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COOPERATION GOAL  
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## 2. OVERVIEW OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(3)(a) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)

### **Key information on the implementation of the cooperation programme for the year concerned, including on financial instruments, with relation to the financial and indicator data.**

The Programme has reached and surpassed its funding commitment target (factoring in the Programme's 20% overcommitment ceiling) in March 2021. Out of the €209.7m funding pot, €228.2 (108%) was committed.

In total, three Selection Sub Committees were held virtually on 28 January, 23 March, and 15 June. With, two Programme Monitoring Committee meetings held virtually on 23 March and 5 October.

Covid-19 continued to cause considerable disruption to projects and as such the Programme introduced several measures to offset this. This included taking advantage of the European Commission's Coronavirus Response Investment Initiative Plus (CRII+) scheme, allowing us to offer projects 100% intervention rate for eligible expenditure up until 30/06/2021. In addition, the Programme launched its first ever call for capitalisation projects funded at 100%, which led to the funding of C-CARE project, an innovative €6.7m project developing a blueprint for future town centres promoting inclusive economic growth, as well as targeted support aimed at individuals at risk of exclusion from the labour market and helping businesses from some of the most impacted sectors to recover and grow.

Headline statistics for 2021:

**7 projects were approved**, including 1 capitalisation project and 2 micro project).

**10 project applications were submitted**

**51 projects (including 8 micro projects) had been approved over the lifetime of the Programme, all of which has signed their Grant Offer Letter.** This is out of a total of 157 applications submitted (not accounting for 4 aborted applications).

**ERDF funds committed** (excluding TA commitments, including lump sum)

2016: €18,074,728

2017: €36,481,001

2018: €22,084,620

2019: €64,500,510

2020: €57,113,711

2021: €15,278,827

**Total: €228,175,408**

Projects for which a GOL has been signed account for €228,175,408 ERDF.

The Technical Assistance commitment for the programme duration accounts for €13,382,816 ERDF

**The total commitment including the TA to the end of 2021 was €241, 558, 224 ERDF.**

## **Programme Management**

### **Staffing**

We had 10 new starters (including 2 EU volunteer placements) and 8 leavers in 2021.

The JS management team actively promote personal development and career development opportunities.

### **Software**

eMS, the Programme's Electronic Monitoring System, was reaching the end of its life cycle, the application was upgraded only once in 2021 (March), as opposed to 2 to 3 times in previous years.

The focus of the upgrade has been on ensuring the system's stability and security rather than developing new features.

The project modification process has been streamlined to enable the JS to process a high number of modifications due to COVID and Brexit more effectively.

Separately from Interact's update, and with GECKO's intervention, the following updates have been made:

signposting in the Application Form and the Reporting sections; Error messages were made more explicit enabling users to make corrections without support from the JS.

There was no report of document upload failures in 2021 whereas these were frequent issues in 2020 (due to users' low broadband speed, not eMS however).

Issue to address in 2022: with over 90,000 lines of expenditure, the download of the List of Expenditure table often fails. The issue is inherent to eMS and affects other Programmes. The JS and MA's IT department hosting the servers cannot improve the performance. The JS will work with service provider GECKO to find a workaround.

## Communication

Highlights for the year include:

- **Delivered an online participatory lab event showcasing seven of our projects at EU Regions Week.** We shared lessons learned from the FCE programme and our projects on the digital transition in the context of Covid-19.
- **Website refresh to improve our homepage landing and accessibility.** We moved away from our call for projects towards highlighting project achievements and results on our website. We also introduced a new project video section.
- **Google analytics stats for the website.** In 2021 we recorded 3,601 monthly visits to our website on average compared to 2,437 in 2020.
  
- **Launched the Interreg FCE Communications Network,** We had 36 attendees from across our 51 projects at the first meeting and around 23 at subsequent meetings.
- **49 news stories were published in French and English on the FCE website (compared to 27 in 2020).**
- **15 press releases were issued to targeted media (compared to 4 in 2020).** This helped to share the news about recently approved projects as well as project milestones and results at closure. We published our first thought leadership article in European affairs publication Encompass, highlighting the lessons that can be learned from cross border collaboration in terms of solving issues around health and climate change.
- **Hosted two Interreg Youth Volunteer reporters,** who helped promote our Programme to a younger audience. They published policy articles on green transition and sustainable tourism in the Interreg Highlights blog (see here and here) and the EU's Panorama magazine (see here and here). They also published a case study in the French edition of Interacts Stories of EU Cooperation publication (see

here).

- **Increased followers on social media.** The FCE Twitter account now has 1,166, up 136 from 2020. It has 881 followers on LinkedIn, up 208 from 2020. We have a high number of followers from Le Havre, Norwich, Lille and Paris and mostly from the Government administration & higher education sectors.
- **Four quarterly newsletters were issued to more than 430 subscribers** in March, June, September, and December. Our newsletter open rate is on average 37% for the English newsletter and 38% for the French newsletter, which is well above the industry standard of around 23%.
- **Events and training in 2021.** Due to continued remote working during the Covid-19 pandemic most of our project meetings and training were delivered online. Meetings with expenditure: 2 on-the-spot visits to ADAPT and Increase VS. Meetings without expenditure: 354 project meetings (mostly project implementation / partner meetings), including 11 on-the-spot checks, 14 claims surgeries and 2 FLC training sessions.

### **Synthesis of implementation difficulties**

*See section 5 for details*

*The programme has been impacted by Covid-19 and Brexit, uncertainties created some challenges in terms of project implementation.*

In the context of COVID-19, the programme introduced pre-financing for organisations without first level controls to help with the cashflow. The joint secretariat (JS) worked closely with all projects to support their modifications, to enable them to adapt their delivery in the pandemic context.

Furthermore, the programme has adopted the CRII provision enabling projects to receive a temporary uplift to 100% co-financing rate for one year to prevent cashflow issues and enable projects to remain on track.

