region Programme, projects are co-financed by Interreg funds (integrated ERDF, IPA and ENDICI Funds). **The co-financing rate per partner is 80%** for each project partner. The remaining budget (20%) can be covered by the following sources:

- **State contribution** (where applicable) and/or
- Own sources (can be public or private) of the project participant and/or
- Other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources)

This document contains **summary information on the national co-financing systems** for the following reason:

State contribution has to be indicated in the application form only in case the partner state provides national public contribution at state level for the projects selected by the monitoring committee, and therefore the amount is covered in total or partially by the state.

Please note, that this document is prepared only for information purposes and does not constitute part of the relevant call for proposals.

For more detailed information on the national co-financing systems and rules to be applied at national level, the contact persons provided in the document or the National Contact Points (NCPs) should be contacted before submission of the application form.

Partner State: AUSTRIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Austria?	Decentralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Federal Ministry for Agriculture, Forestry, Climate and Environmental Protection, Regions and Water Management Directorate-General III - Forestry and Regions; Directorate III/6 - Coordination Regional Policy and Spatial Planning
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Austria has chosen to implement a decentralised control system. The “15a-Agreement” (the Agreement between federal and regional level pursuant to Art. 15a of the Federal Constitutional Act on the Management and Control System in Austria for the Structural Funds period 2021-2022) constitutes the legal baksis for the organisation of the control system in Austria. The control system in Austria is organized in a decentralized way: The Federal Provinces of Burgenland and Salzburg control beneficiaries (= project partners) within their sphere of influence, for all other beneficiaries the management verifications are carried out by the Federal Accounting Agency (BHAG). The area of responsibility of the provinces of Burgenland and Salzburg includes the following project partners: • all beneficiaries assignable to the thematic sphere of action of the Province of Burgenland or Salzburg or acting on behalf of the province of Burgenland or Salzburg; • all beneficiaries whose project receives funding from provincial funds of Burgenland or Salzburg; in cases the beneficiary receives national funding from more than one federal or provincial institutions, the assignment follows the biggest share of funding. • all beneficiaries who are by majority funded by the province of Burgenland or Salzburg or whose bodies are by majority-delegated by one of the two federal provinces; • all beneficiaries within the jurisdiction or acting on behalf of cities or municipalities located in Burgenland or Salzburg or all beneficiaries whose project receives funding from cities or municipalities located in Burgenland or Salzburg. Concluding, there are the following control bodies in Austria in the program period 2021-2027: 1. Buchhaltungsagentur des Bundes (Federal Accounting Agency), contract between BML and BHAG 2. Public Control Body in Province Salzburg 3. Public Control Body in Province Burgenland The majority of beneficiaries will be controlled by the Federal Accounting Agency (BHAG). Each beneficiary will be assigned to either of the above controllers after project approval in the MC but before the first project report is due. The assignment will be done by the NCCB in cooperation with Art. 15a contracting parties. Following, each beneficiary will contract its controller individually with a standard national control contract provided by the NCCB via the NCP. By doing so, the beneficiary also commits to comply with all relevant EU-legal, program-specific and national requirements regarding the verification and certification of its project costs, as well as to bear the costs for all services to be provided by the Controller in connection with the management verification. A list of the Austrian control bodies and nominated national controllers is established (“Green List”) and up-dated at national level indicating the names of the authorized national controllers. The latest version is published on the homepage of the NCP: https://www.oerok.gv.at/kooperationen/info-service-oesterreich-ncp/finanzkontrollsystem-in-oesterreich.

Further information on the Austrian control system can be found under the following link: https://www.oerok.gv.at/kooperationen/info-service-oesterreich-ncp/finanzkontrollsystem-in-oesterreich
CONTROL COSTS
Control costs have to be borne by the Lead Partner/Project partner and can be reported as eligible cost within the project under the Cost Category 4 "External expertise and service costs" providing that these costs were budgeted in the application form and approved in the subsidy contract by the Managing Authority. Depending on the responsible control body, the control costs are as follows: • Control body BHAG: The control costs will amount to 5% of the total reported REAL costs plus a singular fee of 324 €. The singular fee will be adjusted once a year for new contracts signed between the beneficiary and the control body BHAG in accordance with the average inflation rate of the previous calendar year according to Statistics Austria. For contracts signed up until 2025, the singular fee amounted to 330,30 € (no VAT is charged on the total fee). • Control body of Province Salzburg: The control costs will amount to 3% of reported REAL costs plus a singular fee of 1000 € (no VAT is charged on the total fee). • Control body of Province Burgenland: The control costs will amout to 5% of the budgeted and approved total costs (no VAT is charged on the total fee). The amount will be split into 3 partial invoices: the first amounts to 40% of the control costs and is due after the first or second reporting period; the second and third invoice amount to 30% each and are due in the middle/end of the project, respectively. In case of projects with fewer reporting periods (PAC and SMF), an invoice will be issued approximately in the middle of the project term after consultation with the project partner. In case less than 85% of the approved total costs are reported, the third partial invoice will be reduced to 15%. • Control Body WIBUG: The control costs will amout to 5% of the budgeted and approved total costs plus 20% VAT. The amount will be split into 3 partial invoices: the first amounts to 40% of the control costs and is due after the first or second reporting period; the second and third invoice amount to 30% each and are due in the middle/end of the project, respectively. In case of projects with fewer reporting periods (PAC and SMF), an invoice will be issued approximately in the middle of the project term after consultation with the project partner. In case less than 85% of the approved total costs are reported, the third partial invoice will be reduced to 15%. Based on a standardized contract between beneficiary and the responsible national controller, each beneficiary receives the invoices for its control costs and has to pay the controller accordingly. More information can be found at: https://www.oerok.gv.at/kooperationen/info-service-oesterreich-ncp/finanzkontrollsystem-in-oesterreich

