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RE: Approval of pilot action

Project: PGI01473 SOCIAL GREEN

Dear Ryan,

We are pleased to inform you that, *following the written procedure*, the Interreg Europe monitoring committee has approved on 02 July 2019 the request for pilot action submitted by the SOCIAL GREEN project PGI01473 as presented in the attached annexes.

The pilot action is an additional activity to the project activities described in the application form with the control number **ce8b9c925a0eaa3f33bf32965340d2f7** in the programme online system iOLF (which is annex 1 of the subsidy contract). The pilot action will be financed through the underspending accumulated by the project at the end of phase 1 and within the approved total project budget included in this application form which amounts to:

Total ERDF:	998,532.65
Total Norwegian funding:	0.00
Total Interreg Europe project budget:	1,188,765.00

The approval of the pilot action is done under the condition that:

- A request for change to formally integrate the pilot action in the application form in line with the information provided in the approved request for pilot action (annex attached) is carried out after the submission of PR6, due by 01 July 2019 and before costs in relation to phase 2 are reported.
- An updated partner declaration is provided for any partner increasing its budget in the revised application form.

This letter forms annex 2 of the subsidy contract.

We wish you all the best for the continuation of your project.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin Siweris - Programme Director



Request for pilot action

Project Acronym:	SOCIAL GREEN
Project Index (PGI):	PGI01473
Title of the pilot action	Improving energy efficiency and consumer behaviour at the level of social housing in Alba Iulia Municipality
Policy instrument(s) addressed:	Regional Operational Program – Axis 3 “Supporting the transition to a low carbon economy”
Partner(s) concerned	Tartu Energy Agency - Estonia, Alba Iulia Municipality - Romania
Country	Romania
Date of request:	05.03.2019

Reminder

Pilot actions are implementation-related activities dedicated to testing a new approach. This usually refers to the transfer of existing practices between partner regions. But it can also relate to a new initiative jointly designed by the partner regions during phase 1 and jointly implemented in phase 2. As reflected in the present form, pilot actions are possible under Interreg Europe under strict conditions only and the description provided in the form should be as detailed and as clear as possible.

Request for pilot action must be submitted to the programme as soon as it is ready and by the end of phase 1 at the latest. It will then be assessed by the Joint Secretariat which may require further clarifications. In case the pilot actions meet the programme’s requirements, the Joint Secretariat will recommend it for approval to the Monitoring Committee. If approved, the application form will be updated through the request for changes procedure.



Further information can be found in section “4.2.2 Phase 2 – monitoring of the action plan implementation” in the programme manual.

A. Overall relevance of the request

A.1 Context and nature of the pilot action

Please describe precisely the nature of the activities envisaged and justify why this pilot action is important in the context of the project. Please also specify the main beneficiaries of the pilot action.

Social Housing in Romania serves in general the needs of vulnerable groups from the communities. Social housing is built, owned by the public sector, and usually managed in partnership with the tenants associations.

In Alba Iulia, the social housing sector is relatively new and in some of the newer buildings several new green solutions are already included, but further greening measures can be taken. There are specifically 2 types of social housing in the town: Social housing for vulnerable groups and social housing for young people (generally speaking) provided by the National Agency for Housing.

The major difference between them is described in the following:

1. Social housing was addressed to persons/families with income below the net average wage per country, in descending order of the score appreciated through the Local Council Decision. In March 2013, when the first row of social housing was distributed, the net average income per country was 1617 lei, and in October 2014, for the second row of social housing, it was worth 1705 lei. Furthermore this type of social housing also addresses persons from single-parent families, persons with disabilities and persons who lost their home due to the legal retrocessions performed after the year 1990 (post-Communist era).

2. Social housing provided by the National Agency for Housing addresses usually young people up to 38 years old and is specifically oriented towards persons who never owned a home irrespective of their salary. This type of social housing also allows for tenants to buy their homes after proving the financial capacity to do so.

Both categories of social housing are supported by the Municipality with different facilities.

Following the SOCIAL GREEN inter-regional project meetings which took place during the SOCIAL GREEN PROJECT, and especially after the project meeting in Tartu-Tallinn (Estonia) in January 2018, Alba Iulia Municipality identified a series of good practice examples in the area of energy efficiency and building retrofitting. The relevant examples observed by Alba Iulia Municipality staff were analysed during the meeting while further discussions were initiated with the Tartu Energy Agency and their stakeholders in order to better understand the measures presented as well as their replicability at the level of social housing in Alba Iulia.

