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Thematic workshop for potential applicants on
priority II “Green, resilient and sustainable development”

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The aim:

to enhance protection, preservation and restoration of natural capital, protected areas and biodiversity.

Reduction of human caused pollution by seeking and implementing joint solutions is expected as well.



Joint actions by the institutions from both countries are needed!

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Implemented project activities shall result in:

- developed new common frameworks for smart, joint and sustainable management,
- preserved and restored biodiversity, the natural capital and protected areas,
- improved green areas, developed small scale green infrastructure and nature-based solutions, thus safeguarding eco-system services, protecting nature and adapting to climate change.

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Indicative supported activities (1)

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- Safeguarding, maintaining and restoring of eco-systems as well as protection and preservation of cross-border biodiversity and key species
 - ✓ development and/or implementation of management plans of species
 - ✓ restoration of river, forest, wetland, lake, rocky habitats, etc.
 - ✓ maintenance of habitat structures formed as a result of natural disturbances and emulation of natural disturbances, etc.



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Indicative supported activities (2)

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- Development of joint solutions for enhancing sustainable management of natural capital and cross-border green networks



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Indicative supported activities (3)

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- Training exchange of experience, etc.
to support capacity building of
organisations and specific target
groups



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Indicative supported activities (4)

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- Joint solution for reduction of pollution in shared water bodies, cross border natural sites and protected areas



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Indicative supported activities (5)

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- Joint solutions for preservation of nature capital that are used for recreational purposes
 - ✓ Development of infrastructure and equipment to preserve ecosystem,
 - ✓ Management of recreational areas to improve ecosystem and environmental quality



S.O. 2.2. Indicative supported activities (6)

- Educational and awareness raising activities for general public (information campaigns, educational materials, etc.) on environmental behaviour and preservation of natural capital.



Specific rules:

- Project activities and planned results must demonstrate cross-border cooperation nature.

Specific rules:

- Solutions and activities should be clearly justified, ready to be implemented and used during or after the end of the project.
 - If development or update of management plans for sites, species and habitats is planned, the enforcement of plans must be ensured within the project lifetime.
 - If any nature management activities are planned, permits or support letters from responsible nature management institutions must be provided with application as specified in section 5.1 “Application requirements” of the Programme Manual.

Specific rules:

- Projects must focus on cooperation activities. Therefore, investments in infrastructure improvements planned in the project work plan and costs under CC6 and equipment purchases/upgrades planned under CC5 are eligible only in cases they complement soft and cooperation activities and are essential for reaching project objectives and results.

Specific rules:

- For activities which affect river water bodies, that are several km long and go through several municipalities, the applicant must foresee that they are generally aimed at reducing pressures and improving quality (including non-deterioration of hydromorphological indicators) across the river water body.

Specific rules

- In case documentation is planned to be developed in the project (e.g., action plans, recommendations, etc.), the applicant has to:
 - justify need for the documentation in the Application Form,
 - clearly explain how the LP/PPs and/or direct stakeholders will use the produced documentation during the project and/or after its end a
 - submit letter of support from relevant stakeholders or responsible authorities together with application as specified in section 5.1 “Application requirements” of the Programme Manual.

Specific rules:

- In case stakeholders (e.g., national, local municipalities, etc.) directly using project results are not involved in the project, explicit information how the project results will be used by the direct stakeholders during and/or after the project must be provided in the Application Form.

In addition, the Programme recommends to provide letter of support from relevant stakeholders on the use of project results as specified in section 5.1 “Application requirements” of the Programme Manual.

Specific rules:

- Investments in infrastructure planned in the project work plan and with costs under CC6 and equipment under CC5 within activity “Joint solutions for preservation of nature capital that are used for recreational purposes” (Point 5) should not be aimed at attraction of tourists but at preservation of eco-system in places that are used for recreational purposes.

Specific rules:

- If development of ICT products (e.g., e-systems, databases, etc.) is planned in the project, approval from relevant authorities on development of such products must be submitted with the application, if required by national regulation.

Specific rules:

- The Programme recommends to supplement projects applying under specific objective 2.2 with awareness rising activities.

Questions?





Thank you!