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Austria?	NO

National Contact Point:	
Name of the institution:	ÖROK - Austrian Conference on Spatial Planning
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
AUSTRIA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION AUTOMATICALLY. There is no automatic public co-financing system provided by the Austrian state. Therefore, Austrian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. national/regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable

Partner State: BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

Which model of Control System is set up by Bosnia and Herzegovina?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Finance and Treasury of BIH
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Responsible person:	Vera Letica, Assisstant minister
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Division for financing of EU Programmes and Projects - Central Financing and Contracting Unit (CFCU) within the Ministry of Finance and Treasury is currently is desingated as Control Body for territorial cooperation programmes 2021-2027 implemented under shared and indirect management mode. The Control Body BiH performs verifications in 6 EU territorial cooperation programmes in which BiH participates.
CONTROL COSTS
Control activities provided by CFCU are **free of charge** for the Bosnia and Herzegovina's project partners.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established Bosnia and Herzegovina?	NO

National Contact Point:	
Name of the institution:	Directorate for European Integration of Bosnia and Herzegovina
Address:	Djoke Mazalica 5, 71000 Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION. Each Project Partner has to ensure 20% co-financing from public or private (its own) sources.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable

Partner State: BULGARIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Bulgaria?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works
Address:	Sofia - 1202, 9 Stefan Karadzha Str.
Responsible person:	Desislava Georgieva, Director of “Territorial Cooperation Management” Directorate
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Republic of Bulgaria set up a **centralised control system.** Control Unit within the Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works is the designated Control Body.
CONTROL COSTS
Control activities provided by FLC Unit are **free of charge** for the Bulgarian project partners.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Bulgaria?	YES

Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and Public Works “Territorial Cooperation Management” Directorate
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
After signing the Subsidy contract between the Lead Partner and the DRP Managing Authority /Joint Secretariat each Bulgarian project partner, who has indicated state contribution in its Application form, can submit a request to “Territorial Cooperation Management” Directorate for signing a contract for the national co-financing (up to 15 % of the Bulgarian partner budget). The national co-financing for all Bulgarian partners is ensured from the state budget through the Ministry of

Regional Development and Public Works. The rest of the required under the respective call national co-financing of the project partner budget is ensured as own contribution of the beneficiary.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided **automatically** for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Yes
2	The national co-financing will be provided **only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level** participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Not Applicable
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	Not Applicable
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes

5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	**Not Applicable**
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	According to Council of Ministers Decision 450 from 7 July 2022, the **maximum rate** of the **state contribution** compared to the PP budget **is 15%.**
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	**Yes**
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	The maximum amount of state contribution is corresponding to 15% of the Partner budget
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	**Yes** Pre-financing is up to 80% of the provided state contribution
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	After project completion: - In case of provided pre-financing payment (up to 80%) - final balance of the national co-financing is paid following authorisation of the final reimbursement

		of ERDF to the project partner by the LP/MA/JS - In case no pre-financing has been requested – the national co-financing to be reimbursed is calculated on the basis of the partner certified costs as final balance payment.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MA/JS:	No
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MA/JS:	Yes
11	If only NO is selected in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	Not applicable

Partner State: CROATIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Croatia?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and European Funds
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Croatia has set up a centralised control system. In centralised control systems, a central body is appointed to carry out the control activities in accordance with article 46. (3) of the ETC Regulation No 2021/1059 and with reference to article 74. (1 and 2) of the CPR Regulation No 2021/1060. The control tasks are carried by the national controllers, permanently employed staff contracted by the MRDEUF. The controllers are responsible for verifying the legality and regularity of the expenditure declared by each lead beneficiary and/or project partner participating in the project located on its territory. Following the completion of the control, Control Body issues Certificate on the eligible and verified expenditures to the lead partner/project partner.
CONTROL COSTS
Provision of national control to Croatian beneficiaries is **free of charge.**