After the SG project meeting in Estonia (January 2018) a number of Skype calls were organized by the Alba Iulia team with the aim of learning more about the examples observed in Tallinn and Tartu in the area of smart metering solutions for buildings.

One of them especially has the potential of being replicated to a high degree in Alba Iulia, Romania and moreover, it would be highly relevant for the financial instrument addressed by AIM – Regional Operational Program for which reasons the present pilot action is proposed.



The good practice is related to a Building Performance Monitoring and Assessment (BPMA) framework (as defined by the Estonian good practice) which is aimed to set a robust methodology enabling the assessment of building energy performances, on the basis of adequate KPIs reflecting both energy-related and human-related parameters. Such a model was observed during the project meeting in Tartu-Tallinn and was considered a relevant good practice that could be followed in a similar model by AIM, given the fact that several conditions are highly similar between the 2 partners (similar weather conditions, access to high speed internet fiber, relatively similar types of buildings due to Communist heritage, etc.).

The model consists in observing the indoor/outdoor conditions of buildings, in installing several sensors and smart metering devices, monitoring intelligent devices and collecting data, analyzing data through online means and comparing scenario “before implementation” and “after implementation” of the pilot project (based on data acquired through the intelligent sensors), proposing measures to optimize energy consumption at the level of buildings and measures to change behaviour of tenants living in the social housing dwellings. The solutions will be installed in Alba Iulia at the level of at least 8 social housing flats where vulnerable groups reside.

The baseline and the reporting period are based on a full cycle of the system (1 year) on which we try to evaluate energy savings and consumer-related behaviour. To evaluate the energy performance of a social housing building, our partners in Tartu used a full year of data that is usually needed to cover most of the weather and occupation conditions of the building.

The BPMA framework which AIM would like to replicate was applied on the studies for demo buildings in Estonia and Spain.

Following this model of approach, we would like to propose a Pilot Action in Alba Iulia which consists in:

- Creating an analysis and a survey for the previous year (reference year for the “Before implementation” period) of utilities consumption at the level of social housing apartments where the PA will be deployed;
- Creating an analysis of the energy behaviour of the tenants living in the social housing envisaged by the PA;
- Installing several smart sensors and metering devices at the level of the 8 social housing flats following the Estonian model, with the Tartu Energy Agency’s support and expertise;
- Monitoring (through online tools) the energy consumption and behaviour at the level of the proposed social housing apartments for a whole year (surveys will be realized also during and “after implementation” of the PA);
- Creating a report with the final conclusions of the PA and with further scenarios for improving energy efficiency at the level of social housing;
- Sending the Report along with policy recommendations to the RDA Centru in order to forward them to the Managing Authority of the ROP in order to influence the policy instrument.

At the level of the social housing dwellings the following parameters and KPI’s will be monitored:

Energy consumption

From the apartment monitoring:

- Electricity consumption (through installing smart metering devices for electricity monitoring at the level of each apartment)
- Heat consumption (heating/DHW) (here referring to the heat consumption from the centralized heating system of the building)

The prototype will consist in the installing of smart metering devices (sensors, energy meters, indoor appliances, smart boards, LED-based appliances, web tools etc.) for the energy consumption and



monitoring them live through a software which will be installed at the level of the technical department of the municipality (while acquiring specialized external support for the whole period of the PA).

The energy consumptions at the level of the social housing flats included in the PA will be monitored for a period of 1 year and the data acquired will be used for comparing the situation “before implementation” with the situation “after implementation” and for creating different scenarios of better using ROP funds in the future, for creating a report and also for behaviour-changing activities (changing mindset), involving all the social housing tenants and then scaling up the results to the level of all the citizens living in AIM (since the conclusions of the PA will be made public for free while).

