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Subject: Interreg CENTRAL EUROPE programme eligibility of incurred costs and cancellation fees related to the cancellation or non-attendance to a meeting/event due to the COVID-19 outbreak

Dear Lead Partner,

The Managing Authority (MA) and Joint Secretariat (JS) of the Interreg Central Europe Programme (CE) have received a number of queries related to the eligibility of costs of cancellation of meetings/events due to the COVID-19 outbreak. In this respect, the MA/JS would like to provide you with guidance on how to proceed:

- Assess the situation based on information/recommendations provided by the World Health Organisation's (WHO), embassies, national health organisations etc.
- Cancel meetings or avoid travelling if there is an official/institutional travel ban or travel warning for a particular region.

In the eventuality that, because of the COVID-19 outbreak, the meeting/event would have to be cancelled/postponed or if project partners/stakeholders cannot attend, the institutions should firstly try to have the already incurred costs (e.g. travel tickets, venue, hotel etc.) recovered/refunded.

By way of an exception to the Interreg CE rules stated in the implementation manual, the MA/JS would like to inform you that for any incurred costs related to the organisation/attendance of a project meeting/event that had/has to be cancelled or cannot be attended for the reasons stated above and that are not recoverable by any means, such costs can be regarded as eligible.

The lead partner is kindly requested to forward this communication to all the project partners. In addition, this communication shall also be provided to the respective national controller/s together with all the relevant documentation in view of the validation of expenditure.

Yours sincerely,


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