### 3. IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PRIORITY AXIS

#### 3.1 Overview of the implementation

ID	Priority axis	Key information on the implementation of the priority axis with reference to key developments, significant problems and steps taken to address these problems
1	Support innovation in order to address the economic and societal issues facing the FCE area.	<p>We have seen a high number of project modifications coming through the modification procedure, which has supported the ongoing delivery of projects. The process has enabled projects to adjust their delivery to mitigate the impacts of Brexit and Covid, as well as responding to project specific issues arising. This has helped to ensure that the level of spend for projects has plateaued at 23% underspend. This is an underspend against profile i.e., delayed expenditure, not a projected underspend at project/programme closure.</p> <p>To address underspend risk, the JS launched a call for project modifications in December 2021, open to current projects and specifically for new outputs and additional activities (not general extensions/ reprofiling).</p> <p>Implementation of CRii+ has also been a key intervention used by the JS. It enabled the programme to commit and pay out an additional € 15.2m for the financial year 2020-2021 and successfully contributed towards meeting N+3 targets in 2021.</p> <p>In 2021, 6 projects were submitted under Priority 1. Of those, 1 project was approved: C-CARE.</p>
2	Support the transition to a low carbon economy in the FCE area.	<p>We have seen a high number of project modifications coming through the modification procedure, which has supported the ongoing delivery of projects. The process has enabled projects to adjust their delivery to mitigate the impacts of Brexit and Covid, as well as responding to project specific issues arising. This has helped to ensure that the level of spend for projects has plateaued at 23% underspend. This is an underspend against profile i.e., delayed expenditure, not a projected underspend at project/programme closure.</p> <p>To address underspend risk, the JS launched a call for project modifications in December 2021, open to current projects and specifically for new outputs and additional activities (not general extensions/ reprofiling).</p> <p>Implementation of CRii+ has also been a key intervention used by the JS. It enabled the programme to commit and pay out an additional € 15.2m for the financial year 2020-2021 and successfully contributed towards meeting N+3 targets in 2021.</p> <p>In 2021, 2 projects were submitted under Priority 2. Of those, 1 was approved: Cool Food Pro.</p>
3	Enhance the attractiveness of territories within the FCE area.	<p>We have seen a high number of project modifications coming through the modification procedure, which has supported the ongoing delivery of projects. The process has enabled projects to adjust their delivery to mitigate the</p>



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4	Technical Assistance	<p>Despite the challenging context, the Programme managed to hit all its objectives and meet its N+3 targets.</p> <p>Processing the volume of claims required to meet N+3 targets was challenging due to delays in projects submitting claims ahead of the end of the year. This meant there was a pressure point for JS staff at the end of 2021.</p> <p>As such, there has been significant focus on ensuring that projects get their claims in on time and to a high standard. This involves the JS continuing to work closely with Project Leads to help monitor and mitigate project risks and support partners to bring forwards eligible spend. This is leading to the development of a project risk register, to identify weak partners and put in additional support and training.</p>

## 3.2 Common and programme specific indicators (Article 50(2) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)

### Priority axes other than technical assistance

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Support innovation in order to address the economic and societal issues facing the FCE area.</b>
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 1.1b**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	EUR	9,625,000.00	15,889.88	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020. 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021
S	CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	EUR	9,625,000.00	13,225,976.22	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2021
F	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	38.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021.
S	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	Organisations	38.00	63.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2021
F	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	Persons	28,200.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021
S	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	Persons	28,200.00	35,342.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2021
F	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems	539.00	5.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this Priority as at 31 December 2021.
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F	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services,	1,032.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016.

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			processes or systems			There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021.
S	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems	1,032.00	1,094.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020
F	1.3	Number of businesses and business intermediaries cooperating with research institutions	Number of businesses and intermediaries	190.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021.
S	1.3	Number of businesses and business intermediaries cooperating with research institutions	Number of businesses and intermediaries	190.00	240.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2021
F	1.4	Number of innovative skill development and professional training schemes for disadvantaged people	Number of schemes	4.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021.
S	1.4	Number of innovative skill development and professional training schemes for disadvantaged people	Number of schemes	4.00	10.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2021
F	1.5	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to increase the quality and effectiveness of service delivery to disadvantaged groups	Number of Institutions	280.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021
S	1.5	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to increase the quality and effectiveness of service delivery to disadvantaged groups	Number of Institutions	280.00	641.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2021
F	1.6	Number of socially innovative services designed	Number of services	30.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 1 project has been fully completed under this priority as at 31st December 2021.
S	1.6	Number of socially innovative services designed	Number of services	30.00	48.00	No projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2016. 6 projects have been approved under priority 1 as of the 31st December 2017. 11 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2018. 12 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2019. 22 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2020 25 projects have been approved under this Priority as at 31st December 2021

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F	CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO27	Research, Innovation: Private investment matching public support in innovation or R&D projects	23,557,487.55	6,070,113.47	3,909,584.93	974,251.21	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO42	Productive investment: Number of research institutions participating in cross-border, transnational or interregional research projects	58.00	30.00	25.00	13.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	29,373.00	26,300.00	6,300.00	7,040.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems designed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems designed	711.00	517.00	516.00	505.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems produced	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems produced	1,086.00	1,017.00	1,017.00	1,010.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	1.3	Number of businesses and business intermediaries cooperating with research institutions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
S	1.3	Number of businesses and business intermediaries cooperating with research institutions	241.00	130.00	130.00	82.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	1.4	Number of innovative skill development and professional training schemes for disadvantaged people	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1.4	Number of innovative skill development and professional training schemes for disadvantaged people	7.00	4.00	4.00	4.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	1.5	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to increase the quality and effectiveness of service delivery to disadvantaged groups	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1.5	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to increase the quality and effectiveness of service delivery to disadvantaged groups	502.00	218.00	218.00	136.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	1.6	Number of socially innovative services designed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	1.6	Number of socially innovative services designed	32.00	29.00	27.00	2.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Support innovation in order to address the economic and societal issues facing the FCE area.</b>
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services
Specific objective	1.1 - To increase the delivery and uptake of innovative products, processes, systems and services in shared smart specialisation sectors

**Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1b.1.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
1.3	Level of delivery and take-up of innovative products, processes, systems and services in shared smart specialisation sectors	%	52.95	2015	54.05	48.19		As reported within our fourth interim evaluation report conducted by T33 completed as at 09/12/2021, compared to the baseline value in 2014, the level of delivery of innovative outputs in the programme area decreased by about five percentage points in 2020 (from 53% to 48%). Based also on the findings of the Second and Third Interim Report submitted in 2019 and 2020, some external factors could have caused this low achievement: Brexit, for instance, was frequently cited as the most relevant factor negatively influencing the projects, together with more broader trends such as climate change and economic fluctuations. As of 2020, COVID-19 has been the main element of disruption affecting the expected programme contribution to change.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
1.3	Level of delivery and take-up of innovative products, processes, systems and services in shared smart specialisation sectors	48.19		48.19		48.19			

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1.3	Level of delivery and take-up of innovative products, processes, systems and services in shared smart specialisation sectors						

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>1 - Support innovation in order to address the economic and societal issues facing the FCE area.</b>
Investment priority	1b - Promoting business investment in R&I, developing links and synergies between enterprises, research and development centres and the higher education sector, in particular promoting investment in product and service development, technology transfer, social innovation, eco-innovation, public service applications, demand stimulation, networking, clusters and open innovation through smart specialisation, and supporting technological and applied research, pilot lines, early product validation actions, advanced manufacturing capabilities and first production, in particular in key enabling technologies and diffusion of general purpose technologies, as well as fostering investment necessary for strengthening the crisis response capacities in health services
Specific objective	1.2 - Increase the quality and the effectiveness of service delivery to the most socially and economically disadvantaged groups through social innovation

**Table 1: Result indicators - 1.1b.1.2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
1.2	Level of quality and effectiveness of the service provided to disadvantaged groups	%	61.25	2015	61.75	45.61		As reported within our fourth interim evaluation report conducted by T33 completed as at 09/12/2021, compared to the baseline value in 2015, the level of quality of social services provided in the programme area decreased by about fifteen percentage points in 2020 (from 61% to 46%). Based also on the findings of the Second and Third Interim Report submitted in 2019 and 2020, some external factors could have caused this low achievement: Brexit, for instance, was frequently cited as the most relevant factor negatively influencing the projects. As of 2020, COVID-19 has been the main element of disruption affecting the expected programme contribution to change.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
1.2	Level of quality and effectiveness of the service provided to disadvantaged groups	45.61		45.61		45.61			