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Croatia ?	NO

National Contact Point:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development and European Funds
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
Croatian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable

Partner State: CZECH REPUBLIC

Which model of Control System is set up by Czech Republic?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Centre for Regional Development of the Czech Republic (CRD CR)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
The control system in the Czech Republic is centralised and free of charge for project partners. The only body that can carry on control task within Interreg Danube region programme is CRD CR. For the control of transnational cooperation programmes 3 regional branches are available – Brno, Hradec Králové and Ostrava, where control of all CZ PP participating in Interreg DANUBE programme are performed.
CONTROL COSTS
Control system is financed by the State. The control system in the Czech Republic is **free of charge** for the project partners and thus no finances will be charged from the project partners to cover control costs.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Czech Republic?	YES

Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional Development
Address:	Staroměstské náměstí 6, 110 15, Praha 1, Czech Republic
Contact person (to be contacted by the project partners– information to the website):	Mr. Pavel Lukeš
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
CZECH REPUBLIC PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION to selected institutions. Czech Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources). PP can apply for national contribution. **The application for national contribution can be submitted only after the project has been approved by the Monitoring Committee and after Subsidy Contract was signed, however at the latest together with submission documents for the 1st control period of expenditure.**

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided **automatically** for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
2	The national co-financing will be provided **only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level** participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Yes
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	PP have to submit the application for state contribution within the call announced on the website by the Ministry of Regional Development CZ, where the conditions, deadlines and the Form is included. In the case of approval of the application for national contribution, the Ministry for Regional Development of the Czech Republic will issue a Decision on the provision of a subsidy from the state budget. Private entities and state sub coordinated bodies are not entitled to receive national contribution.

4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	10%
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	No Depending on type of institution, contribution may vary 10%, 5% or 0% The rate depends on legal status of each project partner. The list and the rates is part of the Guidelines for Partners.
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	Maximum 10%
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	No

10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	Nat. contribution will be reimbursed in 2 tranches – in the middle of implementation and at the end of the project.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MA/JS:	No
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MA/JS:	Yes
11	If only NO is selected in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	Not Applicable

Partner State: GERMANY

Which model of Control System is set up by Germany?	Decentralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Oberfinanzdirektion Baden-Württemberg, Stabstelle EU-Finanzkontrolle (EFK) / Prübehörde für den EU-Strukturförderbereich (Str) / Audit Authority for EU-Structural Funds
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Germany set up a decentralised control system. The project partner is free to select its controller, but the controller must be authorized at central level. Thereby the project partner has two options. The controller can be • selected internally, within the beneficiary's organisation (as long as he/she is independent from the unit in charge of project finances and activities) • external Procedures to be followed by beneficiaries for identifying their controllers:

• Internally: There has to be an organisational chart of the beneficiary showing that the controller is independent (organisationally and functionally) from the unit in charge of the project finances and activities. Further the controller has to fulfil certain qualifications. The controller confirms this in written form in the Controller Confirmation Form for Germany (CCF) sent to the Coordination Body Germany (CB). • External: The beneficiaries have to obey the rules for public procurement for the selection of their national controller. Further the controller has to fulfil certain qualifications and has to be independent from the beneficiary. The controller confirms this in written form in the CCF sent to the CB.
CONTROL COSTS
As Germany has a decentralised control system, **the control costs will be borne by the partner** and thus reported as eligible costs within the project. The basis for the payment depends on the sector the controller corresponds to. The payment of an external controller is generally based on a service contract. The control costs for an internal controller are basically grounded on the amount of hours worked.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Germany?	NO

National Contact Point:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry for Economic Affairs, Labour and Tourism Baden-Württemberg
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
GERMANY DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION. German Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable

Partner State: HUNGARY

Which model of Control System is set up by Hungary?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Széchenyi Programme Office Consulting and Service Nonprofit Limited Liability Company (Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Hungary has a centralised control system. Control activities related to the Danube Region Programme are carried out by the Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc. (hereinafter referred to as SZPO) which is a national public body owned by the Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development. Within SZPO, the Control Department being part of the International Directorate is in charge of implementing control tasks
CONTROL COSTS
National control activities fulfilled by Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc. will be financed by central governmental sources and they are **free of charge** for Hungarian partners.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Hungary?	YES

Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development
Address:	Akadémia utca 3., Budapest, H-1054, Hungary Postal address: 1358 Budapest, Pf.: 19, Hungary
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
National co-financing is be provided to Hungarian partners by the Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development. Partners have to sign a national co-financing contract, which is prepared and concluded on behalf of the Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development by the Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc. The transfer of the national co-financing (in form of 100% advance payment) is also be executed by Széchenyi Programme Office Nonprofit Llc.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided **automatically** for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Yes
2	The national co-financing will be provided **only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level** participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	Not Applicable
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes (Grant contract (national co-financing contract) will be signed between the PP and Széchenyi Programme Office Llc., acting on behalf of the Ministry of Public Administration and Regional Development.)
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	**20%** in case of **organisations financed directly from the central budget**, while **15%** in case of **other partners**.