Indoor conditions and apartment use scenarios

From the apartment monitoring, the following parameters will be characterized through installing various sensors:

- Indoor air temperature and fluctuations (°C)
- Indoor illuminance (lux)
- CO2 concentrations (ppm)
- Relative humidity %
- Air quality level
 - Monitoring and collecting data for 1 year (reference year for the “After implementation” period)
 - Analyzing data and comparing scenarios
 - Elaborating of conclusive studies and Reports to be support for our action included in the Action Plan, namely **“Improving the energy-related behaviour of the social housing residents in AIM”**
 - Sending the Conclusion of the tests of the Pilot Action (final Report) to the Managing Authority of the ROP (with support from the Regional Development Agency-ADR Centru which will be involved as well in the PA) to take into consideration the inclusion of this type of energy monitoring method and actions as eligible activities and expenses within the next calls under Axis 3 and under Axis 9 of the Regional Operational Program.

A.2 Compliance with the programme requirements

Please explain further how the pilot action complies with the programme’s requirements in terms of:

A.2.1 Policy relevance and durability

How will the pilot action contribute to improving the policy instrument addressed?

Is it confirmed that the pilot action is a full part of the action plan for the region concerned?

What are the plans to ensure the durability of the pilot action in case of success?

Smart metering for social housing is a key measure that will be included in the action plan for P7-AIM. The exchanges of experience and interregional cooperation processes occurred during the first phase of Social Green has contributed to regional stakeholders of P7-AIM becoming much more interested in and aware of the potential of smart metering at the level of social houses along with the municipality which manages the social housing and any maintenance cost incurred.

The pilot-action will contribute to:



- Analysing the energy-efficiency situation at the level of AIM's social housing through surveys, questionnaires building energy audit.
- Demonstrate the added value of smart metering and monitoring systems at level of the social housing;
- Assess the best approaches to provide real-time building energy performances and monitoring, on the basis of adequate KPIs reflecting both energy and human-related parameters - information from the tenants perspective;
- Contribute to better governance by including new eligible activities - like the solutions tested - under the ROP funded calls submitted to the thematic call.

Moreover the PA will contribute to an improvement of the policy instrument. On one hand, the pilot action will contribute to **better governance** – i.e., the knowledge gained about the technical reliability of the tested solutions and the degree of user evaluation satisfaction could lead to new evaluation criteria in projects submitted in the scope of the priority of investment Axis 3 - “Supporting the transition to a low carbon economy” and priority of investments Axis 9 - “Local development placed under the community’s responsibility”. On the other hand, the Municipality could also draw relevant conclusions from the PA which would be used in future decisions about social housing and relevant energy-efficiency measures implemented at local level, with potential replicability at national level. Last but not the least, the results of the PA will represent a premiere at national level since a similar experiment conducted at this level has never been realized before.

Eventually, this can lead to implementation of more projects using reliable technical approaches and offering ICT-based and smart monitoring solutions received positively both by the tenants and the municipality. On the other hand, increasing the visibility of the project to different levels (public, technicians and policy makers) could contribute to raise the interest of multiple players in replicating this good practice in different regions. By promoting smart metering solutions across multiple platforms, local policy-makers may become aware that the implementation of these systems at the level of social housing could improve significantly the energy efficiency of the dwellings and the quality of living, while the maintenance costs would be very low.

Axis 3 still has considerable budget for launching future calls and Axis 9 of the ROP has not even launched any calls for proposals while it addresses specifically social housing and vulnerable groups. Thus there is enough budget available to support any interventions in the area of smart metering solutions for improving energy efficiency at the level of social houses and to influence the policy instruments mentioned above in order to include such measures into their future calls.

Moreover there are there are also other national programs such as The Green House program financed by the Government which could support similar measures for improving the energy consumption at the level of social houses and also ordinary houses, contributing to the achievement of the national and European objectives related to energy efficiency and climate change resilience.

The pilot action proposed is part of the action plan developed by AIM together with South Muntenia Agency.

A.2.2 Interregionality

How is the pilot action linked to the interregional exchange of experience process?

How does it relate to knowledge / practice learnt from other project partners?

Following the SOCIAL GREEN inter-regional project meetings which took place in Porto-Matosinhos (Portugal), Varazdin (Croatia) but more especially following the meeting in Tartu-Tallinn (Estonia) in January 2018, Alba Iulia Municipality identified a series of good practice examples in the area of energy efficiency and



building retrofitting along with smart metering systems deployed. The relevant examples observed by Alba Iulia Municipality project team were analysed during the meeting in Estonia while further discussions were initiated with the Tartu Energy Agency and their stakeholders in order to better understand the measures presented as well as their replicability at the level of social housing in Alba Iulia and their potential to influence the policy instrument ROP Axis 3 and Axis 9.