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
1.2	Level of quality and effectiveness of the service provided to disadvantaged groups						

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Support the transition to a low carbon economy in the FCE area.</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>4f - Promoting research and innovation in, and adoption of, low-carbon technologies</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 2.4f**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems	80.00	6.00	There are no fully completed operations under this priority as at 31st December 2018. 1 project completed in 2019 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2020 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2021
S	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems	80.00	87.00	5 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2018. 7 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2019. 8 projects approved under this priority as of 31st December 2020 11 projects approved under this priority as of 31st December 2021
F	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems.	50.00	6.00	There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2018. 1 project completed in 2019 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2020 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2021
S	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems.	50.00	52.00	2 projects have been approved under priority 2 as of the 31st December 2017. 5 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2018. 7 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2019. 8 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2020 11 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2021
F	2.3	Number of supported LCT multisectoral networks	Number of networks.	11.00	2.00	There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2018. 1 project completed in 2019. 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2020 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2021
S	2.3	Number of supported LCT multisectoral networks	Number of networks.	11.00	20.00	2 projects have been approved under priority 2 as of the 31st December 2017. 5 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2018. 7 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2019. 8 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2020 11 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2021
F	2.4	Number of participants in awareness raising or training events for take up and development of low carbon technologies	Number of participants	6,600.00	73,976.00	There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this priority as at 31st December 2018. 1 project completed in 2019. 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2020 2 projects completed by the 31st December 2021
S	2.4	Number of participants in awareness raising or training events for take up and development of low carbon technologies	Number of participants	6,600.00	15,158.00	2 projects have been approved under priority 2 as of the 31st December 2017. 5 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2018. 7 projects have been approved under this priority as at 31st December 2019. 8 projects have been approved under this priority as of 31st December 2020 11 projects have been approved under this priority as of 31st December 2021

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems designed	6.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems designed	78.00	75.00	16.00	7.00	6.00	0.00	0.00
F	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems produced	6.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems produced	45.00	50.00	16.00	7.00	6.00	0.00	0.00
F	2.3	Number of supported LCT multisectoral networks	2.00	1.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2.3	Number of supported LCT multisectoral networks	15.00	11.00	5.00	2.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
F	2.4	Number of participants in awareness raising or training events for take up and development of low carbon technologies	73,976.00	72,471.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	2.4	Number of participants in awareness raising or training events for take up and development of low carbon technologies	14,920.00	6,120.00	4,860.00	9,120.00	600.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>2 - Support the transition to a low carbon economy in the FCE area.</b>
Investment priority	4f - Promoting research and innovation in, and adoption of, low-carbon technologies
Specific objective	2.1 - Increase the development and uptake of existing or new low-carbon technologies in the sectors that have the highest potential for a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions

**Table 1: Result indicators - 2.4f.2.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
2.1	Level of performance in the development and uptake of new or existing low-carbon technologies and services.	%	47.82	2015	51.82	46.87		As reported within our fourth interim evaluation report conducted by T33 completed as at 09/12/2021, compared to the baseline value in 2015, the performance in developing low-carbon solutions in the programme area decreased by one percentage point in 2020 (from 48% to 47%). Based also on the findings of the Second and Third Interim Report submitted in 2019 and 2020 respectively, some external factors could have caused this low achievement: Brexit, for instance, was frequently cited as the most relevant factor negatively influencing the projects, together with more broader trends such as climate change and economic fluctuations. As of 2020, COVID-19 has been the main element of disruption affecting the expected programme contribution to change.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
2.1	Level of performance in the development and uptake of new or existing low-carbon technologies and services.	46.87		46.87		46.87			

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
2.1	Level of performance in the development and uptake of new or existing low-carbon technologies and services.						



Priority axis	<b>3 - Enhance the attractiveness of territories within the FCE area.</b>
Investment priority	<b>6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.6c**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	407,650.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2020. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2021
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	Visits/year	407,650.00	407,650.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. 2 projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2017. 3 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2018. 4 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2019. 5 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2020. 5 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2021.
F	3.1	Number of innovative products/services that result from projects enhancing common cultural & natural assets	Number of new or enhanced products/services.	2,508.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2020. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2021
S	3.1	Number of innovative products/services that result from projects enhancing common cultural & natural assets	Number of new or enhanced products/services.	2,508.00	2,501.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. 2 projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2017. 3 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2018. 4 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2019. 5 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2020. 5 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2021.
F	3.5	Increase in expected number of visits through experiential tourism offer	Visits/Year	20,038,906.00	0.00	New indicator introduced in 2020. 1 project approved in July 2019 There are no fully completed operations under this priority as at 31st December 2021
S	3.5	Increase in expected number of visits through experiential tourism offer	Visits/Year	20,038,906.00	20,038,906.00	New indicator introduced in 2020. 1 project approved in July 2019 5 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2021

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	CO09	Sustainable Tourism: Increase in expected number of visits to supported sites of cultural and natural heritage and attractions	407,650.00	20,446,556.00	407,675.00	468,000.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3.1	Number of innovative products/services that result from projects enhancing common cultural & natural assets	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3.1	Number of innovative products/services that result from projects enhancing common cultural & natural assets	2,500.00	2,481.00	71.00	15.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3.5	Increase in expected number of visits through experiential tourism offer	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3.5	Increase in expected number of visits through experiential tourism offer	20,038,906.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>3 - Enhance the attractiveness of territories within the FCE area.</b>
Investment priority	6c - Conserving, protecting, promoting and developing natural and cultural heritage
Specific objective	3.1 - Realise the potential of the common natural and cultural assets to deliver innovative and sustainable growth

**Table 1: Result indicators - 3.6c.3.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
3.1	Level of performance in the delivery of innovative and sustainable economic activities which enhance common cultural and natural assets	%	65.43	2015	65.93	66.34		As reported within our fourth interim evaluation report conducted by T33 completed as at 09/12/2021, compared to the baseline value in 2015, the programme performance slightly increased by one percentage point in 2020 (from 65% to 66%). Based also on the findings of the Second and Third Interim Report submitted in 2019 and 2020, some external factors contributed to this result such as heightened awareness of environmental issues. As of 2020, COVID-19 has been the main element of disruption affecting the expected programme contribution to change.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
3.1	Level of performance in the delivery of innovative and sustainable economic activities which enhance common cultural and natural assets	66.34		66.34		66.34			

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
3.1	Level of performance in the delivery of innovative and sustainable economic activities which enhance common cultural and natural assets						

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>3 - Enhance the attractiveness of territories within the FCE area.</b>
<b>Investment priority</b>	<b>6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure</b>

**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 3.6d**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions.	1,450.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2018. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2021.
S	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions.	1,450.00	1,626.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. 3 projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2017. 6 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2018. 8 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2019. 9 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2020. 10 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2021.
F	3.3	Number of pilot operations aimed at the enhancement and protection of the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of pilot operations	134.00	0.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as of 31st December 2017. There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2018.  There are no fully completed operations under this objective as at 31st December 2019. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2020. There are no fully completed operations under this Priority as at 31st December 2021.
S	3.3	Number of pilot operations aimed at the enhancement and protection of the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of pilot operations	134.00	136.00	No projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2016. 3 projects have been approved under priority 3 as of the 31st December 2017. 6 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2018. 8 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2019 9 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2020 10 projects have been approved under this objective as at 31st December 2021.