7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	No The state contribution / national co-financing rate is 20% in case of organisations financed directly from the central budget, while 15% in case of other partners.
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	**Not Applicable**
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	Yes 100% of the state contribution / national co-financing will be paid to the Hungarian project partners after the signature of the grant contract (national co-financing contract)
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	100% of the state contribution / national co-financing will be paid to the Hungarian project partners after the signature of the grant contract (national co-financing contract)
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MA/JS:	No
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MA/JS:	No

11	If only NO is selected in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	100% of the state contribution / national co-financing will be paid to the Hungarian project partners after the signature of the grant contract (national co-financing contract)

Partner State: MOLDOVA

Which model of Control System is set up by Moldova?	Decentralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM

The Republic of Moldova has chosen to implement the **decentralised control system.**

According to the article 12.5 of the Financing Agreement for the Interreg Programme (Interreg IV-B) Danube Regiom Programme and Government Decision no. 576 of 19.07.2017 on approving the Regulation on the implementation of Cross-Border, Transnational and Interregional Cooperation Programmes funded by EU-, the Ministry of Finance has the role of National Controller. Currently the External Assistance Policy Divisionand European Funds Department within the Ministry of Finance performs the tasks as National Controller at the national level.

In this respect, the main functions of the National Controller from Republic of Moldova are:

1) Tasks related to programming stage:

a) Contributes to the elaboration of the management and control system for Programmes regarding the aspects related to its functional competence

b) updates annually, until March 31, the auditors according to the Public Register of Auditors, draws up and presents their list to the National Managing Authority for participation in specialized training offered by the Programmes

c) collaborate with the Managing Authority in order to establish the criteria used for the selection of auditors and for the preparation of terms of reference;

d) organize, with the support of the Joint Secretariat/Managing Authority, training of the selected auditors on the specific features and requirements of the Programmes;Publishes on the official website of the Ministry of Finance, based on the information presented by the National Authority, the list of auditors selected and trained to perform expenditure verification missions within projects to be selected by beneficiaries

e) Provides support to the Managing Authority in development of the guide regarding the verification of the expenses by the selected and trained auditors;

2) Tasks related to stage of implementation and monitoring of projects:

a) Supports the Managing Authority in the application of the guideline on the expenditure verification by selected and trained auditors
b) ensure the application of the expenditure verification guidelines by selected and trained auditors;
c) provides advisory information to auditors and institutions implementing projects in the areas of public procurement, corporate sector accounting and auditing, taxation and other areas, in accordance with functional competencies;
d) carry out, in collaboration with the Public Audit Oversight Council, the audit of services rendered by auditors on expenditure verification missions carried out in accordance with the international standard for related services;
e) verify, in cooperation with the State Financial Control Inspectorate, on a sample basis, including at the request of the Managing Authority and other authorities involved in the management and control system of the Programs, the accuracy and veracity of the information and findings contained in the reports on the performance by the auditors of expenditure verification missions carried out within the framework of projects financed under the Programs.

CONTROL COSTS

Since Republic of Moldova has a decentralised control system, the control costs will be borne by the partner and thus reported as eligible cost within the project, under cost category 4 “External expertise and service costs”. Generally, the payment of an auditor is based on a service contract. The contract between the project partner and the auditor determines the exact remuneration payable by the partner to the auditor for the control exercised for each specific project.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Moldova?	NO

National Contact Point:	
Name of the institution:	State Chancellery of the Republic of Moldova
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
MOLDOVA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION. Moldovan Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable

Partner State: MONTENEGRO

Which model of Control System is set up by Montenegro?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Finance of Montenegro – Directorate for Finance, Contracting and Implementation of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU) – Division for First Level Control
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Montenegro set up a centralised control system. Control activities are carried out by the Division for First Level Control in Directorate for Finance, Contracting and Implementation of the EU Assistance Funds (CFCU) within Ministry of Finance (in cont. of the text: the Controller). The Controller is responsible for verification of expenditures (desk based and on-the-spot checks) and for Control certificate according to the Danube Programme Control Guidelines.
CONTROL COSTS
Control activities provided by Montenegrin Controller will be **free of charge** for Montenegrin project partners.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Montenegro?	YES

Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Regional-Investment Development and Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organizations
Address:	Eko-efikasna zgrada, Cetinjski put b.b. 81000 Podgorica, Montenegro
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
After approval of the project and signing of the subsidy contact and partnership agreement, Montenegrin non-governmental organizations have the opportunity to request the entire amount of national co-financing through a public call organized by the Ministry of Regional-Investment Development and Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organizations. Funds for co-financing projects by non-governmental organizations contracted on the basis of calls within the programs supported by the European Union are provided in the budget of Montenegro. The state contribution covers 100% of the mandatory co-financing contribution of non-governmental organizations in the mentioned projects. The Ministry of Regional-Investment Development and Cooperation with Non-Governmental Organizationsshall conclude a project co-financing contract with a non-governmental organization that has been allocated funds for co-financing a project. The

payment of funds based on the contract will be made within 15 days from the date of signing the contract.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided **automatically** for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
2	The national co-financing will be provided **only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level** participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	Yes The national co-financing will be provided only through public call for proposals for the PPs which have the status of non-governmental organizations
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	**Not applicable**
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes

5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	Not Applicable
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	**Maximum rate is 20% of the project partener's budget.**
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	No The state contribution rate is the same for each NGO
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	100% of the co-financing rate of non-governmental organizations
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	Yes The payment of 100% of the co-financing rate of non-governmental organizations based on the contract will be made within 15 days from the date of signing the contract.
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	The payment of funds based on the contract will be made within 15 days from the date of signing the grant contract.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP	No

	before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MA/JS:	
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MA/JS:	No
11	If only NO is selected in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	The payment of funds based on the contract will be made within 15 days from the date of signing the grant contract.

Partner State: ROMANIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Romania?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration/Interreg Programs Control Directorate
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Romania has set up a centralized control system. The Interreg Programs Control Directorate – within the Ministry of Development, Public Works, and Administration is in charge with the control activity. The director coordinates the Control activity and approves the validation of the expenditures, whilst the Head of EDRF Control Unit checks the activity of the controllers (civil servants employed, according to national law, through open competition) and endorses the validation of the expenditures. The director approves the control certificates. The controllers performing within the INTERREG FOUND Control Unit are responsible for the administrative, technical and financial verification of the expenditures, as well as on-the-spot check of delivery of products and services sub-contracted by the Romanian partners during the lifetime of the projects. The aim of this verification is to ensure an efficient utilization of the Community

and the state budget co-financing funds, in accordance with the subsidy contract, final application, EU-regulations and with the Romanian legislation in force.
CONTROL COSTS
All the costs necessary for the control activities (staff costs, travels, equipment, trainings, etc.) are financed from the budget of Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Romania?	YES

Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration European Territorial Cooperation General Directorate
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
After the approval of the projects and signature of the subsidy contract, providing also a copy of the signed Partnership Agreement, the Romanian Partners have the possibility to sign a cofinancing contract with the Ministry of Development, Public Works, and Administration. Based on this contract, the state budget national cofinanacing can be received by the Romanian PP in two instalments: - an advance payment of maximum 30% of the state budget cofinancing (if requested) and - a final payment after receiving the last INTERREG found payment, . Both co-financing reimbursement claims are to be addressed to the National Authorities for European Programmes Unit within MDPWA, as indicated in the contract. The final payment request will be made for the outstanding amounts of national cofinancing following the advance payment received (if requested) and calculated based on the INTERREG found payments made to the Romanian PP. This claim, together with the supporting documents, are analysed according to a checklist and forwarded to the Projects Authorizing Unit. After the cofinancing reimbursement claim (for the Romanian PPs) is authorized by the Projects Authorizing Unit, a Authorisation of Payment is drawn up by the Programmes Accounting Unit and is approved by the internal financial preventive controllers. The Project Payment and Accounting Department prepares the payment orders and all the documents corresponding to the payments so that the state contribution is paid to the Romanian PPs.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided **automatically** for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No

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2	The national co-financing will be provided **only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level** participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	After the approval of the projects and signature of the Subsidy Contract, providing also a copy of the signed Partnership Agreement, the Romanian Partners have the possibility to sign a co-financing contract with the Ministry of Development, Public Works and Administration.
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes
5	If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:	**Not Applicable**
6	Maximum rate of the state contribution compared to the PP budget (%):	**18%**
7	Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP? If NOT, it is different in following cases:	**YES**, the state contribution rate is the same for each PP, except for the organizations financed entirely from the state budget (e.g., ministries).
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	**Maximum 18%**
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract?	YES