After the meeting in Estonia a number of Skype video-calls were organized with the aim of learning more about the examples observed in Tallinn-Tartu and to facilitate the transfer of good-practices in the area of smart metering solutions addressed to buildings, with particular interest in social housing.

The Estonian partner sent further information by email relevant to the good practice identified and it assured P7-AIM of its further support for a potential implementation of an action-plan with the aim of transferring a good practice, based on the local context of AIM.

Thus the solutions identified have the potential of being replicated in Alba Iulia, Romania and moreover, it would be relevant for the financial instrument addressed by AIM – Regional Operational Program not only at the Centru Region level but also in the other Romanian regions (and in other regions of the EU).

A.2.3 Additionality

Why can the pilot action not be financed by the policy instrument addressed or by other local / regional / national funds?

At the regional level, the ROP Axis 3 and Axis 9 are the envisaged policy instruments addressed through the PA proposed. The future calls launched could have a bigger impact at the regional level if certain results of the PA would be adopted in the mentioned policy instruments.

This action cannot be supported by local, regional or national funds due to two main reasons:

- 1) Type of costs: For the development of the prototype, implementation of surveys, analysis of the social building specificity and tenants profile, installing sensors and smart metering devices (+web-tools) and some funds for human resources (Staff costs) are needed which are not eligible under the ROP Axis 3 and Axis 9;
- 2) Nature of the action: Potential supporting local, regional and national funds do not support this type of actions aimed at assessing citizen's reaction to certain types of technology while such a pilot action in the area of social housing combined with smart solutions for improving energy efficiency and changing consumer behaviour was never realized in Romania.

B. Planned activities

Please describe precisely the different activities to be implemented for the pilot action during each semester of phase 2.



PHASE 2

Semester 1

T1 Set up of the experimental action. M1-M2

A comprehensive study (with surveys) will be produced through the PA on energy efficiency issues at the social housing level in Alba Iulia. The study will contain initial surveys and analysis of the local situation in terms of energy efficiency and it will analyze also the behavioural pattern of the citizens living in social houses in terms of energy consumption and openness to the introduction of smart measures such as smart metering devices and sensors for measuring various KPIs at the level of the social houses. The study will also relate to potentially other similar actions realized in similar contexts.

The social housing building of apartments - where the proposed experiment will take place - will be chosen and an initial evaluation in terms of energy consumption/year but also profile of the tenants will be performed in order to establish the “before implementation” paradigm (model).

At the same time there will be a technical team which together with the IT team will be planning their actions on the field, the methods and solutions to be used, software, sensors and systems to be installed using external expertise where needed. They will choose the best solutions to be employed based on the initial evaluation of the social housing apartments profile and their tenants needs. Also the Estonian partner will be invited to attend this phase and to visit the pilot action site in Alba Iulia in order to offer the best solutions and expertise for installing the smart solutions based on their good practice model and experience and on the nature of the social housing apartments.

T2 Organizing public tenders for acquiring the smart-metering devices, sensors and other smart appliances, web-based tools for measuring energy efficiency at the level of 8 public housing flats. Basically for each of the 8 apartments a smart monitoring energy system (containing the above technologies) will be acquired. **M2-M3**

T3 Installing the smart-metering monitoring system (sensors, smart-metering devices, smart indoor appliances, smart boards, online web-tools etc.) at the level of the targeted social housing apartments with the consent of the tenants which volunteer for the proposed PA. The systems will be installed on at least **8 apartments** in a building of social housing flats managed by the municipality (acquiring the same tools and smart monitoring devices for each of the 8 apartments, in order to have a comprehensive PA with at least 8 different scenarios). The whole system of data acquiring and sending for the PA implementation will be monitored by an office of the municipality using the adequate software and up-to-date solutions in the field of smart metering and communication tools. The system will be installed by technical experts from the municipality and from private companies which deal with smart-metering systems in order to deploy a smooth monitoring for the 8 apartments included in the PA. **M3-M4**

T4 Organizing surveys M4-M16

After the installing of all the relevant technical components at the level of the social housing apartments, the management team will organize a first survey in order to analyze the initial feedback from the tenants of the apartments and their interest in the appliances and smart-metering devices installed in their homes (together with the local stakeholder - “1 Decembrie 1918 University Alba Iulia”). The perception of the impact of smart solutions on users will be evaluated once they have been exposed to different types of technology.