(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	1,472.00	1,412.00	479.00	205.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	3.3	Number of pilot operations aimed at the enhancement and protection of the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	3.3	Number of pilot operations aimed at the enhancement and protection of the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	128.00	124.00	15.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>3 - Enhance the attractiveness of territories within the FCE area.</b>
Investment priority	6d - Protecting and restoring biodiversity and soil and promoting ecosystem services, including through Natura 2000, and green infrastructure
Specific objective	3.2 - Enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems

**Table 1: Result indicators - 3.6d.3.2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
3.2	Percentage of transitional and coastal water bodies with good or high ecological status	%	44.08	2015	53.55	42.11		As reported within our mid term evaluation report conducted by T33 completed as at 09/12/2021, compared to the baseline value in 2015, the performance in developing low-carbon solutions in the programme area decreased by two percentage points in 2020 (from 44% to 42%). Based also on the findings of the Second and Third Interim Report submitted in 2019 and 2020, some external factors could have caused this low achievement: Brexit, for instance, was frequently cited as the most relevant factor negatively influencing the projects, together with broader trends such as climate change and economic fluctuations. As of 2020, COVID-19 has been the main element of disruption affecting the expected programme contribution to change.

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
3.2	Percentage of transitional and coastal water bodies with good or high ecological status	42.11		42.11		42.11			

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
3.2	Percentage of transitional and coastal water bodies with good or high ecological status						

## Priority axes for technical assistance

Priority axis	4 - Technical Assistance
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**Table 2: Common and programme specific output indicators - 4.Technical Assistance**

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
F	5.1.1	Number of animation measures to stimulate the generation of projects	Number		1,871.00	2018 includes 137 meetings with costs and 342 meetings/events with no cost related. 2019 includes 214 meetings with costs and 311 meetings/events with no cost related. 2020 includes 18 meetings with costs and 393 meetings/events with no costs related 2021 includes 48 meetings with no costs related
S	5.1.1	Number of animation measures to stimulate the generation of projects	Number		0.00	
F	5.1.2	Number of crossborder applications submitted to the Programme	Number		195.00	2016 number is comprised of 25 Phase 1 applications, of which 2 were considered ineligible. Additionally 13 Phase 2 projects submitted their application during this year, all of which were considered eligible.  2017 number is comprised of 6 Phase 1 applications, 6 Micro Project of which 1 were considered ineligible . Additionally 12 Phase 2 projects submitted their application during this year, all of which were considered eligible.  2018 includes 5 micro projects and 4 regular projects.  2019 includes 9 projects submitted , including 8 regular projects and 1 micro project.  2020 includes 27 projects submitted  2021 includes 19 projects submitted
S	5.1.2	Number of crossborder applications submitted to the Programme	Number		0.00	
F	5.1.3	Number of crossborder cooperation projects selected	Number		51.00	This number only counts projects with an unconditional approval for their Phase 2 application. An additional 3 projects have been agreed in principle, with conditions that must be met before the committee will authorise Grant Offer Letters to be issued. These are therefore not counted as formally approved for this project.  2017 number is comprised of 12 Phase 2 applications fully approved (including 3 projects from 2016 that responded to conditions and 9 projects approved in 2017 and which responded to conditions when relevant in 2017)  2018 includes 3 projects for which the Grant Offer Letter has not yet been signed but the signature is not (anymore) subject to final approval of conditions by the SSC. In 2019 a further 6 projects were approved by the SSC. In 2020 a further 13 projects were approved by the SSC In 2021 a further 7 projects were approved
S	5.1.3	Number of crossborder cooperation projects selected	Number		0.00	
F	5.2.1	Number of progress reports monitored and leading to payment	Number		11.00	The first claim of the Technical assistance has been divided into 3 claims. The JS checklist has been signed off for 3 claims in 2017.  Update 2018: This includes 5 reports for the TA in total. Update 2019: This totals 7 reports with a further 2 in 2019. Update 2020: This totals 9 reports with a further 2 in 2020 Update 2021: This totals 11 reports with a further 2 in 2021
S	5.2.1	Number of progress reports monitored and leading to payment	Number		0.00	
F	5.2.2	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		24.00	This figure includes 1 employee currently on maternity leave. There is currently 1 vacancy in the JS to replace a facilitator that has moved on to new employment.  2017: There are currently 2 vacancies in the JS to replace a facilitator and a FAO that have moved on to new employments.  2018: number at Dec-2018. This includes 23 FTE for the JS. Estimated figures for the CA (1.5), the AA (2.5) and the MA (0.25).  2019: number at Dec-2018. This includes 22 FTE for the JS. Estimated figures for the CA (1.5), the AA (2.5) and the MA (1.25). 2020: number at Dec-2020. This includes 24 FTE for the JS. Estimated figures for the CA (1.5), the AA (2) and the MA (1) 2021: number at Dec 2021 includes 18.3FTE for the JS. Estimated figure for CA 2.5, the AA 2.1 and the MA 1.1
S	5.2.2	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	Number		24.00	This figure includes 1 employee currently on maternity leave. There is currently 1 vacancy in the JS to replace a facilitator that has moved on to new employment.  2017: There are currently 2 vacancies in the JS to replace a facilitator and a FAO that have moved on to new employments.  2018: number at Dec-2018. This includes 23 FTE for the JS. Estimated figures for the CA (1.5), the AA (2.5) and the MA (0.25).  2019: number at Dec-2018. This includes 22 FTE for the JS. Estimated figures for the CA (1.5), the AA (2.5) and the MA (1.25). 2020: number at Dec-2020. This includes 24 FTE for the JS. Estimated figures for the CA (1.5), the AA (2) and the MA (1) 2021: number at Dec 2021 includes 18.3FTE for the JS. Estimated figure for CA 2.5, the AA 2.1 and the MA 1.1

(1)	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Target value	2021	Observations
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(1)	ID	Indicator	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
F	5.1.1	Number of animation measures to stimulate the generation of projects	1,823.00	1,412.00	887.00	408.00	87.00	41.00	12.00
S	5.1.1	Number of animation measures to stimulate the generation of projects	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	5.1.2	Number of crossborder applications submitted to the Programme	176.00	149.00	140.00	124.00	100.00	62.00	0.00
S	5.1.2	Number of crossborder applications submitted to the Programme	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	5.1.3	Number of crossborder cooperation projects selected	44.00	31.00	25.00	13.00	1.00	0.00	0.00
S	5.1.3	Number of crossborder cooperation projects selected	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	5.2.1	Number of progress reports monitored and leading to payment	9.00	7.00	8.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
S	5.2.1	Number of progress reports monitored and leading to payment	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
F	5.2.2	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	28.50	27.25	27.25	19.00	22.20	0.00	0.00
S	5.2.2	Number of employees FTEs (full time equivalents) whose salaries are co-financed by TA	28.50	27.25	27.25	19.00	22.20	0.00	0.00

(1) S=Cumulative value - outputs to be delivered by selected operations [forecast provided by beneficiaries], F=Cumulative value - outputs delivered by operations [actual achievement]

Priority axis	4 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	4.1 - To support the development of high quality projects, built by robust partnerships focusing on delivering the change and intended outcomes of the programme objectives.

