Annex to Eligibility of expenditure: Specific provisions due to COVID-19 epidemic

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This factsheet is an annex to the factsheet "ELIGIBILITY OF EXPENDITURE" of the Programme Manual of the Interreg MED Programme. It aims to outline the specific provisions about how to proceed due to COVID-19 epidemic.

The present provisions concern all types of projects, included Technical Assistance.

Eligibility of expenditure related to cancelled/postponed activities due to COVID-19 epidemic and health restrictions

Costs related to cancelled activities (travel or event) due to COVID-19 epidemic and health restrictions would be considered eligible, and can therefore be claimed under the Interreg MED projects, if the activity has not taken place:

- due to travels restrictions established by regional/national authorities or at the level of the partner organisation,
- due to a cancellation of the hosting/organising structure,
- due to justified medical conditions (fear to travel¹, symptoms or confirmation of the illness) of the person who was to travel.

In any case, costs already reimbursed by other means (assurances, airlines, etc) cannot be claimed in the framework of the programme. In this sense, FLC should request to concerned partners of any proof that the claimed costs were not recoverable or refunded by whatever means, including exceptional measures due to the nature of the disease, cannot be considered as eligible.

In practice, if a partner could recover costs (regardless whether it actually does it or not), such costs cannot be reported to the Programme, totally or partially.

In the case of postponed activities, costs related to such activities shall be eligible under the same conditions as costs related to cancelled activities.

Please, contact your project officer at the JS for further information or assistance.

Kindly be reminded that most airlines and hotels allowed reimbursement of expenses or change of dates due to the epidemic even at rates that were neither refundable nor exchangeable.

¹ This option is to be accepted only when national rules/regulations accepts it. In case of doubt, kindly contact your National Authority.