	If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	An advance payment of maximum 30% of the state budget co-financing (if requested)
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	Based on the contract, the state budget national cofinanacing can be received by the Romanian PP in two instalments: - an advance payment of maximum 30% of the state budget cofinancing (if requested) and - a final payment after receiving the last INTERREG FOUND payment .
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MA/JS:	**YES,** for the advance payment.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MA/JS:	**YES,** for the final payment.
11	If only NO is selected in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	**Not Applicable**

Partner State: SERBIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Serbia?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia, Division for control of projects financed under the European Territorial Cooperation programmes with EU Member States
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
Republic of Serbia set up a **centralised control system.** In Serbia Division for control of projects financed under the European Territorial Cooperation programmes with EU Member States in the Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia (MEI) is appointed as a Control Body by the Rulebook on internal regulation and job classification of the Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia no.000266309 2023 14860 007 019 113 001 from 7 November 2023, valid since 5 December 2023 (confirmed by Governmental conclusion no. 110-10509/2023-2) Formal duties of the Division for control of projects financed under the European Territorial Cooperation programmes with EU Member States are described in the document "Manual of procedures for the Control body in Serbia - European Territorial Cooperation Programmes under shared management 2021-2027". The main objective of the Division for control of projects financed under the European Territorial Cooperation programmes with EU Member States is to perform management verifications of the

costs charged under ETC Programmes and to confirm that payments claimed by the Project Partners are in accordance with the legal and financial clauses of the subsidy contract as well as within the rules governing the Interreg IPA programmes, the European Community regulations and the respective national legislation. Controllers verify that co-financed products and services have been delivered, in compliance with EU, Programme, National and SC conditions.
CONTROL COSTS
Control activities provided by national controllers will be **free of charge** for the Serbian project partners. The salaries of the national controllers for Serbian partners are financed from the state budget allocation of the Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia as well as travel costs for the on the spot checks. Travel costs for the participation to the relevant Programme meetings or events will partially be covered from Serbian NA TA Annual Budget of the Danube Region Programme. The national controllers responsible for verification of costs of Serbian partners under Danube Region Programme are employed as civil servants with the Ministry of European Integration of the Republic of Serbia.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Serbia?	NO

National Contact Point:	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
SERBIA DOES NOT PROVIDE STATE CONTRIBUTION Serbian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable

Partner State: SLOVAKIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Slovakia?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic (MIRDI SR) Section of European Territorial Cooperation, Department for Transnational and Interregional Cooperation
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
The administrative verification of expenditure of Slovak project partners will be carried out by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic/ Section of European Territorial Cooperation/ Department for Transnational and Interregional Cooperation. The Section of Control/ Department of Public Procurement Control and Methodology, which will carry out the control of public procurement in the case of PP contracts over 10,000 EUR. There are 5 controllers. 3 of them are from the Department for Transnational and Interregional Cooperation (50 % of working time for Interreg DRP and 50% for Interreg CE)" – (in organizational chart of MIRDI of the Slovak Republic direct under director of the department). 2 controllers (part-time equivalent) in relation to the control of public procurement, are from the Section of Control/ Department of Public Procurement Control and Methodology, under head of this department. All controllers are organizationally and functionally separated from Project partners of Interreg DRP projects in Slovak Republic.

Designated controllers participated at the elaboration of the Eligibility rules of expenditure for Slovak beneficiaries (version 2.0) which were issued by MIRDI SR on October 1, 2024 and are available at the website http://www.danube.vlada.gov.sk/kontrola-projektov/ . The information for beneficiaries will be periodically updated on the above website. Additional measures will be provided to the beneficiaries through e-mails. For each call, we organize a financial seminar for project partners to provide information on expenditure eligibility and expenditure reporting. Beneficiaries will submit the Request for verification of expenditures to controllers on a six monthly basis in line with the schedule stipulated in the subsidy contract. This request should be submitted within 15 calendar days after reporting period has been finished. Slovak project partners will submit the Request for verification of expenditure through monitoring system "Jems" including supporting documentation. In addition, the PP submits a signed Request for Validation of Expenditures electronically by eDesk UPVS to the national controller address. In this context the day of Jems submission is considered as day of submission Request for verification of expenditure (but Request for Validation of Expenditures have to be submitted in the same day too). In compliance with Art. 46 of ETC (1059/2021) regulation an expenditure of beneficiaries will be verified within a period of two months of the submission of the documents by the beneficiary concerned. The certification time per financial report for controllers is generally 30 working days. Controller may ask the beneficiary to provide additional information or explanation on submitted documentation. The period for explanation or submitting supplementary documents should be not less than 5 working days and not more than 10 working days. If the controller has not identified any deficiencies in the request for verification of expenditures or in supporting documents, the control is considered as finished by issuing of Certificate of expenditure, Control report and Control checklist in Jems and by sending the Administrative financial control report (this document is in Slovak language) and Certificate of expenditures to beneficiary. If the controller has identified deficiencies in the request for verification of expenditure or in supporting documents, firstly he/she has to send a Draft of Administrative financial control report (document in Slovak language) to beneficiary. The beneficiary can submit his objections to the Draft within period of at least 5 working days. Controller should evaluate these possible objections and when appropriate he/she considers their validity fully or partially. After that the controller issues the Certificate of expenditure, the Control report and the Control checklist in Jems and sends the final version of the Administrative financial control report and the Certificate of expenditure to beneficiary.
CONTROL COSTS
Control activities are **free of charge** for the Slovak project partners.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Slovakia?	YES