**Table 1: Result indicators - 4.4.1**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
N/A	N/A	N/A	1.00	2014	2.00	2.00		

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
N/A	N/A								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
N/A	N/A						

Priority axis	4 - Technical Assistance
Specific objective	4.2 - To provide a compliance, audit and payment regime with high standards of probity systems that will minimise risk to the European Union and Member State funds

**Table 1: Result indicators - 4.4.2**

ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Baseline value	Baseline year	Target value (2023) Total	2021 Total	2021 Qualitative	Observations
N/A2	N/A2	N/A2	1.00	2014	2.00	2.00		

ID	Indicator	2020 Total	2020 Qualitative	2019 Total	2019 Qualitative	2018 Total	2018 Qualitative	2017 Total	2017 Qualitative
N/A2	N/A2								

ID	Indicator	2016 Total	2016 Qualitative	2015 Total	2015 Qualitative	2014 Total	2014 Qualitative
N/A2	N/A2						



### 3.3 Table 3: Information on the milestones and targets defined in the performance framework

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	Milestone for 2018 total	Final target (2023) total	2021	Observations
1	O	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	Persons	875	28,200.00	0.00	
1	F	1	Expenditure Certified	€	18,720,012	119,760,094.00	43,096,959.32	
1	I	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems being designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	4		712.00	
1	I	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems being produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	2		1,094.00	
1	O	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems	0	539.00	5.00	
1	O	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems	0	1,032.00	0.00	
2	F	2	Expenditure Certified	€	7,488,004.63	59,904,037.00	20,554,053.57	
2	I	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems being designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	3		87.00	
2	I	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems being produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	1		52.00	
2	O	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems	0	80.00	6.00	
2	O	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems.	0	50.00	6.00	
3	F	3	Expenditure Certified	€	11,232,007	119,856,057.00	34,636,735.38	
3	I	3.1	Number of innovative products/services under development	Number of products/services under development	7		2,501.00	
3	I	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported or being supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions	9		1,626.00	
3	O	3.1	Number of innovative products/services that result from projects enhancing common cultural & natural assets	Number of new or enhanced products/services.	0	2,508.00	0.00	
3	O	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions.	0	1,450.00	0.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
1	O	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	Persons	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1	F	1	Expenditure Certified	€	27,170,868.52	10,090,905.03	502,312.50	120,000.00	
1	I	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems being designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	711.00	517.00	516.00	505.00	
1	I	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems being produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	1,086.00	1,017.00	1,017.00	1,010.00	
1	O	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
1	O	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
2	F	2	Expenditure Certified	€	9,124,476.35	4,841,637.05	1,019,663.70	30,000.00	
2	I	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems being designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	78.00	75.00	16.00	13.00	
2	I	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems being produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev	45.00	50.00	16.00	12.00	
2	O	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems	Number of products, services, processes	6.00	5.00	0.00	0.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
			designed	or systems					
2	O	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems.	6.00	3.00	0.00	0.00	
3	F	3	Expenditure Certified	€	22,691,477.85	10,929,652.16	556,309.69	90,000.00	
3	I	3.1	Number of innovative products/services under development	Number of products/services under development	2,500.00	2,481.00	71.00	15.00	
3	I	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported or being supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions	1,472.00	1,412.00	479.00	205.00	
3	O	3.1	Number of innovative products/services that result from projects enhancing common cultural & natural assets	Number of new or enhanced products/services.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
3	O	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions.	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	

Priority axis	Ind type	ID	Indicator	Measurement unit	2015	2014
1	O	CO45	Labour Market and Training: Number of participants in projects promoting gender equality, equal opportunities and social inclusion across borders	Persons		
1	F	1	Expenditure Certified	€		
1	I	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems being designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev		
1	I	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems being produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev		
1	O	1.1	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems		
1	O	1.2	Number of innovative products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems		
2	F	2	Expenditure Certified	€		
2	I	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems being designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev		
2	I	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems being produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems under dev		
2	O	2.1	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems designed	Number of products, services, processes or systems		
2	O	2.2	Number of new or enhanced low carbon products, services, processes or systems produced	Number of products, services, processes or systems.		
3	F	3	Expenditure Certified	€		
3	I	3.1	Number of innovative products/services under development	Number of products/services under development		
3	I	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported or being supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions		
3	O	3.1	Number of innovative products/services that result from projects enhancing common cultural & natural assets	Number of new or enhanced products/services.		
3	O	3.2	Number of institutions (public or private) supported to enhance and protect the coastal and transitional water ecosystems	Number of institutions.		

### 3.4. Financial data

**Table 4: Financial information at priority axis and programme level**

As set out in Table 1 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and table 16 of model for cooperation programmes under the European territorial cooperation goal

Priority axis	Fund	Calculation basis	Total funding	Co-financing rate	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Proportion of the total allocation covered with selected operations	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	Total eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries to the managing authority	Proportion of the total allocation covered by eligible expenditure declared by beneficiaries	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	Total	119,760,094.00	70.00	121,878,028.55	101.77%	108,014,484.15	43,096,959.32	35.99%	25
2	ERDF	Total	59,904,037.00	70.00	65,423,714.00	109.21%	53,617,681.90	20,554,527.52	34.31%	11
3	ERDF	Total	119,856,057.00	70.00	119,381,826.49	99.60%	112,971,267.04	34,636,735.38	28.90%	15
4	ERDF	Total	15,744,490.00	85.00	15,744,490.00	100.00%	15,744,490.00	11,075,022.72	70.34%	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>ERDF</b>		<b>315,264,678.00</b>	<b>70.75</b>	<b>322,428,059.04</b>	<b>102.27%</b>	<b>290,347,923.09</b>	<b>109,363,244.94</b>	<b>34.69%</b>	<b>52</b>
<b>Grand total</b>			<b>315,264,678.00</b>	<b>70.75</b>	<b>322,428,059.04</b>	<b>102.27%</b>	<b>290,347,923.09</b>	<b>109,363,244.94</b>	<b>34.69%</b>	<b>52</b>

**Where applicable, the use of any contribution from third countries participating in the cooperation programme should be provided (for example IPA and ENI, Norway, Switzerland)**

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**Table 5: Breakdown of the cumulative financial data by category of intervention**

