

**Decision of the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg VI-A Latvia-Lithuania
Programme 2021-2027
on the complaint regarding the rejection of 1st call applications LL-00048
“IndependENT” and LL-00137 “CrossTour”**

Decision date: 9 April 2024

Decision format: written procedure

Project applications LL-00048 “IndependENT” and LL-00137 “CrossTour” were rejected because both did not pass the eligibility assessment.

On 14 December 2023 the Managing Authority of the Programme received a Complaint from Dobeles County Municipality (Municipality), as the Lead partner of both applications, against the Monitoring Committee’s decision of 30 – 31 October 2023 on rejecting applications.

The Complaint stated that the Municipality did not receive emails from the Joint Secretariat due to their email server marking address latlit@varam.gov.lv as spam, causing missed deadlines for both applications for submission of requested documentation.

On 4 April 2024 the Managing Authority initiated a Monitoring Committee’s written procedure to cancel the rejection of the applications, allowing the Municipality to submit missing documents. Hence, the Monitoring Committee has taken decision:

- 1) to acknowledge that the initial Managing Authority’s decision No 5-54/6467 of 10 November 2023 and No 5-54/6544 of 13 November 2023 on rejecting of Project Applications is cancelled,
- 2) to allow for Lead partner submission of the missing documents and continuing the assessment of the Project Applications following the requirements of the Programme Manual for the 1st Call for Proposals.