

Sections in the Programme Manual for 3rd Call for Proposals	Changes made comparing to the Programme Manual for 2 nd Call for Proposals
3. Programme priorities and supported activities	Updated information regarding Priority II and Specific Objectives 2.1 and 2.2 for the 3rd Call for Proposals has been provided.
3.2 Priority II SO 2.1 / Priority II SO 2.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Information on mandatory and optional outputs and results, available funding, and the maximum project budget has been updated. (2) The scope of indicative project actions has been outlined to be more focused and clear. (3) The section on specific rules has been modified by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) adding a requirement that project actions must not aim to attract visitors or tourists to the managed locations; b) removing the requirement to submit supporting letters; c) removed a requirement about development of ICT products that was outdated under national legislation
4.4 Programme and project intervention logic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Deliverables have been removed from the structure of the Application Form. (2) Terminology has been updated. (3) Examples of activities have been revised.
5.1 Application requirements	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) A pre-submission mandatory consultation has been introduced as a requirement. Its goal is to guide applicants in refining their ideas and to support the development of stronger, higher-quality applications. (2) Support letters have been removed from the list of required documents. (3) The requirement to submit technical documents at the application stage remains, but their correctness will be verified during the quality assessment phase. Any shortcomings may be addressed through conditions set prior to final project approval at the conditions stage. (4) adding a specific rule clarifying the need for documents for environmental activities planned under CC4.
5.2.1 Eligibility assessment criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) The eligibility assessment criterion related to technical documentation has been removed. (2) A new criterion for pre-submission mandatory consultation has been added.
5.2.2 Quality assessment criteria	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Support letters have been removed from the quality assessment criteria. (2) Assessment of technical documentation has been added. (3) Deliverables have been removed.
6.2.1 Deviations	For simplification, an additional type of deviation has been added under Point 5.4: “any unsubstantial and technical in nature deviation that does not fall under the provided definitions of deviations, minor changes, or major changes”. This change will be accordingly made in the Programme Manuals for the 1 st and 2 nd Call for Proposals.

7.5.1 CC1 Staff costs	As a result of changes to the project timesheet template, updates have been made to the requirements for completing timesheets. This change will be accordingly made in the Programme Manuals for the 1 st and 2 nd Call for Proposals.
7.6 De-commitment	<p>Additional information added: “The MA/JS will carry out this assessment at the end of each calendar year within the approved project duration. Any unjustified delays in reporting or in responding to clarification requests – by the LP/PPs – may result in a reduction or suspension of the ERDF funding granted with the Subsidy Contract.”</p> <p>Such a requirement would enable a review of the project’s fund absorption and allow for budget reductions where necessary, making it possible to reallocate unused funds back to the Programme to ensure full absorption of programme funding by the end of the programming period.</p>
Annex I “Programme output and result indicators”	<p>Approach for planning of project outputs has been updated. From: “In case output indicator “Jointly developed solutions (RCO116)” is chosen, the project should not choose the output indicator “Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO84).”</p> <p>To: If the project develops and pilots the same solution, it should not select both output indicators “Pilot actions developed jointly and implemented in projects (RCO84)” and “Jointly developed solutions (RCO116).”</p>

Changes in Applicant’s pack documents

Name of the document	Changes made comparing to the Applicant’s pack for the Programme Manual for 2nd Call for Proposals
Application form	<p>(1) Deliverables have been removed.</p> <p>(2) Some texts have been aligned for consistency and simplified.</p>