As set out in Table 2 of Annex II to Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1011/2014 (Model for transmission of financial data) and tables 6-9 of Model for cooperation programmes

Priority axis	Fund	Intervention field	Form of finance	Territorial dimension	Territorial delivery mechanism	Thematic objective dimension	ESF secondary theme	Economic dimension	Location dimension	Total eligible cost of operations selected for support	Public eligible cost of operations selected for support	The total eligible expenditure declared by eneficiaries to the managing authority	Number of operations selected
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		06	FR232	11,685,372.36	11,508,339.48	8,508,826.55	2
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		07	FR232	2,870,246.64	2,802,232.64	292,249.79	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		07	UKJ32	5,768,425.72	5,737,979.42	4,513,282.20	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		11	FR251	3,746,519.41	3,438,591.49	122,710.44	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		20	UKJ31	4,905,140.81	4,358,064.63	181,217.89	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		22	FR524	4,747,674.56	3,912,629.96	2,822,265.90	1
1	ERDF	060	01	01	07	01		22	UKK41	3,452,476.93	3,231,473.57	30,000.00	1
1	ERDF	060	01	03	07	01		11	UKK30	4,094,006.20	3,641,989.27	80,832.42	1
1	ERDF	060	01	03	07	01		20	UKH12	3,588,572.60	3,418,677.34	232,609.77	1
1	ERDF	060	01	03	07	01		20	UKH14	5,814,910.00	5,383,689.15	1,801,160.61	1
1	ERDF	061	01	01	07	01		22	UKH11	3,941,424.22	3,055,495.31	425,546.33	1
1	ERDF	061	01	02	07	01		24	UKJ4	511,854.05	461,827.03	75,646.82	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		06	FR232	3,987,023.27	3,386,157.19	3,013,895.24	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		07	FR232	1,714,592.99	1,649,161.92	92,453.35	1
1	ERDF	062	01	01	07	01		20	UKJ32	5,492,645.19	5,358,441.09	612,841.62	1
1	ERDF	064	01	01	07	01		13	UKK41	512,393.97	412,395.17	493,606.61	1
1	ERDF	064	01	02	07	01		20	UKJ4	476,067.74	423,489.33	476,067.74	1
1	ERDF	064	01	02	07	01		24	UKJ4	6,754,323.04	6,754,323.04	151,902.29	1
1	ERDF	102	01	01	07	01		23	UKJ31	5,437,404.85	4,772,018.03	3,739,560.42	1
1	ERDF	102	01	02	07	01		20	UKJ4	10,258,764.36	8,975,895.10	2,534,782.08	1
1	ERDF	107	01	01	07	01		20	UKJ21	10,761,508.87	7,379,850.50	2,027,915.08	1
1	ERDF	109	01	01	07	01		21	UKJ4	12,031,174.23	10,089,590.88	8,016,617.41	1
1	ERDF	109	01	02	07	01		21	UKH3	5,599,935.44	4,851,488.97	369,215.54	1
1	ERDF	109	01	03	07	01		19	UKH12	3,725,571.10	3,010,683.64	2,481,753.22	1
2	ERDF	023	01	02	07	04		22	FR522	512,398.60	512,398.60	12,400.00	1
2	ERDF	023	01	03	07	04		22	FR523	458,647.32	425,924.80	458,647.32	1
2	ERDF	065	01	01	07	04		07	FR232	2,178,064.55	1,717,896.76	1,872,198.58	2
2	ERDF	065	01	01	07	04		08	UKK41	4,127,365.07	3,600,930.21	2,464,370.03	1
2	ERDF	065	01	01	07	04		13	FR522	1,678,261.43	1,517,217.31	471,268.38	2
2	ERDF	065	01	01	07	04		22	FR524	511,666.00	476,516.90	349,301.73	1
2	ERDF	065	01	01	07	04		22	UKK41	2,577,828.26	2,467,637.23	30,000.00	1
2	ERDF	065	01	03	07	04		22	UKK30	45,379,420.80	34,966,736.08	9,407,715.12	1
2	ERDF	065	02	01	07	04		10	FR523	8,000,061.97	7,932,424.01	5,488,626.36	1
3	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		02	FR251	5,709,079.14	5,031,515.49	2,114,717.74	1
3	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		02	FR524	4,267,831.64	3,918,897.32	998,612.74	1
3	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		02	UKK41	4,091,748.85	3,914,156.14	30,000.00	1
3	ERDF	085	01	01	07	06		11	UKJ31	2,912,288.38	2,840,711.60	427,809.63	1
3	ERDF	085	01	02	07	06		22	UKJ24	4,019,357.11	3,596,477.69	2,874,150.82	1
3	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		02	UKJ3	8,770,883.27	7,669,690.11	5,246,265.15	1
3	ERDF	085	01	03	07	06		24	UKK22	14,342,081.84	13,590,152.30	2,750,114.93	1
3	ERDF	087	01	01	07	06		02	UKK41	3,818,671.84	3,407,910.92	2,267,930.55	1
3	ERDF	087	01	02	07	06		11	UKJ4	2,811,472.94	2,267,199.65	806,271.96	1
3	ERDF	087	01	03	07	06		22	UKK43	25,797,359.54	25,232,351.86	590,337.57	1
3	ERDF	092	01	01	07	06		14	UKH3	5,636,007.41	5,507,497.12	4,141,700.57	1
3	ERDF	092	01	01	07	06		15	FR522	1,241,240.00	1,216,085.73	88,793.38	1
3	ERDF	092	01	02	07	06		15	UKH1	23,316,186.16	22,618,348.07	3,110,392.17	1
3	ERDF	092	01	03	07	06		15	UKK43	4,325,049.31	4,325,049.31	2,190,464.14	1
3	ERDF	094	01	03	07	06		15	UKK43	8,322,569.06	7,835,223.73	6,999,174.03	1
4	ERDF	121	01	07	07			24	UKH1	5,248,163.34	5,248,163.34	3,691,674.24	1
4	ERDF	122	01	07	07			24	UKH1	5,248,163.33	5,248,163.33	3,691,674.24	1
4	ERDF	123	01	07	07			24	UKH1	5,248,163.33	5,248,163.33	3,691,674.24	1

**Table 6: Cumulative cost of all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area**

1. Operation (2)	2. The amount of ERDF support(1) envisaged to be used for all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area based on selected operations	3. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 2/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)	4. Eligible expenditure of ERDF support incurred in all or part of an operation implemented outside the Union part of the programme area declared by the beneficiary to the managing authority	5. Share of the total financial allocation to all or part of an operation located outside the Union part of the programme area (%) (column 4/total amount allocated to the support from the ERDF at programme level *100)
28	23,971,914.61	10.75%	5,715,810.19	2.56%

(1) ERDF support is the Commission decision on the respective cooperation programme.

(2) In accordance with and subject to ceilings set out Article 20 of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013.

## 4. SYNTHESIS OF THE EVALUATIONS

Annually we conduct an impact evaluation report to assess programme progress and project results and feedback. This evaluation is carried out by an external company called T33 procured through a framework agreement.

