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Summary of the Decisions

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Introduction

This document summarises the main outcomes of the sixth meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg VI-A Italia-Malta Programme, held online on 8 April 2026.

The meeting was attended by representatives of the Italian and Maltese Authorities, the Joint Secretariat, the European Commission and the other members of the Committee.

The meeting focused mainly on the verification of the formal admissibility and eligibility requirements of the proposals submitted under Public Notice “targeted call” 2/2025. The communication strategy, the Small Projects Call and the 2028-2034 programming period were also discussed.

Discussion of the agenda items

1. Public Notice 02/2025 - verification of formal admissibility and eligibility requirements

The Managing Authority presented the main figures for Public Notice 02/2025: 84 proposals submitted, including 69 with an Italian lead partner and 15 with a Maltese lead partner; 350 beneficiaries; and requested resources amounting to EUR 101,876,633.54, of which EUR 81,501,306.88 ERDF.

Following the preliminary assessment, 51 proposals were subject to requests for further information, clarification or additional documentation; no additional documentation was required for 2 proposals; and no request was initiated for 31 proposals because the deficiencies concerned non-remediable elements. The overall number of excluded proposals, including those for which the additional documentation was insufficient, was 32.

The Committee then examined four specific cases identified during the technical meeting held on 7 April 2026.

2. Social security compliance for the OPENART and COBIS-M projects

For projects C2-3.1-145 - OPENART and C2-2.1-245 - COBIS-M, the DURC references provided following the request for additional documentation bore a date later than the deadline of the Notice.

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- The Committee **endorsed** the proposal to request a DURC valid on the deadline date of Public Notice 02/2025 and, where the parties concerned were unable to provide it, to reject the projects.
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3. Financial capacity of the Foundation for the Cultural Heritage of the Archdiocese of Malta

The matter concerned projects C2-3.1-100 - ITER-PAULUS and C2-3.1-119 - SMOCT-CILC, in which the financial capacity of the partner Foundation for the Cultural Heritage of the Archdiocese of Malta was supported by documentation relating to the Archdiocese of Malta and Tqsimma Finanzi.

- The Committee **endorsed** the acquisition of a formal opinion from the Maltese National Coordination Authority, to be provided by 17 April 2026, clarifying the legal, organisational and financial relationship between the Foundation and the Archdiocese of Malta. The opinion would form an integral part of the minutes.
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4. SEAMLESS project

For project C2-2.1-174 - SEAMLESS, the presence of the Lead Partner's Annex A was confirmed; it had initially been considered missing because it had been filed in another partner's folder. Some deficiencies were nevertheless identified in the documentation of PP2-INGV and PP3-INAFA.

- The Committee **endorsed** the request for additional documentation from the Lead Partner and, following correct submission, the classification of the project as eligible for assessment.
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5. ARP_SEA project

For project C2-2.2-139 - ARP_SEA, initially considered to lack a formal administrative act, a delegation from the department director to the project manager was identified. The document contained the required information concerning the Programme, project, partnership and budget.

- The Committee considered the formal administrative act submitted by the Lead Partner adequate and **endorsed** the project's eligibility for assessment.

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6. Transmission of the list of proposals

- Upon completion of the assessment, the Monitoring Committee **mandated** the Managing Authority to transmit, together with the approved minutes, the list of project proposals and the related eligibility details.

7. Update on the communication strategy

The Committee was informed that the new Programme website would go online by mid-April 2026. The website structure was presented, with particular reference to the section dedicated to funded projects and the individual page provided for each project.

8. Small Projects Call

The Committee discussed the need for a detailed review of the achievement of Programme indicators. It was clarified that a complete assessment would only be possible after completion of the selection of projects submitted under Public Notice 02/2025.

Further discussion on the Small Projects Call and the initiative under the Mediterranean Multi-Programme Mechanism was deferred to the next Monitoring Committee meeting.

9. 2028-2034 programming period

The Italian and Maltese delegations reported that discussions on the future programming period had started. The possibility of including the matter on the agenda of the next meeting and establishing a dedicated working group was outlined.