The surveys will aim for the following objectives:

- To evaluate the citizens attractiveness to the smart system of monitoring their energy-efficiency at the level of the social housing apartments;
- To evaluate their energy behaviour after the installing of the smart-metering system;
- To investigate effects of attitudes and perceptions of citizens (users and non-users) to different types of technology before and after implementing the pilot.



Surveys will be organized on a monthly basis in order to identify any potential drawbacks of the experiment and to measure the satisfaction and difficulty of use of the smart tools by the tenants of the 8 apartments.

T5 Monitoring the energy parameters of the social housing flats and organizing monthly meetings with the tenants in order to present the monthly statistics and data acquired through the installed system at the level of the 8 apartments, and discussing options for behavioral change in order to obtain optimal results in terms of energy consumption and increased comfort. The monitoring period will be of at least 12 months in order to have a clear analysis of the “before implementation” period and the “after implementation” period. The Estonian partner will also be highly involved in the monitoring phase (through online means), providing their expertise in order for the implementation of the PA to be successful. Any potential failures will be analyzed on a constant basis and any errors or failures will be addressed accordingly. **M4-M16**

Semester 2

T6 Half period reporting and analyzing of results of the PA so far. **M10**

A half period workshop will be organized in order to analyze the results of the pilot. A Skype video-meeting will be organized where the Estonian partner will participate online and will provide relevant feedback to the municipality and the stakeholders involved in the PA. The tenants will also be invited to attend the event and will be invited to provide their own feedback with regard to the solutions installed in their apartments and with regard to their own perspective about the results acknowledged so far. Any potential drawbacks will be dealt with after the half period reporting in order to achieve the most optimum results from the PA implementation.

T6 Continuing the monitoring and survey of the PA deployment site after the Half-period reporting. **M10-M16**

This period is crucial in perfecting the system and resolving any dysfunctions identified during the half-period reporting. The tenants living in the social housing apartments will further utilize (for free) the smart metering devices and appliances and will have access to an online tool where they can evaluate their own consumption of energy, observe the data acquired by the smart metering devices and sensors installed at the level of their apartment, and report any malfunctions they observe in the installed systems to the technicians of the municipality.

The technical experts will operate in order to adjust any system malfunctioning and to calibrate the systems based on the feedback of the tenants. Surveys will be organized on a monthly basis in order to check the feedback from the tenants and any possible malfunctions of the system which will be adjusted accordingly by the technical team. The Technical and IT Departments of the municipality will also be responsible for monitoring the parameters of the apartments based on the sensors, smart-metering and other appliances installed at the level of the social housing apartments for the whole period of the PA. A real-time web platform for data collection will be monitored constantly by the technical experts and the results will be analyzed in order to propose energy efficiency solutions for the tenants, but also with the aim of identifying any possible behaviours that could be changed. The data will also be published online on the website of the municipality and everyone will have free access to all the information. Citizens of Alba Iulia municipality will also be invited through various means in order to express their opinion about the PA implementation and to evaluate the results in order to help change their energy-related behaviour.

Semester 3



T6 Organizing final workshop and presenting the Final Report of the pilot project to all the relevant stakeholders at the local level. The Final Report will be produced both in Romanian and English and will be sent to all the project partners for greater dissemination and for supporting the transfer of good practices in the field of energy efficiency at the level of social housing. The results of the PA will also be made public for free on the website of the municipality and will be used in order to foster a behaviour-change at the level of other social housing tenants but also to all other citizens of Alba Iulia, in order to scale up the results of the PA to the whole municipality and to bring a positive change in the behaviour of the citizens with regard to their energy consumptions. The media will also be invited to the event. **M17**

T7 Sending the final Report of the PA together with the recommendations for changing the policy instrument ROP Axis 3 and Axis 9 to the Regional Development Agency - ADR Centru in order for future calls to include eligible activities drawn from the PA results. The ADR Centru will also be responsible for forwarding the Report of the PA and the recommendations for policy change to the Managing Authority of the ROP.