This is the fourth annual evaluation report since 2018. A full evaluation of the whole programme impact will be provided next year in the final report 2022.

The evaluation report 2021 covers:

1. Programme performance (procedural, financial, and physical)
2. Programme contribution to change (based on web survey)
3. Future of FCE projects (durability and legacy)

Methodology used for evaluation included desk and data analysis of Programme and project documents (inc. Cooperation Programme, AIR, Application Forms), as well as a web survey to lead partners. The web survey was sent to lead partners of projects that are advanced or finalised (claim 3 or beyond). This represented 29 projects, of which 18 responded (62% response rate).

### Key findings

#### Programme performance

- Despite the Programme experiencing significant delays at the start (2018) in terms of achieving financial targets and intermediate milestones, and the uncertainties caused by Brexit and Covid-19, **the situation has improved over the last year.**
- The **Programme introduced several measures to overcome the external challenges** including:
  - Pre-financing for organisations without first level controls to help with the cashflow.
  - The JS worked closely with all projects to support modifications, to enable them to adapt their delivery in the pandemic context.
  - Furthermore, the programme adopted the **CRII+ provisions** enabling projects to receive a temporary uplift to 100% co-financing rate for one year to prevent cashflow issues and enable projects to remain on track.
- By October 2021, the **programme committed approximately EUR 227 million** (with 44 projects approved, including 6 micro projects) and **certified expenditures for approximately EUR 93.5 million, more than doubled** compared to the previous year's amount.
- **During this last year all projects have advanced towards their targets and a significant increase in the achievement rate has been recorded for almost all the indicators. Two**

**indicators recorded lower achievement rates - COI09 Sustainable Tourism and 1.1 Innovation – with the former being explained by a significant project modification in the target for project EXPERIENCE.**

- When comparing the FCE programme performance with the EU ETC average, absorption is much lower mostly in terms of eligible expenditure on the total programme budget (20%), however the **committed amount has almost reached the ETC average.**

### *FCE contribution to change*

Projects reported that the main benefit they brought to the FCE area for each Specific Objective were as follows:

- SO 1.1 - economic growth was again identified as the main benefit
- SO 1.2 - economic growth and reduction of poverty and social exclusion
- SO 2.1 - reduction of GHG emissions and economic growth
- SO 3.1 - increase of tourist volume and their distribution throughout the year
- SO 3.2 - improved prevention and management of natural risk & reduced pressure on aquatic ecosystems

Another key benefit highlighted by projects across the Specific Objectives was the opportunity for exchange with cross-border partners and promotion of international networks.

External factors:

Web survey respondents were asked about negative influences that impacted project implementation. **Unsurprisingly, Brexit and Covid-19 were the key external influences hampering achievement of results.**

In relation to Brexit, this was specifically the initial uncertainties around funding in 2014-2020 and the inability for UK partners to participate in future follow-up projects in 2021-2027 (end of the Interreg FCE programme). In relation to Covid-19, respondents noted the restrictions imposed which effected things such as collaboration, testing of products or services and field work.

Interestingly, two political factors were highlighted for accelerating projects contribution to change: the acknowledgment of climate change and COP26. While projects associated with SO 2.1 noted economic factors, such as the increased need for renewable energy.

### *Durability and legacy of results*

The web survey results highlight a desire amongst most projects to continue with project activities post-



project closure and to continue with French-English cooperation. While projects have an idea of possible future funding streams, there is less certainty on how to continue cross-border collaboration.

#### Key findings:

- 89% respondents plan to continue project activities beyond the duration of their projects. Almost half have done so, or are planning to, with **follow-up projects** (e.g., capitalisation projects), while 25% will do so with the **formal financial or operational commitment** of partners.
- All but one project highlighted Brexit and lack of EU funding opportunities for UK partners will hinder durability of their project post-closure.
- 67% of respondents plan to **mobilise other funds** to support project activities after the end of their project. This includes EU funds (such as Horizon Europe), national / regional and private.
- **83%** of respondents **aim to continue French-English cross-border cooperation** in the next years. Most respondents seem not to know at present what **alternative ways** can be found to continue cooperation but are closely monitoring options.
- Projects such as TIGER and RanTrans also highlighted that they were or would explore **widening their network and scope of activities** beyond the Channel area.

Name	Fund	From month	From year	To month	To year	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings
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## 5. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN

### (a) Issues which affect the performance of the programme and the measures taken

Projects continued to be affected by Covid-19 in 2021. In England, there was a lockdown from 6 January 2021 until 19 July, meaning the country was in some form of lockdown for over six months. In France, there was also various lockdowns across the country and curfews.

There were 61 requests for modifications in 2021, including administrative, financial, and technical. Of those, 48 have been approved, 7 are under appraisal and 6 rejected. Both 2020 and 2021 saw a significant increase in modification requests compared to previous years which can be attributed to Covid-19 challenges, as projects have had to work around operational and staffing challenges, activities being adjusted and changes to project partners. This increase in modifications has in turn delayed projects submitting claims and led to increased workloads and pressure on JS staff.

The knock-on effect of this is that the Programme reported to the PMC in 2021 that it was running at an underspend rate of 23% across all 4 Axis. This is an underspend against profile i.e., delayed expenditure, not a projected underspend at project/programme closure. The current best estimate on the underspend at project/programme closure (without taking into consideration risky projects facing specific issues) is 10% if all projects complete.

To mitigate these issues the following actions have been taken:

**Overcommit programme funds by up to 20%** - To avoid decommitment the PMC agreed to maintain the decision to over-commit programme funds by up to 20%, knowing that the spending level of projects is generally lower compared to their planned budgets.

**Introduced a project risk register** – this enables the JS to more closely monitor projects at risk of underspend as well as other potential risk so that it can be discussed with the project early on.

**Launch of a call for a capitalisation project at 100% intervention rate** - The call resulted in the approval of the €6.7m C-Care project. The Programme had hoped to have a higher number of applicants and approvals; however, the window of opportunity was short, with no contingency available for projects that needed further work. This was driven by the limited time available to deliver new projects before the end of the programming period.

**Implementation of the Covid Recovery Investment Initiative + (CRii+)** - Whilst the regulatory regime around this was complex and the timescales to carry it out were short, the effort has been rewarded, with projects receiving the funding they needed to continue delivery and partnerships grateful of those additional funds. A huge amount of time and work has gone into the research, implementation and monitoring of this initiative and additional work was carried out by the JS/MA to amend GoLs and put in place agreements to reflect the financial impacts on each individual project. This has been a very successful initiative, which has enabled the programme to commit and pay out an additional € 15.2m for the financial year 2020-2021, prevented decommitment in 2020 and has contributed towards our N+3 targets in 2021.

**Launch of a call for project modifications** – this call was announced at the end of 2021 and open to current projects specifically for new outputs and additional activities (not general extensions/ reprofiling). The idea being to build up a pipeline of project modifications to ‘mop up’ underspend.

**Hired temporary project support officers** – the aim was for these staff to provide support at press points, particularly in relation to the increase in project modifications and a high number of claims to complete before the N+3 deadline.