Responsible national institution for state contribution:	
Name of the institution:	Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic (MIRDI SR) Section of European Territorial Cooperation Department for Transnational and Interregional Cooperation National contact point (NCP)
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
The national co-financing system to the projects will be provided by the Ministry of Investments, Regional Development and Informatization of the Slovak Republic/ Section of European Territorial Cooperation/ Department for Transnational and Interregional Cooperation. National co-financing will be provided based on the national co-financing contract between MIRDI SR and Slovak LP/PP. The national co-financing contract is optional, therefore Slovak LP/PP could implement projects without national co-financing based on their decision. National co-financing contract will not be provided if the state aid or de minimis aid will be identified on the Slovak LP or PP level within the MC approved project.

The national co-financing contract will be signed only with Slovak LP/PP, which:
1. projects were approved by the DRP monitoring committee decision to be implemented;
2. subsidy contract has been signed between MA/JS and Slovak LP or
3. partnership agreement has been signed between LP and Slovak PP;
4. LP or PP located in Slovakia has submitted request to MIRDI SR/SK NCP for national co-financing together with supporting documentations;
5. state aid or de minimis aid is not identified on Slovak LP/PP level within approved project;

SK NCP manage process of signing the contract of national co-financing between MIRDI SR and SK LP/PP. Official request for national co-financing have to be delivered by Slovak eDesk (ÚPVS) or in letter format to official postal MIRDI address. Whichever delivery date occurs first is the start date for 30 days period to prepare, approved and sign the national co-financing contract between MIRDI SR and Slovak LP/PP of DRP. Every approved and signed contract of national co-financing will be published on https://www.crz.gov.sk/ website according to Slovak national legal act „o. 211/2000on free access to information" (article §2).

Beneficiaries will submit the Request for verification of expenditures to controllers on a six monthly basis in according the schedule at the subsidy contract. The request should be submitted within 15 calendar days after the reporting period has been finished. In addition, the LP/PP submits a signed Request for Validation of Expenditures electronically by Slovak eDesk (ÚPVS) to the national controller address. In this context the day of Jems submission is considered as day of submission Request for verification of expenditure (but Request for Validation of Expenditures have to be submitted in the same day too).

In compliance with Art. 46 of ETC (1059/2021) regulation an expenditure of beneficiaries will be verified within a period of three months after the submission of the documents by the concerned beneficiary.

The certification time per financial report for controllers is generally 30 days. After issuing the certificate of expenditure the controller will await for the NCP instruction to issue a payment request for national co-financing. NCP will instruct controller to issue a payment request for national co-financing only after the NCP receives notification from MA/JS that ERDF funds has been certified and transferred to LP for the concerned reporting period.

The amount of national co-financing payment will be calculated based on issued certificate of expenditure and legal status of project partner, which determine the percentage of received national co-financing (resolution of the Slovak government num. 267 from 12.04.2022 Financing strategies of the European Regional Development Fund, European Social Fund Plus, Cohesion Fund, Fund for a fair transformation and European maritime, fisheries and aquaculture fund for the 2021-2027 program period).

The calculated amount of national co-financing will be paid by Department of Programme

Financing (MIRDI SR) within 30 days period after receiving payment request from the controller.

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM		
1.	The national co-financing will be provided **automatically** for each Project Partner (PP) from the Partner State participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
2	The national co-financing will be provided **only through national call for proposals for the PPs selected at national level** participating in the projects selected by the Monitoring Committee:	No
3	If NO is selected in lines 1. and 2. the national co-financing will be provided to the PPs as follows:	According to the Slovak expenditure eligibility rules Slovak LP or PP has to apply for national co-financing, e.g. formally send a letter to MIRDI SR with the requested support documents.
4	Grant contract will be signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the PP:	Yes Grant contract will be also signed between the national institution providing the state contribution and the LP if that is the role of the Slovak stakeholder in the approved project.

