

## Certificate of the validation of the expenditures

Reporting period ..... / Request no.....

Beneficiary's name	
Project title	
Project PROETC code	
Name of the Lead Beneficiary and the country	
Starting date of the project	
Date of project completion	
Total budget of the project (Euro)	
ERDF Financing (Euro)	
ERDF Financing rate (%)	
Romania National financing (Euro) (if appropriate)	
Bulgaria National financing (Euro) (if appropriate)	

We, [..... *surname and first name of the first level controllers*], representative of ..... *name of the body responsible with first level control*.....,

Based on the documents provided, our verification and our professional judgment as first level controllers, for the amount validated we certify hereby that

**all expenditure included in this statement are in line with European, programme and national eligibility rules, comply with the conditions for support of the project and was incurred and paid as outlined in the subsidy contract by the Romanian/Bulgarian partner for implementation of operation .....[project code]..... financed within the INTERREG V-A Romania-Bulgaria Programme.**

We certify that we have performed the first level control by verifying the following:

1. The **reality** of the expenditure by checking the accounting documents attesting the reality of the payments;
2. The **legality and regularity** of the expenditures declared by the beneficiary participating in the operation;
3. The **delivery** of the works, products and services co-financed;
4. The **compliance with the principle of sound financial management** of the expenditures declared;
5. The compliance of activities and expenditures with:
  - i) The approved application form,

- ii) The provisions of the financing / co-financing contract,
  - iii) The contents of the Partnership agreements,
  - iv) The applicable Union and national law,
  - v) The Programme Guidance on eligibility rules.
6. That the controlled Project partner has undertaken all necessary precautions to avoid conflicts of interests with external experts/suppliers/contractors of goods/services/works;
7. That all documents regarding expenditure and audits required to ensure an adequate audit trail are held in accordance with the requirements set in the CPR and/or ETCR;
8. The compliance with the requirements for (public) procurement, state aid, equality between men and women and non-discrimination, sustainable development, double financing, revenue generating operation;
9. That revenue (please mark whichever is the case):
- ☐ has not been generated;
  - ☐ has been generated and thus it has been reported in the corresponding section and it has been deducted from the total reported expenditures.
10. That we have performed our control on 100 % of the justifying documents presented by the beneficiary;
11. That the costs have been correctly allocated under the budget lines, in compliance with the approved project budget;

Additionally, we also certify that we have performed the first level control by verifying the following documentation (please specify): .....

Based on the documents provided, our verification and our professional judgment as first level controllers, we have not found any evidence of:

- Double financing of expenditure through other financial source(s)
- Generation of undisclosed project - related revenue.

We also confirm that:

- a) We are absolutely independent from the operation;
- b) The performed control complies with all relevant national and European standards;

**We validate the total eligible expenditure amounts to EUR \_\_\_\_\_ (please state here the amount).**

Date\_\_\_\_\_ Place\_\_\_\_\_

Signature

Date\_\_\_\_\_ Place\_\_\_\_\_

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