Semester 4

No content related activities should take place in this semester. The last months of the project should be entirely dedicated to the project closure.

C. State Aid

Funds used to implement pilot actions have to comply with state aid rules, in line with article 107 of the TFEU. Therefore, the JS has to assess if the pilot activities proposed by the project can be considered as state aid relevant. The activity carried out within the pilot could be state aid relevant if it has a commercial nature, is market related, it grants an economic benefit to the beneficiary that the beneficiary would not have received without the pilot and is thus able to distort the competition within the EU. If the proposed pilot action falls under state aid rules, the aid will be granted under the de minimis regulation¹. According to this regulation, an organisation cannot receive more than EUR 200,000 of de minimis aid in the last 3 fiscal years. This means that, if the pilot action is state aid relevant and the project partner will receive de minimis aid, there will be specific procedures to follow. If the pilot benefits directly the project partner, a self-declaration will have to be provided by the project partner. In cases where third parties receive benefits from the pilot, they will be considered as the recipient of state aid/de minimis and projects partners bear the responsibility to ensure that state aid /de minimis rules are respected by the third parties, by collecting such self-declarations from them. Further information on state aid can also be found in section “2.7.5 State aid” in the programme manual.

¹ 'Commission Regulation (EC) No 1407/2013 of 18 December 2013 on the application of Articles 107 and 108 of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union to de minimis aid'



In order to allow the JS to assess whether the proposed pilot is state aid relevant, we kindly ask you to reply to the questions below.

- Can any of the pilot activities be considered as an economic activity, i.e. market relevant, profit oriented or likely to improve the financial situation of the partner? Please justify as much as possible your answer, and if applicable, please explain how the pilot action could improve the financial situation of the project partner.

No. All the services generated will be open and free to the public. The prototype will be developed by public or non-profit institution without commercial use. All data gathered will be available in open format, and results on the surveys and the PA Report along with the conclusions and recommendations will be disseminated to public in AIM webpage.

- Will there be a specific third party organisation or a selected group of third party organisations (other than the external experts sub-contracted in compliance with public procurement rules) involved in the pilot that could benefit from market related, or profit oriented activities, likely to improve their financial situation? If yes, please define the activities they will participate in and explain why you consider that they are market related and how they could bring an economic benefit to the third party.

D. Partnership

Which partner(s) of the project will be in charge of the implementation of the pilot action?

Partner name:	Country:	Role in the pilot:
AIM		Technical Department - Responsible for coordination of the pilot-action (along with the SG project team), - Initial audit of the 8 apartments foreseen to be included in the PA, - Surveys to citizens, assessment of the smart metering appliances installed at the level of the social housing apartments, - Installing and monitoring of the smart metering devices, sensors, smart boards, smart appliances, etc.





		<p>- Involvement in the implementation of the action plan.</p> <p>IT Department</p> <p>PA deployment including:</p> <p>i) Monitoring the online data acquired and managing web-based tools</p> <p>ii) Providing further support for any communication interfaces: web-tools, smart boards, etc.</p> <p>Both departments will be responsible for realizing the Final Report with the PA conclusions.</p>
Tartu Energy Agency		Providing state-of-the-art expertise for the deployment of the PA, support to the development of surveys, support for any drawbacks may appear during the PA implementation, etc.

Does the pilot action imply the introduction of new partners in the partnership?

n/a

If yes, please specify

Partner name:	Country:	Role in the pilot:

Will other stakeholders be involved in the implementation of the pilot action?

<p>1 December 1918 University Conduction of survey on existing open data initiatives and developed solutions. Interviews with third party developers. Collaborate in the dissemination of surveys.</p> <p>ALEA Involved with their expertise in monitoring and reporting energy consumptions at the level of AIM.</p> <p>ADR CENTRU Will be involved at the end of the PA as it will forward to the Managing Authority the results.</p>





E. Budget

Table 1 - Total pilot action budget

Partner	Staff costs	Office and administration	Travel and accommodation	External expertise and services	Equipment	Total pilot action budget
AIM	22,000.00 €	3,300 €	- €	7,000.00 €	9,000.00 €	41,300.00 €
TARTU	4,000.00 €	600 €	1,600.00 €	1,600.00 €	- €	7,800.00 €
	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
Total	26,000.00 €	3,900.00 €	1,600.00 €	8,600.00 €	9,000.00 €	49,100.00 €