**Project Support Officers continued to carry out monthly project meetings & focused on delivery on-the-spot checks** - the JS continued to be proactive in setting up meetings with project lead partners to ensure support is provided and any issues can be identified and addressed early on. The team also continued to deliver bespoke training and events, such as claims surgeries and foster relationships with FLCs, to help speed up the time for claims to be issued. In addition, there was a significant drive for the JS to carry out on-the-spot checks and at the end of 2021 with Covid-19 measures easing, some of these were carried out in person. This helped in terms of monitoring progress, preparing projects for closure and identifying any issues early on.

**(b) OPTIONAL FOR LIGHT REPORTS, otherwise it will be included in point 9.1. An assessment of whether progress made towards targets is sufficient to ensure their fulfilment, indicating any remedial actions taken or planned, where appropriate.**

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## **6. CITIZEN'S SUMMARY (ARTICLE 50(9) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013)**

A citizen's summary of the contents of the annual and the final implementation reports shall be made public and uploaded as a separate file in the form of annex to the annual and the final implementation report

You can upload/find the Citizen's summary under General > Documents

**7. REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS (ARTICLE 46 OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

**8. PROGRESS IN PREPARATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF MAJOR PROJECTS AND JOINT ACTION PLANS (ARTICLE 101(H) AND ARTICLE 111(3) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(3)(B) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)**

**8.1. Major projects**

**Table 7: Major projects**

Project	CCI	Status of MP	Total investments	Total eligible costs	Planned notification/submission date	Date of tacit agreement/ approval by Commission	Planned start of implementation	Planned completion date	Priority Axis/ Investment priorities	Current state of realisation — financial progress (% of expenditure certified to Commission compared to total eligible cost)	Current state of realisation — physical progress Main implementation stage of the project	Main outputs	Date of signature of first works contract (1)	Observations
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(1) In the case of operations implemented under PPP structures the signing of the PPP contract between the public body and the private sector body (Article 102(3) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013).

**Significant problems encountered in implementing major projects and measures taken to overcome them**

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**Any change planned in the list of major projects in the cooperation programme**

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## 8.2. Joint action plans

Progress in the implementation of different stages of joint action plans

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**Table 8: Joint action plans (JAP)**

Title of the JAP	CCI	Stage of implementation of JAP	Total eligible costs	Total public support	OP contribution to JAP	Priority axis	Type of JAP	[Planned] submission to the Commission	[Planned] start of implementation	[Planned] completion	Main outputs and results	Total eligible expenditure certified to the Commission	Observations
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**Significant problems encountered and measures taken to overcome them**

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**9. ASSESSMENT OF THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 50(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1303/2013 AND ARTICLE 14(4) OF REGULATION (EU) NO 1299/2013)**

**9.1 Information in Part A and achieving the objectives of the programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Priority axis	1 - Support innovation in order to address the economic and societal issues facing the FCE area.
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Priority axis	2 - Support the transition to a low carbon economy in the FCE area.
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Priority axis	3 - Enhance the attractiveness of territories within the FCE area.
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Priority axis	4 - Technical Assistance
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**9.2. Specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, in particular accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (d) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of specific actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 7 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on promotion of equality between men and women and non-discrimination, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of specific actions taken to promote equality between men and women and to promote non-discrimination, including accessibility for persons with disabilities, and the arrangements implemented to ensure the integration of the gender perspective in the cooperation programme and operations

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**9.3.Sustainable development (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 2, (e) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

An assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the principles set out in Article 8 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 on sustainable development, including, where relevant, depending on the content and objectives of the cooperation programme, an overview of the actions taken to promote sustainable development in accordance with that Article

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**9.4. Reporting on support used for climate change objectives (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Calculated amount of support to be used for climate change objectives based on the cumulative financial data by category of intervention in Table 7

<b>Priority axis</b>	<b>Amount of support to be used for climate change objectives (EUR)</b>	<b>Proportion of total allocation to the operational programme (%)</b>
2	45,796,599.91	109.21%
3	35,050,968.73	41.78%
<b>Total</b>	<b>80,847,568.64</b>	<b>36.25%</b>

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**9.5 Role of partners in the implementation of the cooperation programme (Article 50(4) of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013 and Article 14(4), subparagraph 1, (c) of Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013)**

Assessment of the implementation of actions to take into account the role of partners referred to in Article 5 of Regulation (EU) No 1303/2013, including involvement of the partners in the implementation, monitoring and evaluation of the cooperation programme

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**10. OBLIGATORY INFORMATION AND ASSESSMENT ACCORDING TO ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 1 (A) AND (B), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013**

**10.1 Progress in implementation of the evaluation plan and the follow-up given to the findings of evaluations**

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Status	Name	Fund	Year of finalizing evaluation	Type of evaluation	Thematic objective	Topic	Findings (in case of execution)	Follow up (in case of execution)
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**10.2 The results of the information and publicity measures of the Funds carried out under the communication strategy**

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**11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION WHICH MAY BE ADDED DEPENDING ON THE CONTENT AND OBJECTIVES OF THE COOPERATION PROGRAMME (ARTICLE 14(4), SUBPARAGRAPH 2 (A), (B), (C) AND (F), OF REGULATION (EU) No 1299/2013)**

**11.1. Progress in the implementation of the integrated approach to territorial development, including integrated territorial investments, sustainable urban development, and community led local development under the cooperation programme**

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**11.2 Progress in implementation of actions to reinforce the capacity of authorities and beneficiaries to administer and to use the ERDF**

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### 11.3 Contribution to macro-regional and sea basin strategies (where appropriate)

As stipulated by the Regulation (EU) No 1299/2013, recital 19, article 8(3)(d) on the "Content, adoption and amendment of cooperation programmes" and article 14(4) 2nd subparagraph (c) "Implementation reports", this programme contributes to MRS(s) and/or SBS:

The FCE programme has a total of 14 projects likely to contribute to the Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy. No further projects were approved in 2021 that would contribute to ATLSBS

- EU Strategy for the Baltic Sea Region (EUSBSR)
- EU Strategy for the Danube Region (EUSDR)
- EU Strategy for the Adriatic and Ionian Region (EUSAIR)
- EU Strategy for the Alpine Region (EUSALP)
- Atlantic Sea Basin Strategy (ATLSBS)

## **11.4 Progress in the implementation of actions in the field of social innovation**

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**13. SMART, SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE GROWTH**

Information and assessment of the programme contribution to achieving the Union strategy for smart, sustainable and inclusive growth.

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**14. ISSUES AFFECTING THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PROGRAMME AND MEASURES TAKEN  
— PERFORMANCE FRAMEWORK (ARTICLE 50(2) OF REGULATION (EU) No 1303/2013)**

Where the assessment of progress made with regard to the milestones and targets set out in the performance framework demonstrates that certain milestones and targets have not been achieved, Member States should outline the underlying reasons for failure to achieve these milestones in the report of 2019 (for milestones) and in the final implementation report (for targets).

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## DOCUMENTS

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Citizens' Summary	Citizens' summary	21-Apr-2022			Citizens Summary		





