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## **Summary of the Decisions**

### **Monitoring Committee**

**Online**

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### Introduction

This document summarises the main outcomes of the meeting of the Monitoring Committee of the Interreg VI-A Italia-Malta Programme, held online on 29 July 2025.

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 examined Public Notice “targeted call” 2/2025 and its selection criteria, the JEMS monitoring system, expenditure progress, the Small Projects Call and the communication strategy.

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### Discussion of the agenda items

#### 1. Discussion and approval of Public Notice “targeted call” 2/2025

The Managing Authority presented the rationale and financial framework of Public Notice 02/2025, with a proposed allocation of EUR 24,000,000, structured into seven thematic sheets covering Specific Objectives 1.1, 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 3.1 and 4.1.

Following proposals from the Maltese National Coordination Authority, the sheet concerning SO 3.1 was supplemented with a reference to “performing and visual arts”, and the maximum project budget was increased to EUR 1,200,000.

- The Monitoring Committee **approved** Public Notice “targeted call” 2/2025 for the submission of cooperation projects under the Interreg VI-A Italia-Malta Programme.

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#### 2. JEMS monitoring system

The Committee was informed that the JEMS system was expected to become fully operational by mid-September 2025.

The manuals were to be released together with the system, followed by training sessions for users, indicatively by the end of September 2025.

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#### 3. Discussion and approval of the selection criteria for Public Notice 02/2025

The Joint Secretariat presented the revised selection criteria, reduced from 27 to 19 and organised into five subgroups. The overall score was set at 100 points, comprising 60 points

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for strategic assessment and 40 points for operational assessment, using a standardised scale from 1 to 4.

Amendments were proposed to criterion 5.6, linking the score to the amount of additional financial resources provided by the partners, and to criterion 5.3, specifying that the score awarded may lead to a request for a budget reduction.

It was clarified that requests for further information, clarification or additional documentation may be initiated by the Managing Authority only for formal deficiencies that do not concern substantive elements of the proposal.

- The Monitoring Committee **approved** the selection criteria for Public Notice 02/2025 with the proposed amendments.

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### 4. Expenditure progress and n+3 targets

The expenditure targets for 2025 and 2026 were presented, amounting respectively to EUR 3,504,064.06 and EUR 8,270,455.31 (ERDF and national co-financing).

As at 30 June 2025, taking account of advance payments and project monitoring data, the Programme's financial progress amounted to EUR 1,437,500.00.

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### 5. Small Projects Call

The Joint Secretariat presented the planned process: definition of the methodology for simplified cost options, determination of the allocation on the basis of available savings, identification of thematic priorities and potential beneficiaries, and subsequent drafting and publication of the call.

The Maltese National Coordination Authority requested that the call be prepared and published by the end of 2026. The Managing Authority acknowledged the request and undertook to shorten the timeframe in order to bring publication forward to 2026.

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### 6. Update on the communication strategy

The communication strategy for Public Notice 02/2025 was presented, with the objectives of ensuring widespread dissemination of the notice, engaging potential beneficiaries, supporting networking and facilitating a clear understanding of the call requirements.

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Information sessions and workshops were planned for September 2025, using key messages tailored to the target groups identified in the thematic sheets. A dedicated meeting between the communication officers of the Maltese National Coordination Authority and the Joint Secretariat was also proposed.

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### 7. Next Monitoring Committee meeting

- The Monitoring Committee **endorsed** the proposal to convene the next meeting in January 2026, also to review the participation results of Public Notice 02/2025.
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