



DECISION no. 16
of 2nd of May 2018

Regarding the complaints lodged against the Monitoring Committee Decision no. 72 of 22nd of March 2018, approving the List of approved and rejected projects submitted under the third call for proposals for the Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme - deadline 23rd of October 2017

Having regard to the following:

- Monitoring Committee Decision no. 51 of 2nd of August 2017 approving the Complaint Panel for the Eols and full applications submitted under the 3rd call for proposals, priority axes 1-3, Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme, step 1 and 2,
- The Complaint Procedure of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria,

the Complaint Panel of Interreg V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme has adopted this:

DECISION

Article 1. The present document rejects the complaint lodged by Ovidius University Constanta, lead beneficiary of the application no. ROBG 297 - "Trans Arts Cult Spirit Interregio Network" and registered by CBC ROC with the number 6442/03.04.2018 appealing the rejection of the project proposal on the Admissibility and Eligibility verification.

Article 2. The reason for rejection of the complaint is:

- The implementation period of the project filled in section "Project Summary" - Project duration (20 months and 1 day) exceeds the threshold for "soft" projects under PA 2, mentioned within Applicants Guide (page 32), which is of 18 months. The Beneficiaries have fully agreed that the project is soft, not hard and its deadline should be of 18 months, not of 20 months, which were set by a technical mistake. Thus, the project was rejected for non-compliance with Eligibility criterion E4.

Article 3. The decision of the Complaint Panel is final, binding to all parties and not subject of any further complaint proceedings within the Programme.

Signed by

Members of the Complaint Panel

Signature

Member 1 - Managing Authority representative, Ministry of Regional Development and Public Administration, Romania

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Member 2 - National Authority representative, Ministry of Regional Administration and Public Works, Bulgaria

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Member 3 - External expert (from the Evaluation Unit), Ministry of Regional Development, Public Administration and European Funds, Romania