1. JS final recommendations

State aid relevance	Yes	No
1/ Does the pilot action represent a service which allows to make profit and for which a market exists (i.e. is it considered as an economic activity in the meaning of the Commission notice on the notion of State Aid (n° 2016/C 262/01)?		x
2/ Could the financial situation of the concerned partner(s) improve as a result of the pilot (i.e. could the pilot action potentially distort the competition)?		x
3/ Will there be any economic benefit to third parties? (indirect state aid relevance)		x
Conclusion	The pilot is not state-aid relevant	

Fulfilment of criteria?	Yes	No
1/ Relevance	x	
2/ Additionality	x	
3/ Interregionality	x	
4/ Feasibility (including finance)	x	
Final recommendation	Recommended for approval	

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Date: 30/10/2019

RE: Approval of request for change in activities and budget

Project: PGI01473 Social Green

Dear Ryan Weber,

We are pleased to confirm that the request for change for your project has been approved. The request covered multiple areas:

- activities
- budget

As a result, the approved budget is as follows:

Total ERDF:	EUR	1,000,697.25
Total Norwegian funding:	EUR	0.00
Total Interreg Europe project budget:	EUR	1,191,397.00

This change is applied as of 01/04/2019.

Please note that the latest version of the application form (with the control number 6b5cda2605b744839e0e7eb210312ff7) as available in the programme's online system iOLF forms annex1 and that this letter forms annex 2 of the subsidy contract.

We wish you all the best for the continuation of your project.

Yours sincerely,

Erwin Siweris
Programme Director

RE: Ref. SocialGreen PR 7&8 in iOLF

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Hi Dana,

Sorry I missed this. We can overspend by 20% on a given budget line at the project level. So, it is OK that you overspend the staff cost budget line, and underspend on external experti

So, in short, don't worry and proceed with reporting as normal!

Best,

Ryan

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Subject: Ref. SocialGreen PR 7&8 in iOLF

Hi Ryan,

We were just wondering if you had a chance to look into the situation presented bellow.

Could you please give some advise on this matter so we could go on with filling the expenses in IOLF system.

Looking forward towards your response!

Team Alba Iulia

On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 05:05:25 PM GMT+3, dana naghiu <dana.naghiu@yahoo.com> wrote:

Dear Ryan,

Thanks for the quick answer.

Done, PR 7-8 created!

Now, looking at the figures in the budget, I noticed that the changes between budget lines, as we discussed during Phase 1, are not reflected.

In our case, we discussed about transferring some money form External expertise, to Staff costs).

For example:

Considering the PA's budget (bellow) and the iOLF's Staff cost line (9746.11 Eur), the amount in that line is lower than the one for PA's staff cost, not mentioning that there shou

There should be a transfer between External expertise and Staff cost in order to cover all the specific expenses on their related budget lines.

Please could you give us some advise on this matter.

Thanks,

Team

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On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 04:22:20 PM GMT+3, Ryan Weber <ryan.weber@nordregio.org> wrote:

Yes! Go ahead. I had the same 😊

From: dana naghiu <dana.naghiu@yahoo.com>
Sent: den 31 mars 2020 15:21
To: Ryan Weber <ryan.weber@nordregio.org>
Cc: Johannes Lidmo <johannes.lidmo@nordregio.org>; Tudor Drambarean <tudor.drambarean@outlook.com>
Subject: Re: Social Green - PR 7&8 in iOLF

Hi Ryan,

Nice to hear you all during our meeting on Friday!

Regarding the AIM/s report on iOLF, please could you confirm that it is ok to press YES and continue to create a Partner Report with

Reporting period start date-Reporting period 7

Reporting period end date-Reporting period 8

Thank you!

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On Tuesday, March 31, 2020, 12:30:33 PM GMT+3, Ryan Weber <ryan.weber@nordregio.org> wrote:

Hi all,

Just a mini follow-up from our conference call last week.

We will take issues regarding our upcoming meeting in May and the final event at a later time.

For now, I would like to forward to you the template for partner report to Nordregio. Please fill this out and return it to Nordregio by April 15th.

Also, I have emailed the Joint Secretariat regarding a possible extension to the project. I will let you know when I hear more.

Best wishes,

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