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<tr><td>5</td><td>If NO is in line 4. selected, the following legal basis will be used for the payment of the state contribution:</td><td>N/A</td></tr>
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<tr><td>7</td><td>Is the state contribution rate the same for each PP?

If NOT, it is different in following cases:</td><td>No

State contribution rate varies for each LP/PP depending on their legal status in Slovak republic as it is shown in the chart. The presented chart was endorsed by resolution of the GOVERNMENT OF THE SLOVAK REPUBLIC no. 267 from April 12, 2022.

Category 1a) – 20%
selected entities of the state administration</td></tr>
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		Selected subjects of state administration within the national accounts subsector S.1311 are the following selected recipients: central state administration bodies and other central state administration bodies (Act No. 575/2001), state budgetary organizations, state contribution organizations, Slovak Land Fund, Railways Slovakia, Railway Company Slovakia, Slovak Water Management company state enterprise Banská Štiavnica, Slovak Business Agency, National Highway Company **Category 1b – 12%** other entities outside the state aid and de minimis aid schemes It is the following recipients for example: • other subjects of public administration and territorial self-government; • non-governmental non-profit organizations; • other subjects outside the rules of state aid and de minimis aid; **Category 1c – 0%** entities that receive state aid or de minimis aid
8	Maximum amount of state contribution which can be provided at partner level:	20% compared to the PP budget

		The maximum amount of state contribution is determined by the national co-financing contract, which sets up approved national co-financing percentage for concerned LP/PP based on their legal status. The maximum amount is calculated as follows: 12% or 20% (based on legal status and contract) x approved ERDF amount for SK LP/PP in issued certificate of expenditure
9	Pre-financing will be paid to the PPs after the signature of the grant contract? If YES, in which percentage/amount compared to the amount of the state contribution to be provided?	No
10	At which phase of the project implementation the national institution will reimburse the state contribution to the PPs?	The state contribution will be reimbursed to the PP in parts, after every certificate of expenditure issued by the controller in every reporting period. The final condition to reimburse national co-financing to LP/PP will be approved Application for Reimbursement by the MA/JS at project level and confirmation of the payment made from MA/JS to Project Partner.
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP after validation of expenditure, i.e. the state contribution can be paid to the PP	No

	before the submission of the Application for Reimbursement by the LP to the MA/JS:	
	Reimbursement of state contribution to PP only after the Application for Reimbursement is approved by the MA/JS:	Yes
11	If only NO is selected in line10., the system for the payment of the state contribution is as follows:	N/a

Partner State: SLOVENIA

Which model of Control System is set up by Slovenia?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
The Slovene control system is centralised. The control activity is carried out at national level by a Ministry of Cohesion and Regional Development, Interreg Programmes and Financial Mechanisms Control Section (MCRD) which is the Slovenian national authority for the transnational programmes.
CONTROL COSTS
Control costs are **free of charge** for Slovenian project partners.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Slovenia?	NO

National Contact Point:	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
No national co-financing (state contribution) for project partners in Slovenia. Slovenian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable

Partner State: UKRAINE

Which model of Control System is set up by Ukraine?	Centralised control system

Designated Controller (Control coordination body):	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTROL SYSTEM
According to the Financing Agreement for the Danube Region Programme the State Audit Service of Ukraine identified as the National Controller, which implies centralised control system. The Procedure for the functioning of the system of management and control over the implementation of the Interreg and Interreg NEXT cross-border, transnational and interregional

cooperation programmes, dated 5 November 2024 No. 1268 (version 1). Updated 4 June 2025 No. 646 - version 2. Methodological Recommendations on applying a risk-based approach to the implementation of control over the realization of programmes of cross-border, transnational and interregional cooperation Interreg and Interreg NEXT by the State Audit Service of Ukraine and its interregional territorial authorities, with annexes, approved by Order No. 240, issued on 16 September 2025 by the Head of the State Audit Service of Ukraine. The Procedure for the Return of Inappropriately Used Funds, Costs Related to Financial Corrections, and Unused European Union Funds Allocated for the Implementation of Projects under the Interreg and Interreg NEXT Programmes - has been developed and now is under consideration of relevant stakeholders before approval.
CONTROL COSTS
Control costs will be **free of charge** for Ukrainian project partners. In accordance with Article 6 of the Law of Ukraine "On Basic Principles of Public Financial Control in Ukraine" provides that financial support for the activities of public financial control is provided by the State Budget.

Is there a national co-financing system for state contribution established in Ukraine?	NO

National Contact Point:	
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DESCRIPTION OF THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM TO THE PROJECTS
Ukrainian Project Partners have to ensure the national co-financing (20% of their project budget) by their own (public or private) sources and/or other contribution (e.g. regional/local/other sources).

SUMMARY INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL CO-FINANCING SYSTEM
Not Applicable